

Grounds for updating the Guidelines

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Infection control in renal services

- Infection control measures play a very important role in the safe and effective delivery of our renal services.



Infection Control Guidelines

- **The Center for Health Protection of the Department of Health and the Central Renal Committee of the Hospital Authority have collaborated to publish the first edition of the Infection Control Guidelines on Nephrology Services back in 2010.**
- **The second and third editions of the Guidelines were published in 2012 and 2018 respectively.**

Grounds for updating the Guidelines

- **Many major events and developments related to infection control in nephrology practice have occurred in the past 5 years since the publication the third edition of the Guidelines.**
- **As such, CHP and CRC have decided to update the Infection Control Guidelines so as to meet the evolving needs of the nephrology community.**

COVID pandemic

- The recent COVID pandemic has heightened the deadly impact that an air-borne respiratory viral infection could have on our nephrology services.



Multi-drug Resistant Organisms

- **The emergence of multi-drug resistant organisms in hospitals and dialysis facilities is becoming more common.**
- **The prevention and containment of MDRO outbreaks remain a major concern to the healthcare providers.**



Surveillance of HBV in dialysis units

- **The availability of more accurate detection methods for occult HBV infection has made the surveillance of HBV in dialysis units more challenging.**



Immunization in CKD patients

- Immunization is an important means to protect our chronic kidney disease patients from various forms of infection.
- Many new vaccines have become available for our chronic kidney disease patients in recent years.



Grounds for updating the Guidelines

- **Colleagues from CHP and CRC have started to work together to update the guidelines since May 2023.**
- **The 4th edition of the Guidelines was finally released in December 2023.**

