


Best Demonstrated Practices from Benchmark Home Dialysis Facilities



<p style="text-align: center;">Access to Home Therapy Strategies</p>	<div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Best Demonstrated Practices From Texas (NW #14) Benchmark Home Dialysis Programs</p> <p><i>Produced by The End Stage Renal Disease Network of Texas, Inc. – March 2008</i></p> </div>
<p style="text-align: center;">Modality Education and Referral</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Physician Group sends stage 3 & 4 CKD patients to monthly modality classes. ◆ Facility offers monthly classes for pre-ESRD patients. ◆ Home program nurses educate pre-ESRD patients on treatment options. ◆ Physician Group sees patients in office and refers directly to home training facility.
<p style="text-align: center;">In-Center Facility Support Home Modality Education and Assessment</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Physician is a strong advocate of Home Dialysis modalities. ◆ Formal home dialysis education program is initiated with all new patients. ◆ Facility processes empower nurses and social workers to educate patients and encourage interest in home dialysis. ◆ Referral assessment criteria utilized to determine suitability for home dialysis. ◆ Team meetings held to discuss pros/cons of home dialysis for new patients. ◆ New patient's suitability for home dialysis re-assessed at 3 <u>and</u> 6 months. ◆ Sponsors home dialysis awareness days for in-center patients focusing on home therapies, home equipment and interaction with successful home patients/caregivers.

<p style="text-align: center;">In-Center Facility Staff Educated on Home Dialysis Modalities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ New in-center facility staff receive education on home dialysis during orientation. ◆ Home dialysis education for in-center staff is reinforced on regular, ongoing basis. ◆ Home dialysis staff involve other team members in promoting home therapy.
<p style="text-align: center;">Home Program Treatment Team Characteristics</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Home Program has separate staff (no in-center HD responsibilities). ◆ Home dialysis coordinator role is defined and assigned to a specific nurse. ◆ Vendor educational resources are utilized to educate and support home patients, home training nurses and in-center facility staff.
<p style="text-align: center;">Outreach to Other Providers</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Home Program staff collaborate with transplant facility coordinator to identify and educate patients that are losing transplant kidney function. ◆ Educate hospital discharge planner and case managers on the “pros” of home dialysis, including Medicare entitlement from Day 1 if patient chooses home dialysis modality. ◆ Home dialysis staff foster relationship with hospital to facilitate “heads-up” from hospital staff regarding potential in-patient home dialysis candidates.