

Enhancing patient self-efficacy in preventing CABSI requires them to have an adequate level of knowledge on infection prevention and the skills and confidence to self-care in the community” Mariano and Castro-Sánchez (2017).

Abstract:

The threat of catheter-associated bloodstream infections (CABSI) among hemodialysis patients is present beyond health care settings. With the rise of antimicrobial-resistant infections, the benefits of partnering with patients in preventing CABSI cannot be overemphasized. Patient education is the cornerstone of patient engagement, and a prerequisite for other involvement strategies.

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The responsibility for educating patients is multidisciplinary and must be accentuated at all stages of hemodialysis care. Enhancing patient self-efficacy in preventing CABSI requires them to have an adequate level of knowledge on infection prevention and the skills and confidence to self-care in the community. Providing patient education is the first step to empower patients, facilitating their ownership of their journey in care and safeguarding them from infections.

Reference:

Mariano, V.D. and Castro-Sánchez, E. (2017) Partnering With Patients Undergoing Hemodialysis to Prevent Catheter-Associated Bloodstream Infections. *The Journal of the Association for Vascular Access*. 22(4), p.210-213.

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