Infected Dialysis Exit Site

Signs of infection?

Red/ pain/exudate from site

VIP score 2 or above

No →

Continue to follow dialysis line clinical practice SNCP20

Reassess line weekly and record on HII sheet

If irritation of exit site is indicated then refer to Irritation of dialysis line exit site algoritm.

YES

Is the patient symptomatic eg. temperature >38, rigors

YES

Check vital observations and record on SBARD chart/Renal I.T. system

Refer to renal consultant/ANP

Take swabs of exit site/ line exudate.

Take line cultures, urgent U/E s, CRP and FBC. Contact phlebotomist to take peripheral line cultures.

Reapply CHG dressing to exit site once swabs have been taken

NO

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Chase results of swabs/ cultures and liaise with medical staff/ Renal ANP on recommended treatments as appropriate.

Ensure documentation is fully completed within patient documentation, Renal I.T Systems and prescription sheets.

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