

# Module 4: Environment – Cleaning and Reuse

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## Facility Trainer Brief

### *Learning Objectives*

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At the close of Module 4, participants will be able to:

- Understand the facility's policies and procedures (P&Ps) related to environmental cleaning.
- Review the CDC recommendations for environmental cleaning.
- Evaluate cleanliness at the facility and criteria for cleaning.
- Evaluate training, audits, surveillance and reporting of environmental cleaning.
- If applicable – review dialyzer reuse P&Ps, training, patient consent, and auditing.

### *Module 4: Overview*

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The module corresponds with Domains VII and VIII of the Infection Control Assessment and Response (ICAR) tool and focuses on environmental cleaning. It includes a review of environmental cleaning that should be done at all facilities and addresses the requirements for facilities that participate in dialyzer reuse. This module reviews facility P&Ps and current practices, as compared with CDC recommendations. The trainer will review the auditing process, facility-specific audit results, and CDC recommendations for routine auditing. When gaps are identified, the trainer and participants will work together to develop an action plan to address those gaps in order to meet recommended guidelines. Participants will discuss ways to improve facility practices and engage in an environmental cleaning simulation.

\*\*These training sessions are based on CDC recommendations; it is important that each facility conducts its practices in accordance with its own P&Ps. These recommendations are designed to help facilities create P&Ps that are up to date and compliant with CDC recommendations. If a facility is not following its own P&Ps, it will be cited when surveyed.

### **Module 4 is divided into two sessions:**

#### **Session 1: How Clean is Your Facility?**

The focus of Session 1 is the cleanliness of your facility. The staff will review Domain VII of their facility-specific ICAR assessment as well as the facility's P&Ps. The Facility Trainer will lead a discussion and provide education to the staff on best practices, including CDC recommendations. The participants will familiarize themselves with the auditing process as well as results of recent environmental cleaning audits and implement a plan to ensure timely auditing and improved performance based on audit results. This session will include a simulation of appropriate dialysis station cleaning.

## Session 2: Dialyzer Reuse

While dialyzer reuse is no longer a common practice due to the risk of infection, reuse does still occur. If your facility does not reuse dialyzers, do not run this session. If your facility sends dialyzers off-site for reprocessing, consider reviewing Parts 1, 2, and 3 – the session does not need to be completed in its entirety. **For facilities that reprocess their dialyzers onsite, this session is for you.** Due to the high risk of contamination through dialyzer reuse, diligent and proper dialyzer reprocessing should be an important aspect of your practice. Staff members who reprocess the dialyzers should be sufficiently trained and regularly audited; and equipment should be tested and maintained appropriately.

Participants will review Domain VIII of the facility-specific ICAR assessment, as well as facility P&Ps related to dialyzer reuse. The Facility Trainer will lead a discussion and educate staff on risks of reuse and CDC recommendations to decrease the risk of infection.