

Network #15 Mission Statement: “The mission of Intermountain End-Stage Renal Disease Network, Inc. (Network #15) is to facilitate improvement of quality of care provided to ESRD patients.”

ESRD NETWORK #15 NETWORK GOALS 2011

1. To facilitate optimal care to all ESRD patients working in cooperation with facilities’ internal quality improvement programs and through the support of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Health Care Quality Initiative (HCQIP); CMS’s definition of quality care under the HCQIP includes access to care, appropriateness of care, desired outcomes of care and consumer satisfaction.
2. To sustain the Network #15 administrative framework to optimally plan, implement and evaluate Network responsibilities and goals and to complete all CMS contract requirements;
3. To maintain a patient-specific medical information system based on the data set required by CMS and to meet and/or exceed all data reporting requirements of CMS; to support CMS goal for the Network program of improving data reporting, reliability and validity between ESRD providers/facilities, Networks and CMS.
4. To promote access to appropriate modalities, including self-care and transplantation;
5. To promote patient knowledge of and involvement in their ESRD care, and to promote patient rehabilitation;
6. To serve as a resource and clearinghouse for information to the renal community including information on patterns, processes and outcomes of care to aid in identifying opportunities for improvement as well as the results of both successful and unsuccessful improvement projects;
7. To assist facilities in developing, implementing, and evaluating intervention strategies to improve patient care and outcomes;
8. To facilitate resolution of patient grievances;
9. To work collaboratively with other organizations to facilitate the improvement of care of ESRD patients; and
10. To promote patient-centered care.

These goals will be approached in a manner, which is patient-centered, safe, effective, efficient, equitable and timely. It is expected that outcomes will be measurable, using valid, evidence-based measures of performance; developed through broad consensus and that have strong correlation to patient outcomes. The Network will embrace cultural change and process redesign.