



End-Stage Renal Disease  
Network of the Ohio River Valley

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## Updates



National  
Kidney  
Foundation®

IPRO ESRD Network of the Ohio River Valley has partnered with the National Kidney foundation in Ohio to provide the annual Kidney and Transplant Symposium. Please mark your calendars to attend this important educational event. Continuing education credits will be offered. We will release a full program agenda as well as registration information within the next month.

When: August 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>  
Where: Quest Conference Center - Columbus, Ohio

## National Organ Donor Month

April 1st marked the first day of National Organ Donor Awareness Month. There are 119,000 people are on the organ donation waiting list and 22 people die each day waiting for a life-saving organ.

Even though 95% of Americans are in favor of being a donor, only 54% are registered. There is an urgent need to fill that gap. By getting the word out, we hope to demystify the donor registration process and dispel donation myths so that more people register to give the gift of life!

Join us by urging Elected Officials to become an organ donor and make their decision known to the public via a social media post. Visit RSN's '[Organ Donation is no Joke](#)' page and send your message today!



## Patient Services

### MidWest Regional Seminar



Join your dialysis colleagues at the Bonent 2017 Midwest Regional Seminar. Get at least 8 hrs of Continuing Education - all in one day - in Chicago, IL. Members from the Network will be participating as speakers during the seminar.

**When:** Saturday, June 11th

**Where:** Chicago Marriott SW. 1200 Burr Ridge Parkway Burr Ridge IL 60527

**Registration:** 7am - 7:45am Click [here](#) to register and [view the seminar flyer!](#)

**Seminar:** 7:45am - 5pm

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## Emergency Preparedness Requirements Final Rule Training

Emergency Preparedness Requirements Final Rule Training MLN Connects® Call

**Thursday, April 27, 2017**

**2:30 pm to 3:30 pm ET**

Is your facility prepared to meet the new emergency preparedness requirements by the November 15, 2017, compliance date?

Call in to learn about implementation of the [final rule](#), including an overview of the regulation, training, and testing requirements. A question and answer session follows the presentation.

To register or for more information, visit [MLN Connects Event Registration](#).



**Registration will close at 12:00 PM ET on the day of the call or when available space has been filled.**

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## Webinar Wednesdays : April 26 - Addressing Depression in Dialysis Patients



Webinar Wednesday  
National Renal Administrators  
Association(NRAA)  
*Addressing Depression in Dialysis  
Patients*

**Wednesday, April 26, 2017 - 1 pm EDT**

NRAA brings you the timely topic of depression in ESRD patients. For payment year 2018 depression screening and follow-up reporting measures are required. Dialysis professionals need to know how these measures are incorporated into ESRD QIP.

To register or become a NRAA member, please click [here](#).

NRAA Webinar Wednesdays are free to members. A nominal fee is assess to non-members.



## Quality Improvement

### Weight and Gender Play a Part in Kidney Transplant Success

Often during organ allocation, factors such as gender and weight of deceased donor vs. recipients are not compared. However, a new study released in the *Clinical Journal of the American Society of Nephrology* suggests that those factors could affect the success or failure of a transplant. The study found that if the recipient of the kidney weighed 66 lbs. or more than the donor, there was a 28% higher risk of transplant failure, compared with recipients who weighed about the same as donors. The study also found that gender differences between donor and

recipient also increased the changes of kidney failure, with greatest risk of failure noted between a male donor and a female recipient. The authors note that more research is needed before taking weight and gender into consideration when matching donors and recipients.

To continue to read full article, *Weight, Gender Appear to Play Part in Kidney Transplant Success*, please, click [here](#).

The Network is conducting a quality improvement activity to decrease gender disparity in transplant referral, and has developed a transplant tool kit. If interested, please contact [Deb Dewalt](#), Quality Improvement Director.

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## Partnering with Patients to Improve Adherence and Outcomes

Challenged by non-adherent patients? A study published several years ago in *Nephrology Nursing Journal* continues to provide valuable information on strategies that have been found to improve adherence and patient outcomes. The article reports that "using a patient-centered approach, including the removal of barriers to adherence, ongoing education, and cognitive behavioral strategies, may generate increased opportunities for patients and the nephrology staff to improve both adherence and outcomes" A case study reported in the article demonstrates that a nurse's use of positive reinforcement with a patient, coupled with a willingness to have the patient assume some control for self-assessing how fluid overload was affecting her resulted in immediate improvement of the patient's health outcomes, and an recognition of her responsibility to manage her food and fluid intake.

To learn more about Adherence to the Dialysis Prescription: Partnering with Patients for Improved Outcomes in *Nephrology Nursing Journal*, please click [here](#).

The Network is conducting a quality improvement activity to involve patients in settings goals and achieving them. The goal of this project is to improve communication between dialysis facility staff and patients. If you are interested in receiving information about this project, please contact [Andrea Bates, MSW](#), Patient Services Director.

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## Data Management

### Is Your Facility Updating Notifications and Accretions on a Monthly basis?



Notifications and Accretions should be completed on a monthly basis in CrownWeb.

Take action...The resolution period is 15 days for newly generated or "Reassigned" Notifications and Accretions and 30 days for Notifications and Accretions, "Under Investigation."

See pages [38 and 39](#) of the [CROWNWeb Data Management Guidelines](#) for details.

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## Use the Network Knowledge Base and Customer Portal

With the increase in data that must be submitted, as well as systems through which the data is collected, there are multiple ways in which you can reach the Network Data Support Team for help.

- Knowledge Base and Customer Portal <http://help.esrd.ipro.org>
- ESRD Network Data Department can be reached via the [help desk ticket system](#)

**\*When submitting a help desk ticket please include the clinic CCN#. ease remember that you should NEVER include any patient-specific information such as Name, Date of Birth, Social Security Number, Medicare Claim Number, etc. The only patient identifier that can safely be communicated is the Unique Patient Identifier (UPI) from CROWNWeb.\***

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