

Venous needle dislodgement in dialysis clinic settings: A compilation of best practices and prevention

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Abstract

Venous Needle Dislodgement (VND) occurs when a venous needle dislodges from a patient vascular access during hemodialysis treatment. VND has the potential to cause significant blood loss in a short period of time. Consequently, it is responsible for serious injury and mortality to dialysis patients and thus, negatively affect the entire hemodialysis spectrum of care. The presentation discusses the severity of VND and its ramifications to patients, health care workers and clinic facilities. Additionally it will discuss a compilation of best practices and other solutions to mitigate morbidity and mortality associated with VND among hemodialysis patients in clinic settings.

Biography

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