

Dialysis Facility Role

How to Contribute

Support the Transplant Patient Peer Program by implementing the program at your dialysis facility, identifying people on dialysis who are interested in learning about kidney transplantation, hosting Transplant Trailblazers at your site for education, and celebrating program accomplishments. Dialysis Peers at your center will gain valuable knowledge about the road to transplant from someone who's experienced both dialysis and transplant.

How It Works

- 1 Be introduced to the program and gain an understanding of your facility's involvement
- 2 Partner with local transplant centers to identify, match, and connect the Transplant Trailblazers 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 Transplant Trailblazers and Dialysis Peers to meet at your facility and provide support when needed
- 5 Celebrate Transplant Patient Peer Program accomplishments
- 6 Sustain the program by being a program champion and promoting the program success at your facility

Implementation Recommendations

- Utilize introductory materials to announce the program and create awareness
- Identify a dialysis facility staff member to lead the program and connect Transplant Trailblazers with Dialysis Peers
- Share kick-off materials to educate Dialysis Peers on their roles and the program expectations
- Introduce Transplant Trailblazers to your Dialysis Peers as a knowledge resource and support system
- Establish a way for Transplant Trailblazers and Dialysis Peers to meet virtually or in-person
- Provide the opportunity for Transplant Trailblazers 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

How will your facility benefit?

- + **Increases patient accountability** by encouraging patients to maintain and be engaged in their treatment plan
- + **Improves the patient experience** by helping patients feel supported emotionally and socially

- + **Creates a community** by supporting the development of relationships amongst your past and present patients
- + **Promotes patient engagement** by urging patients who have good experiences to suggest the program to others looking to learn more about transplantation



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