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

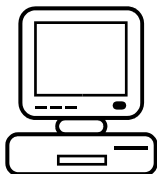
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PLEASE POST FOR ALL STAFF! Important information from Network 14

Is Your Facility Ready for a Survey – Additional Helpful Tip:

One item the surveyor will be looking for is your “Network Agreement”. Take a few minutes to make sure that you have a copy of this agreement and that all management staff knows where to locate your agreement. Requests for a duplicate copy of the agreement from the Network office will take at least 7 to 10 days to complete – no exceptions. To request a copy of your facility’s Network agreement please email info@nw14.esrd.net with your facility’s CMS 6-digit provider number plus your name with contact information. For more information on being prepared for a survey, log on to our website, click on “What’s New”, then click on “Lone Star Bulletin October 2007”.



Data Bytes

Helpful tips and information from the Network Data Department

The Network 14 Data Staff relies on accurate information submissions from dialysis units. Please be sure to double check social security numbers and dates of birth on the PAR and 2728 forms. When the information for a patient on these documents does not match, it creates a duplicate record in our system. This causes a new patient event and missing form to be requested from your unit. Please double check for accuracy before submitting this paperwork. Thanks!

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

Please remember monthly updates on EMSsystem are due by the 8th of each month. The next T.E.E.C. meeting will be held on **Thursday, November 15 in Tyler, Texas**. There will be CNE’s available for attending this meeting. 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.

A Message from the Patient Advisory Committee(PAC)



Next regional bowling tournament will be held Sunday, November 11 in San Antonio 4-6:30 pm.

AMF Country Lanes
13307 San Pedro Ave.

San Antonio, Texas 78216 For more information contact Anna Gonzalez @ 210-834-3861 or Geli Brown @ 469-916-3800.

Questions about Mental Illness and ESRD??

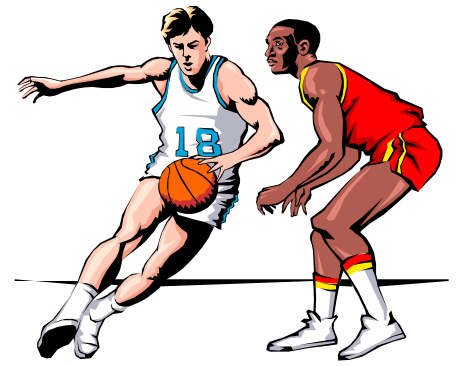
The Patient Services Department handles many phone calls from staff regarding issues of Mental Illness and ESRD patients. Hopefully, these tips and recommendations will assist you and your facility staff in providing optimal care to each patient every time.

- Depression has been noted as the most common mental illness in ESRD patients. Screen all patients through the continuum of care.
- A large percentage of patients being Involuntarily Discharged from their clinics have also been reported to have some mental illness such as Depression, Bi-Polar Disorder, Anxiety, Alcohol or Drug Abuse. The ESRD Network of Texas recommends support and appropriate referral along with documentation in progress notes and care plans of the treatment teams interventions.
- Assess the support system of the patient.
- Collaborate with your local Mental Health Providers to treat patients who exhibit symptoms of Mental Illness and/or Alcohol and Substance Abuse.
- Assess patients’ interest in Vocational Rehabilitation, Volunteerism, and Spiritual-based activities. Patients have better outcomes and quality of life when they are involved in meaningful activities.
- When we help others achieve a better quality of life, our own life is improved as result.

For specific questions or information contact John Q. Gowan, LMSW, Director Patient Services at 469-916-3808.



Network 14 November 2007 Calendar



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Daylight Savings Time Ends!				October PAR's Due EMSystem update due	 Non-LDO October FF data due	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
San Antonio Bowling Tournament				TEEC meeting in Tyler		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
		Missing forms due			Office closed for Thanksgiving 11/22-23	
25	26	27	28	29	30	
				Missing forms sent		



Reminder: Please transfer your patient out for a transplant the day he/she is called to the hospital by the coordinator.

Save the Date!!!



**10TH Annual ANNA Texas
Collaborative Meeting**

***Let's Get Engaged!!!
Celebrating 10 Years!!***

January 18 & 19, 2008

**The San Luis Resort
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Also Announcing:

ESRD Network 14 and ANNA Texas are co-sponsoring:

"On Course With Cannulation"

presented by Lynda K. Ball, RN, BSN, CNN

Friday morning, January 18, 2008