

# 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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