

➔ **Dialysis Equipment Maintenance Review:** ▲

Purpose - To verify that facility programs for dialysis-related equipment preventative maintenance (PM) are able to protect patients from harm due to avoidable equipment malfunction

Interview machine maintenance personnel – *Ask: about the hemodialysis machine manufacturer's directions for PM and repair and the prescribed intervals for PM, i.e., per operating hours or calendar.*

Review PM documentation for 10% of hemodialysis machines (minimum 3) *for 12 months: include 10% of the home hemodialysis machines maintained by the facility in the total 10% sample. If there are multiple types of machines, i.e., from different manufacturers, include a sampling of each type. Review for adherence to manufacturer's directions for PM. You may wish to verify what the manufacturer's directions include, which may be obtained in the machine operator's manual.*

Review documentation of calibration of equipment used for dialysis machine maintenance and dialysate pH and conductivity testing: *Briefly look at 2 months of logs for pH and conductivity meters and at the most recent documentation of calibration of the equipment/ meters used to conduct the hemodialysis machine maintenance and repairs.*

Triggers for citation or more investigation of concerns:

- Trends of non-adherence to hemodialysis machine manufacturer's directions for PM (V403)
- No calibration of pH and conductivity meters or equipment calibration meters or not per manufacturer's directions (V403)
- Observations of serious lack of maintenance of ancillary equipment, e.g., scales, chairs, infusion pumps, oxygen concentrators, that has the potential to impact patient safety (V403)

Extending *review of dialysis equipment maintenance may include review of the PM logs for an additional 10% of HD machines; review of 2-3 additional months of calibration meter logs, or review of maintenance documentation of equipment that is in observable disrepair (V403).*

