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October 2007



PLEASE POST FOR ALL STAFF! Important Information From Network 14

September 23 – 29, 2007
is National Adult Immunization Awareness Week. This annual

health observance is a great opportunity to promote the importance of adult immunizations. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) reminds health care professionals that Medicare provides coverage for flu, pneumococcal, and hepatitis B vaccines and their administration. All adults 65 and older should get flu and pneumococcal shots. People with Medicare who are under 65 but have chronic illness, including heart disease, lung disease, diabetes or end-stage renal disease should get a flu shot. People at medium to high risk for hepatitis B should get hepatitis B shots. CMS needs your help to ensure that people with Medicare take full advantage of these vital preventive benefits. You can help by talking with your Medicare patients about their risk for these vaccine-preventable diseases covered by Medicare and the steps they can take to help reduce their risk of contracting these diseases, including getting vaccinated.

For more information about Medicare's coverage of adult immunizations and a list of related educational resources, please visit CMS' Medicare Learning Network Preventive Services Educational Products web page www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/35PreventiveServices.asp on the CMS website.

For information about National Adult Immunization Awareness Week, go to <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/events/naiaw/default.htm#kit>

ANNA -

Audioconference is October 2, 2007 at 5:30pm. For more information, contact local ANNA Chapter Board members.

Data Bytes



Network #14 Data Staff would like to remind facilities that blank 2728 and 2746 forms can be downloaded from our website at www.esrdnetwork.org. Go to the CMS Forms link from the homepage and select the form you wish to download, print, and make copies as needed. The 2728 form from the internet is acceptable as long as the physician signs field #49 in blue ink.

Network Annual Meeting is fast approaching! Mark your calendar and plan to attend **April 1, 2007 at the Gaylord Texas**. The Network will precede the National Kidney Foundation Clinical Meeting CM08. Participants at our meeting will receive a discount towards their registration to CM08. More information will be coming very soon.....

The Network has gone automated...

The Network has implemented a new automated phone system. Please visit our website www.esrdnetwork.org and click on "What's New" to download a complete list of staff direct dial numbers.

Reminder: The Network sends out Event Validations 3 times per year: January--April, January –August and January—December (2744).



Network 14 October 2007 Calendar



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 *EMSystem update due *August PARS Due	9	10 Fistula First August data Deadline	11	12	13
14	15 Event Validations Due	16 National Boss's Day TEEC meeting in Lubbock	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 *Missing Forms Due	26	27
28	29	30	31 HAPPY HALLOWEEN *Missing Forms Sent			

Please be sure to use event 6C for patients who are INVOLUNTARILY dismissed because of: Verbal/written threat or abuse, property damage/threat or physical harm/threat. Consult with the Network Patient Services Coordinator before using this event.