



# Net Link



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March 2008

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End Stage Renal Disease Network of Texas, Inc. (#14)

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## PLEASE POST FOR ALL STAFF! Important information from Network 14

### 211 Texas enrollment for the

### Transportation Assistance Program Registry

The **2008 Goals & Objectives** were mailed on 2/19/08 to Facility Administrators. Receipt acknowledgement faxes **are due** to the Network office **by 2/29/08**. For questions call Debbie O'Daniel at 469-916-3804. To everyone that has already responded THANK YOU!

**Network Coordinating Council Facility Representatives:** The Annual Input Document is due to the Network office by **March 7, 2008**. If you have questions about this document, please contact Glenda Harbert, Executive Director of the Network at [gharbert@nw14.esrd.net](mailto:gharbert@nw14.esrd.net)

### Data Bytes

Helpful tips and information from the Network Data Department

**DO NOT EMAIL CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION!**



Please make everyone at your dialysis and transplant facilities aware that Patient Health Information (PHI) cannot be sent via email. Other than being a violation of Federal HIPAA Regulations, information that is sent in this manner can be captured by other parties who are not authorized to view the information. Any emails that the Network receives containing PHI will be reported to CMS.

This is a statewide registry for patients that would require assistance during an emergency or evacuation. There are two ways to enroll with 211 Texas. The patients can call 211 directly from any land line or fill out and fax back the Transportation Assistance Registry Program form. Please speak with your patients and make this information available to them. The form is attached to this fax and available on the Network website at [www.esrdnetwork.org](http://www.esrdnetwork.org), click on Disaster Planning. Make sure the patients that are enrolling for this assistance are those that would require assistance during an emergency or evacuation. If you have questions or concerns about enrollment, please contact Geli Brown, Outreach Coordinator at 469-916-3800 or [gbrown@nw14.esrd.net](mailto:gbrown@nw14.esrd.net). You can also contact 211 Texas directly from any land line.

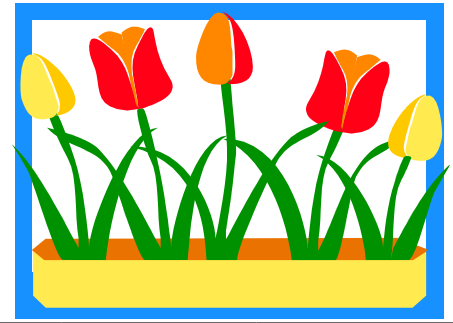
### Information to share with your patients:

When trying to encourage patients to exercise, use the following tips to help them understand the long term benefits to them. Exercise can help you...

- \*improve your blood pressure control
- \* get a better night's sleep
- \* make your muscles stronger
- \* lower the fat level in your blood  
(ie.. cholesterol and triglycerides)
- \* control your body weight
- \* feel less tired!



# Network 14 March 2008 Calendar



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6 AKF Meeting in Houston	7 February PAR's due  EMSystem update due  NCC form due	8
9 NKF of North Texas Patient /Family Symposium & Regional NPR meeting	10 Non-LDO FebruaryFF data due	11	12	13	14	15
16	17 	18	19	20	21 Missing Forms due	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 NKF of Southeast Texas Patient Meeting & Regional NPR meeting	31 Missing Forms sent out					



**Did you know?** the Network website has a list of all Facility Provider numbers available. If you need to find a provider number log onto [www.esrdnetwork.org](http://www.esrdnetwork.org) and click on Provider Directory- Dialysis Centers.



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## Surgical DVD

A limited number of surgical DVD sets, *Creating AV Fistulae in All Eligible Hemodialysis Patients*, are available as long as our supply lasts. This DVD set is an excellent resource for Surgeons, Nephrologists and Interventional Radiologists.

William Jennings, MD, Lawrence Spergel, MD and W. Perry Arnold, MD, collaborated to author this DVD educational program for CMS designed to help improve AV Fistulae rates. Vascular access practice guidelines and “best practices” are included along with operating room footage of AVF surgical procedures to present a comprehensive practicum on the theory and mechanics of AV Fistulae placement.

There is no charge for the DVD set; however, there is a \$5.00 shipping charges. To order, complete the form below, include check/money order for \$5.00 payable to the ESRD Network of Texas, Inc. and mail to the address listed below. Please note: We are unable to accept credit cards or faxed orders. If you have any questions, call Gay Grauke at 469-916-3810.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Facility Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Medicare Provider #: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Telephone Number: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

*Mail your order and your check/money order to:*

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**Save the date!**



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## “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!**

