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PLEASE POST FOR ALL STAFF! Important information from Network 14

Data Bytes

Helpful tips and information from the Network Data Department



A Key Personnel Update Form is now available on the Network 14 web site! Please log on to www.esrdnetwork.org; go to Provider Directory - Information for Providers - scroll down to the Key Personnel Form. Fill out the form completely with your updated information and **fax** it to 972-503-3219. The Network must be notified anytime there is a change in key personnel in the facility. This information is used to contact the appropriate personnel for critical updates and to obtain information. Also, note that the Network Patient Representative must be a current patient in your facility. If you have questions or concerns about filling out this form; please contact the Network office.

Need a New Approach to Use when speaking with patients about transplant options?

Here are some fun facts to share with your patients:

- Did you know that California (15,476) and New York (6,253) are the only states with more patients on the wait list than Texas (6,020) for kidney only transplants?
- Texas has 25 active Transplant Centers performing kidney transplants.
- In 2007, in Texas 992 successful transplants were performed. The types of donors were:
 - o 710 deceased donors
 - o 282 living donors (7 were through the paired donor exchange program)

As of January 28, 2008 at 9:32am there were 6,020 candidates on the Texas kidney transplant wait list. Based on that number here is the breakdown based on wait time. This is how Texas compares to the Nation.

Texas Data		National Data	
Time on List	Number and Percent of Total	Time on List	Number and Percent of Total
< 30 Days	281 (4.7%)	< 30 Days	2,439 (3.3%)
30 to < 90 Days	530 (8.8%)	30 to < 90 Days	4,982 (6.7%)
90 Days to < 6 Months	696 (11.6%)	90 Days to < 6 Months	7,301 (9.8%)
6 Months to < 1 Year	1,168 (19.4%)	6 Months to < 1 Year	12,856 (17.3%)
1 Year to < 2 Years	1,472 (24.5%)	1 Year to < 2 Years	18,213 (24.5%)
2 Years to < 3 Years	804 (13.4%)	2 Years to < 3 Years	11,527 (15.5%)
3 Years to < 5 Years	825 (13.7%)	3 Years to < 5 Years	12,049 (16.2%)
5 or More Years	535 (8.9%)	5 or More Years	7,988 (10.7%)

Please take time to speak with your patients about the option of transplant and the importance of living donation. For more information about the statistics listed above, visit www.optn.org

From the Patient Services Department:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services has made Rehabilitation a key focus for patients this year. Most patients are not aware of their rehabilitation options or even the process to get started. Here is a suggestion on how to assist your patients begin considering rehabilitation options and better understanding what rehabilitation would mean for them.

Rehabilitation for people on dialysis means being able to do things you need and want to do. Adjusting to a chronic disease can be very hard. It is even harder if you think life will never be as good as it was before. Dialysis is not just to keep patients alive. It is also meant to help patients stay active and keep doing the things they love to do. When speaking to your VR eligible patients, ask them these simple questions to help them begin this new and exciting process of making a new life on dialysis:

1. Why is rehab important to me?
2. Does my center do rehab?
3. How do I set rehab goals?
4. What is my part in my rehab process?
5. How can I meet my goals?

Helping patients understand their part in this process is the first step to empowering them to want to do more. As you begin to fill out your VR section of the 2744, please remember that "Patients receiving services from VR" is defined by CMS as follows:

- Talked with VR personnel AND agreed to be evaluated for services by completing an application.
- Received evaluation services by participation in testing.
- Received vocational counseling, training at a community facility.
- Received assistance with job seeking skills.

(For the full description, please refer to the green instruction sheet for 2744)

For a list of resources and useful information regarding VR services, visit one of these web sites: www.esrdnetwork.org, www.kidneyschool.org or www.lifeoptions.org

If you have specific questions regarding VR activities, please contact John Gowan, Patient Services Coordinator at 469-916-3808.

Save the date!



The End Stage
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Presents

“ON COURSE WITH CANNULATION”

These **“Hands-On”** workshops will be offered in 2008:

Lubbock, Texas:

Tuesday, May 13, 2008 from 8:00am – 11:15am
Tuesday, May 13, 2008 from 1:00pm – 4:15pm
Contact: Tammi Lee @ 806-785-1035

El Paso, Texas:

Thursday, May 15, 2008 from 8:00am – 11:15am
Thursday, May 15, 2008 from 1:00pm – 4:15pm
Thursday, May 15, 2008 from 5:30pm – 9:00pm
Contact: Victor Tapia @ 915-433-0603

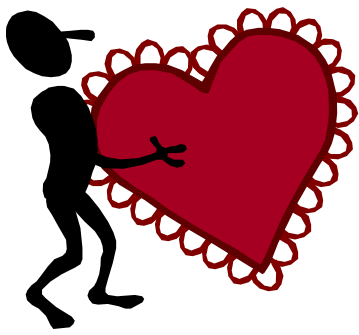
**Note: Additional Cannulation workshops will be presented in other Texas cities in the next year.

**Registration for these workshops is done by the local ANNA Chapters/Organizations hosting these events.

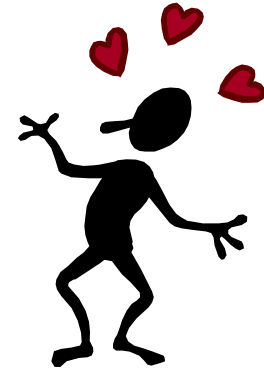
Lynda Ball, RN, MSN, CNN, our workshop presenter is an expert in the field of cannulation and has published articles on cannulation in the Nephrology Nursing Journal. Come meet and interact with an expert!

See you all there!





Network 14 February 2008 Calendar



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
					January PAR's due EMS system update due Non-LDO January FF data due	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
		2744 Forms Due!		Happy Valentines' Day		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	President's Day	CMS/Network Meeting in Baltimore, MD Network office will have limited staff this week.			Missing Forms due	
24	25	26	27	28	29	
					Missing Forms sent out	



Reminder: 2744 TIPs: Use your 12/31 shift lists to balance your 12/31 Patient Census. Ask your Administrator for the TOTAL number of treatments for the year (found in your cost report).