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PLEASE POST FOR ALL STAFF! Important information from Network 14

Have you seen the website lately? The Network website is undergoing an "Extreme Makeover". The new website will launch after January 1, 2008. Take a few minutes to visit our website and tell us what you think. There is a quick online survey to fill out and give us your feedback. Until the new launch, the current website will still be available for you to use. If you have questions or concerns about the website; please email gbrown@nw14.esrd.net

A Message from the Patient Advisory Committee (PAC)



The members of the Patient Advisory Committee (PAC) are available to help! Please feel free to contact your regional member of PAC to assist with support groups or working with specific patient issues in your facility. The members of PAC undergo specific HIPAA and mentorship training. For a complete list of PAC members, log onto the Network website and click on Patients, then on Network Representatives. If you would like to discuss how to utilize the PAC in your area, contact John Gowan at 469-916-3808 or Geli Brown at 469-916-3800.

Data Bytes



Helpful tips and information from the Network Data Department

The ESRD Network Data Department would like to thank all of you who worked conscientiously this year to ensure compliance stayed at or above 90%! We appreciate all of your hard work! We would also like to remind all of the facility staff that the Network no longer supplies 2728 forms to facilities. These forms can be ordered through your local Social Security office, or through the Network website at www.esrdnetwork.org click on CMS Forms.

News from the Coalition:

Texas Emergency ESRD Coalition (T.E.E.C.)

The 2008 meeting schedule and locations will be posted after the January 17th meeting in Galveston. Please get involved and help the ESRD community stay prepared for any emergency. For more information contact one of the volunteer chairs: Harvey Sanders: harvey.sanders@davita.com or Debbie Heinrich: heinrichd@satellitehealth.com. Visit the website www.texasemergencyesrd.org to download information and updates for your facility.

Patient Services Information:


In 2008, the Network will be trending specific data involving Involuntary Discharged Patients (IDP). The current rate of growth of the prevalent population in Texas is 4% annually. The current rate of growth of the IDP population is 30% (as of 11/30/07). So far in 2007 there have been 42 IDP, and only 11 received a 30-day notice of discharge. The Network strongly recommends facilities implement the DPC toolkit, which was sent out to all facilities beginning in October 2005. The Toolkit contains training modules that can be used with all staff. The Patient Services Coordinator is available to assist with your difficult patients. If your facility is interested in receiving more information on how to better deal with difficult patients prior to discharge, please contact John Gowan, LMSW, at 469-916-3808 or jgowan@nw14.esrd.net





Network 14 January 2008 Calendar



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>Happy New Year from Network 14!</i>						
		1	2	3	4	5
		Network Office Closed				
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
		December PAR's due EMSystem update due		 Non-LDO November FF data due		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
				TEEC meeting Houston Cannulation workshop	Missing Forms due Cannulation workshop ANNA mtg in Galveston	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	Martin Luther King Jr. Day		2744 Forms (Facility Survey) and Missing Forms sent out			
27	28	29	30	31		



Reminder: Use your Shift Lists and Billing Reports to assist with balancing the 2744 form