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April is National Donate Life Month

National Donate Life Month (NDLM) was instituted by Donate Life America and its partnering organizations in 2003. Celebrated in April each year, NDLM features an entire month of local, regional and national activities to help encourage Americans to register as organ, eye and tissue donors and to celebrate those that have saved lives through the gift of donation.



Click [here](#) for more information about National Donate Life Month.



Patient Services

National Kidney Foundation - Kidney Walk

WHAT:

The **2017 Cincinnati Kidney Walk** is a fun, inspiring fundraiser that calls attention to the early prevention of kidney disease and the need for organ donation. It's also a celebration of life for those affected by kidney disease and



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transplantation. The non-competitive 1 or 3 mile walk is open to people of all ages.

WHEN:

Sunday, May 21st, 2017

Start time: 10:00 AM (Registration begins at 8:30am)

WHERE:

Fountain Square, Downtown Cincinnati

WHY:

* 26 million Americans - 1 in 9 - have chronic kidney disease.

- * 73 million are at risk and don't know it.
- * Nearly 400,000 people depend on dialysis for survival.
- * More than 96,000 people are on the waiting list for a kidney transplant.
- * Kidney disease is the 9th leading cause of death in the U.S.

HOW:

Register online at www.kidneywalk.org

TEAMS:

Form a Team! All you need is a Team Name, a Team Captain and you can recruit team members. Remember to set a goal!

VOLUNTEER:

Help us make our event a success! Call 513-961-8105 for details.

Coalition for Supportive Care of Kidney Patients Releases Advance Care Planning Tools



Richmond, VA, March 20, 2017: The Coalition for Supportive Care of Kidney Patients (CCKP) is pleased to announce the release of two new tools to assist patients and their kidney care teams in advance care planning. The brochure, [*Planning Today for Tomorrow's Healthcare: A Guide for People with Chronic Kidney Disease*](#)

, introduces patients and their kidney care teams to the process of advance care planning. It details the five steps of planning that allow patients to have control over their healthcare in the event that they cannot speak for themselves. The companion [*Curriculum Guide for Advance Care Planning*](#) is designed to assist facility staff in having advance care planning discussions with patients. These tools were developed as part of the MY WAY Project, which seeks to test the impact of advance care planning coaching on outcomes and health service utilization of patients with chronic kidney disease.

To learn more about CCKP, visit <http://kidneysupportivecare.org>.

The Patrick and Catherine Weldon Donaghue Medical Research Foundation provides grants for medical research of practical benefit. It focuses on initiatives to strengthen research on health issues, to promote research leadership, and to put new knowledge to work for public benefit. The Foundation is particularly interested in funding research that has the potential for a direct, near term impact to improve health and in supporting initiatives designed to promote the transfer of knowledge to useful applications.

To learn more about the Donaghue Foundation at <http://donaghue.org>.

Call for Action: Share Clinical Depression Feedback with CMS

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services would like to gather information on how facilities are capturing Clinical Depression, particularly feedback from facilities that have identified barriers, recommendations, or "best practices" on how to better optimize the Clinical Depression measure.

Facility staff please click on the SurveyMonkey link to provide Clinical Depression Feedback.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2017ncccdsfeedback>



Quality Improvement

Call for TEP Members: ESRD Medication Reconciliation & Management

The University of Michigan Kidney Epidemiology and Cost Center, through its contract with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, will convene a technical expert panel (TEP) to inform the development of a quality measure(s) related to medication reconciliation and management in dialysis facilities.

The TEP Charter and Nomination form can be found on the CMS website: [CMS Quality Measures TEP Webpage](#).

If you wish to nominate yourself or other individuals for consideration, please complete by clicking [form](#) and email it to dialysisdata@umich.edu by close of business (5:00pm ET) on April 24, 2017



ESRD QIP Call: Follow-up Questions and Answers

Follow-up [questions and answers](#) are available for the [January 17](#) call on the End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Quality Incentive Program (QIP). During this call, CMS experts discuss the final rule that operationalizes the ESRD QIP for Payment Year 2020.

CMS Extends Quality Incentive Program Deadline

Extension of National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) Fourth-Quarter 2016 Deadline for End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Quality Incentive Program (QIP)



Due to an unscheduled maintenance on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC's) NHSN system, facility users were unable to report data between March 16, 2017, and March 21, 2017.

The unscheduled maintenance may have adversely impacted the ability of outpatient dialysis facilities to enter NHSN Dialysis Event data for the fourth-quarter 2016 by the established March 31, 2017, QIP deadline. To address this, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has extended the QIP deadline for facilities to enter fourth-quarter 2016 data to April 15, 2017.

Thank you for your attention in this matter and for entering your facility's data promptly. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please contact the NHSN helpdesk at NHSN@cdc.gov

and put "Dialysis" in the subject line.

Webinar : "Empowered Kidney Care"

TMF Quality Innovation Network Quality Improvement Organization (QIN-QIO) is offering a free webinar , hosted by Richard L. Gibney, MD, Central Texas Nephrology Associates discussing the "Empowered Kidney Care" program. Within the program, dialysis patients are experiencing a dramatic drop in hospitalization and mortality rates compared to conventional dialysis. Dr. Gibney will discuss the following objectives:

- Stabilizing and slowing down the loss of renal function in the chronic kidney disease (CKD) outpatient setting
- Performing proper preparation for dialysis in the outpatient CKD setting
- Training patients to build their own machines and associated activities
- Giving patients permission to control and be optimistic about home, nocturnal or empowered in-center dialysis

This webinar will take place on Wednesday, April 12, 2017 at 1:00 pm.

Click [here](#) to register for this event.



Data Management

Annual NHSN Training Requirement

The National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) Helpdesk is requesting a facility staff member to fulfill the annual training requirement, by having at least one NHSN user at each facility to read the [Dialysis Event Protocol](#) and take the online Dialysis Event Surveillance Training after January 1, 2017 and before September 30, 2017. By completing the annual training and passing the post-test, you will earn 1.5 CME/ 1.3 CNE/ 0.1 CEUs.

Click [here](#) to read the " *News from the Dialysis NHSN Helpdesk, Annual Requirements*".

To enroll in the 2017 NHSN Dialysis Website Updates:

New enrollment website: <https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/enrollment/index.html>

New Reporting Website: <https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/enrolled-facilities/index.html>

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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.i-pro.org>
- ESRD Network Data Department can be reached at the following email address: NW9Help@iproesrdnetwork.freshdesk.com

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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