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PLEASE POST FOR ALL STAFF! Important information from Network 14

Network #14 Updates:

2007 ESRD Network of Texas Annual Report

In compliance with the CMS Contract Number HHSM-500-2006-NW014C, the ESRD Network of Texas has completed and received CMS approval of its 2007 Annual Report.

You may access a copy of this report from our website at www.esrdnetwork.org. Any comments on the report may be directed to info@nw14.esrd.net.

Disaster/Emergency Preparedness Update:

For the latest information and updates on Disaster/Emergency Preparedness, visit our website at www.esrdnetwork.org and click on Disaster Planning. You can also access the Texas Emergency ESRD Coalition (TEEC) website through this link.

Don't forget to update EMSysystem by the 8th of each month for all services offered by your unit. For assistance with Emergency Planning or EMSysystem, please contact Geli Brown at 469-916-3800 or gbrown@nw14.esrd.net.

2008 Fall Pediatric Renal Symposium

The 2008 Fall Pediatric Renal Symposium will be held on Thursday, September 25 and Friday, September 26 at the Seelbach Hilton Hotel in Louisville, Kentucky. This annual event is designed to meet the in-service needs of the pediatric nephrology caregiver, including nurses, social workers, dietitians, child life specialists and nephrologists.

The agenda will offer time for networking and sharing between pediatric centers. On-line Registration is now available at: <http://www.therenalnetwork.org/home/2008Peds.php>

A registration form can also be downloaded from this site to allow registration by mail or fax. If you have questions, call Bridget Carson, (317)257-8265

Attention Social Workers:

Informational packets were sent to all facilities to give to their Network Patient Representative (NPR). Included in this packet was a feedback scan and fax back form. Please assist your NPR to fill out **both sides** of this form and send it back to the Network office at 972-503-3219. For questions regarding this packet, please contact Geli Brown at 469-916-3800 or gbrown@nw14.esrd.net.

Special Thanks to all facilities and individuals that assisted with the planning and recovery efforts during Hurricane Dolly. Laura Yates with Valley Baptist Medical Center and the Regional representatives for the corporate entities affected in the area were especially helpful; Susan Raulie-FMC, Karen Walton-Brown- USRC and Vanessa Pope and Sylvia Spencer- DSI. We applaud your continued efforts to provide "Quality Care" for patients in Texas.

CROWNWEB is coming February 2009 – Are You Ready?

The new Conditions for Coverage will require each dialysis facility to process all of their data electronically starting February 1, 2009 through CROWNWEB which is a web-based software developed by CMS. Use of CROWNWEB for data submission by February 1, 2009 is MANDATORY.

CMS will provide dialysis facilities with access to CROWNWEB free of charge once the facility completes a verification and authorization process, which will begin in October 2008. However each dialysis unit will be responsible for the cost of staff, and purchasing and maintaining their own computer and Internet system. Training on CROWNWEB will be provided either by a face-to-face training session at a variety of locations across the US or online training available via a central website.

Crown Web Update cont' System Requirement Checklist:

- ⇒ internet access speed 56KBps dial-up minimum (DSL, Cable or faster recommended)
- ⇒ Browser version IE 6.0 minimum (IE 6.0 or higher recommended)
- ⇒ Operating system Windows 98 SE2 minimum (Windows 2000 or XP recommended)
- ⇒ Processor Speed 66 MHz Pentium (or equivalent) processor minimum
- ⇒ Random Access Memory (RAM) 64 MB or Win98 SE2 (128 MB or more recommended)

Anyone that is in the process of producing yearly budgets for their clinics can find the estimated cost to get ready for CROWNWEB in the Conditions for Coverage starting on page 20450.

Dates to remember for the CROWNWEB application are:

- ⇒ October – December 2008 – Begin the CROWNWEB registration process for your facility
- ⇒ December 2008 – March 2009 – Attend training on the use of CROWNWEB
- ⇒ January 30, 2009 – ESRD Networks will no longer be entering facility data for submission to CMS
- ⇒ February 1, 2009 – Begin submitting data electronically via CROWNWEB

Need more information? Contact the CROWNWEB team directly at CRAFT@nw7.esrd.net

DSHS is offering a FREE CEU program for medical professionals...

This course will provide a history of transplantation including the differences between facts and myths, types of anatomical donations and the processes and organizations involved in matching donors and recipients, as well as the steps necessary to register to become an organ, tissue and eye donor, and strategies for discussing organ, tissue and eye donation with patients. Log onto www.organdonor.com for more information. *Note: *There is a \$15 processing fee to receive your CE certificate.*

2008 Dialysis Facility Reports (DFR)

Your facility-specific 2008 DFR will be mailed on or before August 5, 2008! This report will arrive at your facility via UPS and a signature will be required. Included in the package are 3 copies of the report: one for the Head Nurse/Administrator, one for the Medical Director, and one copy for the Corporate Headquarters (if applicable). If you need to submit comments on the outcomes reported within the report, make sure you follow the directions in the cover letter and on the first page of the report.

Three Reasons to review this report and store it in an accessible place:

- If your report shows poor outcomes and you

do not comment (per the cover letter) you can/will be surveyed by DSHS

- DSHS surveyors will ask for this report if they enter your facility for a survey
- The NW will be charging \$50.00 for each copy of this report that we are asked to duplicate/send to facilities to cover labor and mailing costs

2008 Quality of Care (QOC) Facility Specific Reports

The 2008 QOC Facility Specific Reports were mailed on July 17, 2008 to all facilities. Please be sure to review this data and discuss the reported outcomes in a monthly Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) meeting. This data will be used to identify the 2008 "potential" QOC concern facilities that will be required to participate in facility specific quality improvement initiatives over the next year.

- 2008 Hemodialysis and Peritoneal Dialysis Run Charts will be posted to the website within the next month
- 2008 Quality of Care Indicator Report is in development and will be posted to the website by September 15, 2008

Patient Care Technician (PCT) Certification Information

Mark your calendars now to schedule your technicians for the PCT Certification Review Course, being offered on February 22, 2008 at the Great Wolf Lodge in Grapevine, in conjunction with the ESRD NW #14 Annual Meeting – 2009 Nephrology Today & Tomorrow. The Dallas Chapter of ANNA is collaborating with the Network to present this fantastic opportunity for our PCT's!

The Network has received numerous calls requesting information about the PCT certification exams required by the new CMS Conditions for Coverage. The websites listed below provide information about the PCT certification exams, including: exam content outlines, fees, scheduled exam dates, on-line practice exams, how to host an exam site, application forms, etc.

Nephrology Nursing Certification Commission (NNCC)

<http://www.nncc-exam.org/cgi-bin/WebObjects/NNCCMain>

Board of Nephrology Examiners Nursing and Technology (BONENT)

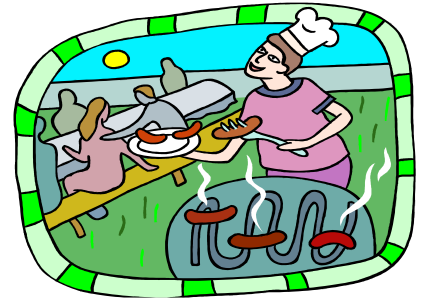
<http://www.bonent.org/index.html>


Home Sweet Home Toolkit

All facilities received a Home Sweet Home Toolkit at the end of March 2008. The toolkit will be posted to our website, and will be available for download and printing by Friday, August 1, 2008!



Network 14 August 2008 Calendar



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
						2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
					 Non-LDO July FF data due July PARs due EMSsystem update due	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
					Missing Forms Due	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
				Missing Forms Sent		
31						
				AAKP National Convention: August 28-31 in Washington D.C.		



PAR TIP:
 2728/2746 Compliance Reports sent out: January-June 2008. FYI ONLY
 Please contact the Network for information regarding Patient Transplant dates