



Betty Allen died for DaVita's bottom line!

"There is **no doubt** about what happened to Betty Allen and DaVita's role in it. Her death certificate says she died after "exposure to Renalin during hemodialysis," giving DaVita's Muskegon address. Medical notes from DaVita and Spectrum repeatedly refer to her accidental infusion with Renalin during dialysis, as does the autopsy report." ***MLive.com - A deadly error: Routine dialysis leads to Heights woman's death***

"DaVita uses reusable dialyzers (filters to clean a person's blood) -- assigning each patient their own -- which are cleaned after each treatment by soaking in Renalin, a solution of hydrogen peroxide, peracetic acid, acetic acid and water. After the soak, it is flushed with saline solution and tested to be sure none of the corrosive Renalin remains." ***MLive.com - A deadly error: Routine dialysis leads to Heights woman's death***

"The advent of biocompatible membranes and favorable sterilization techniques has made it clear that there is no compelling medical indication for reprocessing dialyzers in the new millennium." " **Cost saving is clearly driving the continued practice of dialyzer reuse in the United States.**" ***ASNjournals.org - Single-Use versus Reusable Dialyzers: The KnownUnknowns***

Although reuse practice is accepted as safe when performed with full compliance to the AAMI standards, errors, lapses, and breakdowns are likely to occur in a real-world setting. It may not be long before the United States follows the European Union and Japan, where single use has been the standard of care. ***ASNjournals.org - Single-Use versus Reusable Dialyzers: The KnownUnknowns***

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