Dialysis Center Investigation

Consultation with the Hepatitis Surveillance Nurse is needed to determine if a dialysis center investigation needs to be performed. The HAI team will be brought in to determine a need for on sight assessment of the facility.

Dialysis HBV investigation questions:

These questions are not all inclusive and are intended to gather necessary information prior to a full investigation. Please see the NC Hemodialysis Assessment Tool for Visits & the CDC Hemodialysis Assessment Tool for Visits.

- When did patient first start at the dialysis center?
- What were the patient's dialysis days? And did the patient dialyze extra days?
- Request all facility protocols regarding HBV and or HCV
- Request patient's lab work 3-6 months prior to the (+)
- Was the patient put on isolation with first HBsAg (+)? specific date-
- Do they perform POC testing (blood glucose monitoring)?
 - If yes what is the protocol for usage (disinfection schedule, usage with one or more patients)? Look up manual online to see cleaning recommendations and patient testing.
- Identify and test all household sexual and needle sharing contacts as necessary.
- Identify all known risk factors for acquisition of HBV.
- Identify and contact patients Primary Care Provider and review records for prior HBV diagnosis/management as well as lab work performed.
- Obtain map of the facility outlining different treatment bays and isolation room.