

In-center Dialysis Facility Role

How to Contribute

Home Dialysis Heroes work closely with FPRs. However, unlike an FPR or even a peer mentor, their focus is being available to a larger group during activities like lobby days, patient education events, and virtual support group meetings to share the benefits of home dialysis. Dialysis Peers at your center will gain valuable knowledge and awareness from a Home Dialysis Hero with the aim of referring their in-center dialysis peer to a home program professional to learn more about their options for home dialysis.

How It Works

- 1 Be introduced to the program and gain an understanding of your facility's involvement and opportunity to increase the use of home dialysis
- 2 Partner with local home programs to identify, match, and connect the Home Dialysis Hero to one of your patients receiving dialysis
- 3 Host a kick-off event virtually or at your facility to educate Dialysis Peers on their roles and program expectations
- 4 Welcome Home Dialysis Heroes and Dialysis Peers to meet at your facility and provide support when needed
- 5 Celebrate program accomplishments
- 6 Sustain the program by being a program supporter and promoting the program success at your facility

How will your facility benefit?

- + **Increases** the facility rate of referral to home dialysis and supports the national goals of Advancing American Kidney Health
- + **Improves patient engagement** by collaborating with the facility patient representative to advance facility and national goals

Implementation Recommendations

- Utilize introductory materials to announce the program and create awareness
- Identify an in-center dialysis facility staff member to lead the program and connect Home Dialysis Heroes with Dialysis Peers
- Share kick-off materials to educate Dialysis Peers on their roles and the program expectations
- Introduce Home Dialysis Heroes to your Dialysis Peers as a knowledge resource and support system
- Establish a way for Home Dialysis Heroes and Dialysis Peers to meet virtually or in-person
- Provide the opportunity for Home Dialysis Heroes and Dialysis Peers to share their program experience during lobby days
- Offer support by scheduling regular check-ins with Dialysis Peers engaged in the program and inform your ESRD Network of program successes
- Start small and expand incrementally based on success stories
- Celebrate successes and continue to expand program reach

- + **Creates a community** by supporting the development of relationships amongst past and present patients
- + **Provides additional home dialysis patient education** through patient success stories and lived experience to increase referrals to home programs



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