Home Dialysis Program Role

How to Contribute

Support the Home Dialysis Hero Peer Program by introducing the program at your center, identifying people who are interested in being a Home Dialysis Hero, hosting program meetings at your site, and celebrating program accomplishments. Collaborate with in-center dialysis centers and your ESRD Network to promote the program beyond your organization.

How It Works

1. Identify and recruit Home Dialysis Heroes and notify your Network of patients who are interested in joining the program
2. Work closely with local in-center dialysis facilities to connect your Home Dialysis Hero with a Dialysis Peer
3. Host an orientation kick-off to teach Home Dialysis Heroes about their role and program expectations
4. Support the program by collaborating with local in-center dialysis facilities and your ESRD Network
5. Provide basic resources about the benefits of home dialysis for your home program Hero to share with their Dialysis Peer
6. Celebrate the program success with your local Network, dialysis facilities, Heroes, and Dialysis Peers

Implementation Recommendations

• Use introductory materials to announce the program and create awareness
• Identify a home program staff member to lead the program and connect Home Dialysis Heroes with Dialysis Peers
• Share kick-off materials to educate Home Dialysis Heroes on their role and program expectations
• Provide the opportunity for Home Dialysis Heroes and Dialysis Peers to share their program experience during in-center new patient orientation
• Establish a way for Home Dialysis Heroes and Dialysis Peers to meet virtually in-person or at their dialysis facility when safe to do so
• Offer support by scheduling regular check-ins with Home Dialysis Heroes engaged in the program
• Start small and expand incrementally based on success stories
• Celebrate successes and continue to expand program reach

How will your home program benefit?

✚ Increases patient access to home dialysis treatment options available in your home program and supports the national goal of Advancing American Kidney Health
✚ Improves the home dialysis patients’ focus on successfully sustaining their home treatment option
✚ Creates a community by supporting the development of relationships amongst present and potential future patients
✚ Reinforces and supplements home program education for in-center Dialysis Peers and improves the opportunity of referrals to home dialysis
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