


# **Best Demonstrated Practices from Benchmark Home Dialysis Facilities**



<p style="text-align: center;">Access to Home Therapy Strategies</p>	<div style="text-align: center;">  <p><b>Best Demonstrated Practices From Texas (NW #14) Benchmark Home Dialysis Programs</b></p> <p><i>Produced by The End Stage Renal Disease Network of Texas, Inc. – March 2008</i></p> </div>
<p style="text-align: center;">Modality Education and Referral</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Physician Group sends stage 3 &amp; 4 CKD patients to monthly modality classes.</li> <li>◆ Facility offers monthly classes for pre-ESRD patients.</li> <li>◆ Home program nurses educate pre-ESRD patients on treatment options.</li> <li>◆ Physician Group sees patients in office and refers directly to home training facility.</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;">In-Center Facility Support Home Modality Education and Assessment</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Physician is a strong advocate of Home Dialysis modalities.</li> <li>◆ Formal home dialysis education program is initiated with all new patients.</li> <li>◆ Facility processes empower nurses and social workers to educate patients and encourage interest in home dialysis.</li> <li>◆ Referral assessment criteria utilized to determine suitability for home dialysis.</li> <li>◆ Team meetings held to discuss pros/cons of home dialysis for new patients.</li> <li>◆ New patient's suitability for home dialysis re-assessed at 3 <u>and</u> 6 months.</li> <li>◆ Sponsors home dialysis awareness days for in-center patients focusing on home therapies, home equipment and interaction with successful home patients/caregivers.</li> </ul>

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>In-Center Facility Staff Educated on Home Dialysis Modalities</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ New in-center facility staff receive education on home dialysis during orientation.</li> <li>◆ Home dialysis education for in-center staff is reinforced on regular, ongoing basis.</li> <li>◆ Home dialysis staff involve other team members in promoting home therapy.</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Home Program Treatment Team Characteristics</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Home Program has separate staff (no in-center HD responsibilities).</li> <li>◆ Home dialysis coordinator role is defined and assigned to a specific nurse.</li> <li>◆ Vendor educational resources are utilized to educate and support home patients, home training nurses and in-center facility staff.</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Outreach to Other Providers</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Home Program staff collaborate with transplant facility coordinator to identify and educate patients that are losing transplant kidney function.</li> <li>◆ Educate hospital discharge planner and case managers on the “pros” of home dialysis, including Medicare entitlement from Day 1 if patient chooses home dialysis modality.</li> <li>◆ Home dialysis staff foster relationship with hospital to facilitate “heads-up” from hospital staff regarding potential in-patient home dialysis candidates.</li> </ul>