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PLEASE POST FOR ALL STAFF! Important information from Network 14

ATTENTION ALL SOCIAL WORKERS:

From Patient Services Department:

Improving Sensitivity towards Patients Can Help with Advance Care Planning...

The following are some suggestions on what staff can do to assist patients discuss advance care planning.

1. Open communication and Active Listening.
2. Collaborate with the patient's primary support system.
3. Understand that the patient/provider relationship is unequal. Dialysis staff are in a powerful position and need to be aware of this position as it greatly influences the patient's response and experience.
4. Providers should learn and respect patient's wishes regarding future health care decisions.
5. A surrogate is the person a patient trust and designates to make decisions when the patient lacks the capacity.
6. Nephrologists should routinely invite patients to express their end-of-life care preferences in the short-term and annual long-term care planning meetings.

Strike Out Kidney Failure 2007 Regional Bowling

Tournament is coming to an alley near you!

The Patient Advisory Committee (PAC) members along with the Facility Network Patient Representatives (NPR) will be working together to educate the community about Chronic Kidney Disease. These events will be an opportunity to bridge the gap between the ESRD community and the general public and have some fun learning about CKD. The first place winning team from each regional tournament will compete for the state title of "Ultimate Kidney Fighter" at a date to be announced. Dates and locations for the regional tournaments will be posted soon. For more information or to volunteer for your regional tournament, please contact Geli King-Brown, Outreach Coordinator at 972-503-3215 or 877-886-4435 or gbrown@nw14.esrd.net

OI News and Information...



You will be receiving the new CD/DVD, Cannulation of the AV Fistula, at your facility this summer. The CD/DVD, a valuable staff education tool, contains information on:

- Patient and site assessment
- Site preparation
- Cannulation techniques (rope-ladder & buttonhole)
- Self-cannulation
- Complications

The CD/DVD includes sample tools, algorithms, forms, and policies/procedures you can adapt and use in your facility!

* FYI - FMC and DaVita facilities will receive the CD/DVD from their corporation. All other facilities will be receive their complimentary copy of the CD/DVD from the ESRD Network of Texas, Inc.
+ CD/DVD was developed by Practitioner Education Task Force of the Fistula First Breakthrough Coalition.

The Patient Services Coordinator is available for staff sensitivity training and to assist with improving the Advance Care Planning process in clinics. Please contact John Q. Gowan, LMSW at the Network for more information at 972-503-3215 or jgowan@nw14.esrd.net


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

Please remember your monthly update on EMSsystem. The July due date is July 6. The next **T.E.E.C.** meeting will be held on **Friday, July 27 in Beaumont, Texas**. For more information or to download educational materials from the coalition, please visit www.texasemergencyesrd.org or www.esrdnetwork.org and click on Disaster Planning.



Network 14 July 2007 Calendar



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 Office Closed 	5	6 EMSystem update due	7
8	9 June Par's Due	10 Non-LDO FF data due 	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 Missing forms due	27	28
29	30	31 Missing Forms Sent				



Reminder: The Network has Transplant information for all patients dating back 25 years. Please call if you need any transplant information to complete a "Dialysis after Transplant Fail" 2728.

ATTENTION!!!

All Clinical Staff

Did you miss the Cannulation Workshops in Dallas & San Antonio?
There will be one more for the year - here is your chance!

ANNA Alamo City Chapter presents:

12th Annual ESRD Update by the Beach
Saturday, July 28, 2007
7:00 am – 5:00 pm
Omni Marina Hotel
900 North Shoreline BLVD.
Corpus Christi, Texas 78401
(361) 887-1600

Cost: Full Day - \$100.00 Half Day - \$50.00

Agenda:

- 7:00 – 7:45 Registration/Exhibits/Continental Breakfast
- 8:00 – 10:15 Bioterrorism *or* Hepatitis C
- 10:15 – 10:45 Breaks/Exhibits
- 10:45 – 11:45 MRSA/VRE/C. DIFF
- 11:45 – 12:45 Lunch/Exhibits/Introduction of Board Directors



- 12:45 – 2:15 Cannulation Workshop (Part 1)
- 2:15 – 2:45 Breaks/Exhibits
- 2:45 – 4:45 Cannulation Workshop (Part 2)
- 4:45 – 5:00 Closing remarks/Evaluations

“On Course With Cannulation”
Lynda K. Ball, BSN, RN, CNN
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To Register:

Name: _____ (Please be sure to write in your credentials)
Address: _____
Daytime Phone Number: _____
Place of Employment: _____
ANNA Member _____ Non-Member _____ CNN _____
All Day Event: _____ Half Day Event: Morning _____ Afternoon _____

Mail Registration Form and Payment to:
Alamo City Chapter of ANNA P.O. Box 460533 San Antonio, Texas 78246-0533
Make Checks Payable to ANNA Alamo City Chapter # 205



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