Essential steps to keep patients safe from COVID-19 in Haemodialysis Units

Patients are at risk from other patients, staff and home contacts

**Strong, supportive leadership**

**Clear communication**

**PATIENT AND STAFF EDUCATION**
- Symptom reporting
- Local practices to stay safe
- Importance of compliance

**VACCINATION**
- Encourage vaccination
- Discuss vaccine hesitancy
- Answer questions/ concerns

**SYMPTOMS-INFORM HD UNIT**
- Symptomatic patients dialyse in isolation or cohorted
- PCR test ASAP

**PATIENTS WEAR MASKS**
- During travel, waiting and dialysis
- Try not to touch face mask

**ISOLATE / COHORT 10 DAYS**
- Symptomatic or COVID positive
- Immunocompromised need negative test before de-isolation

**HAND HYGIENE (wash / gel)**
- On entry and exit from HD unit
- Before and after snacks
- Before and after touching mask

**MAXIMISE SOCIAL DISTANCING**
- During travel
- In waiting areas
- Between dialysis chairs

**OPTIMISE CLEANING**
- All shared equipment
- Dialysis chair, all surfaces
- Communal areas, toilets

**MAXIMISE FRESH AIR**
- Increase intake of fresh air
- Open windows at changeover
- Keep windows open if possible

**LOCAL RISK ASSESSMENT**
- Audit practice and compliance
- Identify areas for improvement

**COVID-19 TESTING**
- Patients – regular asymptomatic screening PCR tests
- Staff – regular asymptomatic screening as per local policy

**RECOGNISE COVID OUTBREAKS**
- 2 linked people within 14 days
- Test all staff & patients
- Report to local IPC team
- Perform root cause analysis

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