



# Net Link



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June 2007

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

#### From the Patient Advisory Committee (PAC)...

When reviewing monthly care plans with your patients, please take some time to explain to the patients what a care plan means to them. Many patients do not understand what they are signing each month. Inform them they can sit in on care planning meetings to discuss their care or changes to their care. Take a few minutes each month to better educate and inform your patients. They will appreciate your time and effort to include them. (The PAC is a group of patients that serve all regions of Texas; they are the voice of patients).

#### ATTENTION ALL SOCIAL WORKERS:

*From Patient Services Department:*

If your patients have some or all of these symptoms, they may be depressed.

What should you look for?

- (1) Mood of sadness, despair, emptiness
- (2) Anhedonia (loss of the ability to experience pleasure)
- (3) Low self-esteem
- (4) Apathy, low motivation, and social withdrawal
- (5) Excessive emotional sensitivity
- (6) Negative, pessimistic thinking
- (7) Irritability
- (8) Suicidal ideations

If you notice these symptoms in your patients, consult with the treatment team to explore treatment options. Please feel free to contact the Network for additional information and resources.  
John Q. Gowan, LMSW, PSC

**Save the Date:** July 1, 2007

**Strike Out Kidney Failure Bowling Tournament 2007** is coming. Mark your calendars and get your team ready. Check out our website for rules and information.



The Texas ESRD Emergency Coalition (TEEC) conducted Mock Drills for the state of Texas in the early part of May to work through some of the

problems that are ongoing within the facilities. Information and updates are still available through EMSsystem. Please download the documents posted for details on how to set your preferences in the system. A National Mock Drill will occur the first week of June, and our participation will be monitored very closely. Information for the drill will be sent through EMSsystem for all facilities to participate. If you are unable to sign on to EMSsystem or have difficulty accessing your facility, please email [gbrown@nw14.esrd.net](mailto:gbrown@nw14.esrd.net). **The next coalition meeting will be held on May 31 Medical City in Dallas.** For more information about TEEC and emergency preparedness, Please visit our website [www.esrdnetwork.org](http://www.esrdnetwork.org) and click on disaster preparedness.

Congratulations!



# Network 14 June 2007 Calendar



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Creating AV Fistulae in Eligible Hemodialysis Patients: A Workshop in Houston, Texas on June 8, 2007						
					1	2
					Event Validations Mailed	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
					May Par's Due	
					EMSystem update due	
					 Non-LDO FF data due	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
				Flag Day	Event Validations Due	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Father's Day				 First Day of Summer	Missing forms due	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
					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.