Flowchart – Care of COVID-19 Positive and Symptomatic HD Patients

Patient arrives at dialysis unit with symptoms

Patient contacts dialysis unit to report symptoms / positive test result

Advise to use NHS 111 service if ill

Place in isolation area

Arrange dialysis in isolation or suspected COVID-19 cohort (high risk pathway)

DAY 0

1. **Perform COVID-19 swab test (this is day 0)**
2. Arrange clinical review +/- further investigations

Keep in isolation if still strongly suggestive of COVID-19

COVID-19 POSITIVE

COVID-19 NEGATIVE

De-isolate if unlikely to be COVID-19 illness

Dialyse in isolation / cohort until day 10

1. **Inform patient & household contacts to self-isolate for 10 days**
2. Advise of HD arrangements

Does patient live in long term care facility (LTCF)?

NO

YES

Inform LTCF manager ASAP

Identify dialysis unit "contacts" (anyone within 2 metres from day -2 onwards)

1. Inform contacts to self-isolate for 10 days
2. Dialyse in isolation until day 10
3. COVID-19 swab at next dialysis and day 7
4. Postpone elective surgery

Is patient on transplant waiting list?

NO

YES

1. Report to NHS BT
2. Suspend for at least 28 days
3. Clinical review before reactivation,
4. follow NICE guidance
5. De-isolate after 1 x negative swab

NHS Blood and Transplant

DAY 10

De-isolate at day 10 unless immunosuppressed

IMMUNOSUPPRESSED: Negative COVID-19 PCR before deisolation

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