

**Table 5 Evaluation of infection control measures in the 9 haemodialysis centres in Yazd province**

Control practices	Haemodialysis unit								
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Disinfection of dialysis machine between patients	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	+
Using disposable gloves	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
Changing gloves and washing hands between patients	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-
Using individual supplies and medications	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+
Medication preparation area located in a separated room	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cleaning and disinfection of nondisposable instruments and haemodialysis environment between shifts	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	+
Haemodialysis staff/patient ratio	18/73	6/19	3/4	4/10	3/13	4/14	4/6	3/7	7/14
Using disposable single-use dialyser membranes	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Prevalence of HCV (%)	6.9 (5/73)	0	0	0	9.6 (1/13)	14.3 (2/14)	0	0	0
No. of new HCV cases after 1996	2/73	0	0	0	0	2/14	0	0	0

HCV = hepatitis C virus.