

## ESRD Network #15 Quality Improvement Projects 2008-2009

Project	Comment
ESRD Clinical Performance Measures Project	<p>This is a national project. A 5% sample of patients within each Network is selected for the Clinical Performance Measures Data Collection Form. The data collection is generally conducted in the second quarter of the year. Data is submitted for October, November and December of the previous year. Facility representatives are asked to submit data that pertains to anemia/ anemia management, adequacy of dialysis, vascular access and nutrition. <b><i>CPM data for October, November and December of 2008 will not be collected in 2009 as it has been in the past. Stay tuned for more information regarding this topic as CROWNWeb is implemented.</i></b></p> <p>The 2008/2009 Network (and national) goals for the CPM indicators are attached. The Medical Review Board (MRB) expects that every facility strive to achieve or exceed these goals. When goals are updated, a Network letter or newsletter will advise facilities of the change.</p>
Fistula First Vascular Access Project (Fistula First Breakthrough Initiative)	<p>This is a national project. The Network 15 goal for AV Fistula (AVF) use recommended by the MRB was <b>66%</b>, by March 2008, and the CMS goal is to <b>66%</b> by 2009. If you have been reviewing your Network #15 Fistula First Quarterly Summary reports, you will note that none of the Networks or Network #15 have met these targets. Kudos to Colorado for having a state AVF use rate of 65%! Each facility should have already achieved a 57.8% rate in order to be on track to meet the annual goal set by CMS for Network #15. If you have not received resource materials for this project, please notify the Quality Improvement Department at the Network. Phone 303-831-8818 for more information.</p> <p>A monthly data collection is required for this project. Each month a patient list is generated and sent to all independent facilities. Submission of a vascular access data form containing access use/placement information is requested. We request that aggregate access data be sent (or faxed) to the Network office by the third Monday of every month (data from the previous month). <b><i>Due to confidentiality issues, please do not e-mail any patient-specific information to the Network.</i></b> Facilities that are part of a Large Dialysis Organization (LDO) submit this information via an electronic submission directly from their corporation. <b><i>The Network may request submission of data on paper forms from those LDO facilities that are unable to submit information electronically.</i></b> Each facility and Medical Director receives quarterly trend reports from the Network, which will assist you in evaluating your improvement efforts.</p>
Network Lab Collection for 2008/2009	<p>This includes 100% of the patient population in Network 15. Labs to be collected for all patients are: HGB, KTV, Albumin, TSAT, Serum Ferritin, Calcium, and Phosphorous. In addition, hemodialysis patients will submit pre and post Bun and URR. Peritoneal patients will submit Creatinine Clearance and PET results. The methods used for Albumin and KTV are also required. <b><i>Data is submitted for October, November and December of the previous year.</i></b> The collection for this year is almost complete. After data are submitted, facility-specific comparative data reports will be generated and sent to your facility. Please watch for these reports. You will be able to use them in your Quality Assessment and Performance Improvement programs which are now required as part of the new ESRD Conditions for Coverage.</p> <p>See <a href="http://www.kidney.org/professionals/kdoqi/guidelines">www.kidney.org/professionals/kdoqi/guidelines</a> for goals and targets.</p> <p><b><i>The data request and USB drive for this collection were mailed in Dec.</i></b></p>

<p>STIC Immunization Project</p>	<p>This is a 100% patient sample to track flu, hepatitis B and pneumococcal vaccination rates at each facility. Aggregate data for each vaccination will be collected in March of 2009. Goal is for 90% of ESRD patients to receive immunizations for influenza, pneumococcal pneumonia and hepatitis B. Occupationally exposed workers have a vaccination target of 98%.</p> <p>For resource links to the STIC immunization project, please visit our web site at <a href="http://www.esrdnet15.net">www.esrdnet15.net</a>.</p>
<p>Additional Quality Focuses during 2008/2009</p>	<p>In addition to the projects mentioned above, should you have difficulties in the following areas, the Medical Review Board and staff of Network #15 ask that facilities focus efforts on the following areas as part of your quality programs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Central venous catheter reduction;</li> <li>• Improving stenosis monitoring of vascular accesses and;</li> <li>• Ensure that patients at your facilities are receiving unbiased information about all available treatment options (including PD, short daily home hemodialysis, nocturnal home and in-center dialysis and transplant) and that they are aided in obtaining a home modality if it is their choice and is medically appropriate.</li> </ul> <p>Network staff members are available to assist you in your efforts @ 303-831-8818. Please contact us if you would like to discuss these projects in more detail.</p>



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