

As part of the New England Patient Safety campaign; “Be Aware, Be Safe” we urge patients and caregivers to contribute to a safe dialysis environment through frequent glove changing and hand washing.

Hand Washing for Patients

- Wash hands often
- Wash hands before leaving home
- Wash hands before being placed on the dialysis machine
- Wash hands after using the toilet
- Wash hands before handling food
- Wash hands before bed
- Wash hands when you wake up
- Wash hands after exercise, work, and play
- Wash hands after close contact with another person or pet
- Wash hands with soap and hot water or waterless hand cleaner

**Patients pledge
to wash their hands**

Glove Changing for Caregivers

- Change gloves often
- Change gloves between specific tasks and patients
- Change gloves if punctured or torn
- Change gloves after cleaning tasks
- Change gloves after using phone, computer, pen, instruments or packaging
- Change gloves as directed by clinic infection control policy
- Practice hand hygiene combined with glove changing

**Caregivers pledge
to change their gloves**