St. Joseph's Bed Bugs Management Algorithm - Dialysis Healthcare & Hamilton **PATIENT NOTIFIES NURSE THAT THEY HAVE BED BUGS IN THEIR HOME** Notify Charge Nurse. Nurse to assess patient for bites, rash or other evidence of **BUG IS FOUND ON PATIENT** infestation. **Evidence of bed bugs** No evidence of bed **Notify Charge Nurse.** found **bugs found** Assess patient clothing for Charge Nurse to contact Environmental Services. bugs and skin for bites one per week for one month and document. Collect bug in sterile container to be sent to Microbiology. Order Para-ID. Perform a risk assessment. Gown and gloves may be worn when in contact with patient. Place all patient belongings in a plastic bag while on dialysis. Environmental Services to do steam clean after patient discharge and consult with pest control. IF BED BUG CONFIRMED Dialyze patient in isolation room until home is deemed clear. Perform a risk assessment and bag personal belongings at each dialysis. Dedicate equipment to this patient. Ask patient to bring few personal items with them. Cover personal wheelchairs and walkers with plastic. Charge Nurse to contact Social Worker. Once home is deemed clear, assess patient clothing for bugs and skin for bites once a week for one month and document.