



End-Stage Renal Disease  
Network of New York

# IPRO ESRD Network of New York 2018 ANNUAL MEETING

A New Era: Working Together to Inspire Changes in ESRD Care

Thursday, May 17, 2018

Garden City Hotel

45 Seventh Street, Garden City, NY

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# General Information

The IPRO End-Stage Renal Disease Network of New York Annual Meeting is open to all members of the ESRD community, including dialysis and transplant facility administrators, dietitians, nurses, patients/family members/care partners, pharmacists, physicians, social workers, surveyors, technicians, and other interested healthcare professionals. The meeting provides an opportunity to network, share ideas, and celebrate successes.

## PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

This annual educational meeting will

- Identify clinical issues related to the care of ESRD patients;
- Expand participants' current knowledge of topics focused on improving quality of care for ESRD patients;
- Support an environment of sharing and interacting with colleagues;
- Identify strategies to improve ESRD patient outcomes, including patient experiences; and
- Identify strategies for shared decision making and patient engagement.

## CONTINUING EDUCATION (CE) INSTRUCTIONS FOR ATTENDEES

- Sign-in sheets, evaluations, and contact forms for each discipline are available at the CE table located near the event registration table.
- Please complete an evaluation regarding the operation of the Network and how your needs are being met (submit with your CE evaluation).
- **A COMPLETED EVALUATION MUST BE RETURNED IN ORDER TO RECEIVE CONTINUING EDUCATION UNITS (CEUs) (all responses will be kept confidential).**

***NO CE FORMS RECEIVED AFTER THE MEETING DATE WILL BE ACCEPTED.***

## ACCREDITATION / CE

**DIETITIANS:** This program has been approved by the Commission on Dietetic Registration for seven **(7)** Continuing Professional Educational Units **(CPEUs)**.

**NURSES:** This continuing nursing education activity was approved by the American Nephrology Nurses Association - Approver, an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation for **6.25** contact hours.

**TECHNICIANS:** Technicians can submit the ANNA Certificate of Participation to NANT, BONENT and the National Nephrology Certification Commission (NNCC) for reciprocal credit.

**SOCIAL WORKERS:** Adelphi University School of Social Work is recognized by the New York State Education Department's State Board for Social Work as an approved provider of continuing education for licensed social workers #0032. This program is approved for **five (5)** Continuing Education Units **(CEUs)**.

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# Agenda

7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	<b>Registration and Vendor Exhibits, Breakfast sponsored by Kidney &amp; Urology Foundation of America (KUFA) in the Vendor Room</b>
8:00 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.	<b>Welcome Remarks</b> Susan Caponi, MBA, RN, BSN, CPHQ Chief Executive Officer, IPRO ESRD Network Program
8:15 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.	<b>A Team Approach: Navigating the Journey to Kidney Transplant</b> Jeanine Pilgrim, BSHSM, Quality Improvement Director, IPRO ESRD Network 2 Kenneth Teasley, Patient Advocate, PAC Chair/SME Barbara Breckenridge, Patient Advocate, PAC Chair/SME, Director of Patient Services and Community Outreach, Kidney Foundation of Western NY Maria Argentina, LCSW-R, NSW-C, Regional Lead Social Worker for DaVita Healthcare Partners, Bronx Dialysis Center Carrie Lindower, RN, MBA, Administrative Director, Kidney Transplant, SUNY Downstate Medical Center, Division of Transplant Elliot I. Grodstein, MD, Transplant Surgeon, Assistant Professor of Surgery, Hofstra University, Northwell
9:15 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	<b>Vocational Rehabilitation: Ticket to Work</b> Aminata Cissé, MA, America Works
10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.	<b>Refreshment Break/Visit the KUFA Vendor Room</b>
10:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	<b>Advanced Kidney Disease in the Elderly: Decision &amp; Management Strategies</b> Holly M. Koncicki, MD, Assistant Professor, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	<b>Home Dialysis and Remote Monitoring</b> Rachid Daoui, MD, Chief of the Nephrology Division, Saratoga Hospital, Saratoga, NY, and Medical Director of the Home Dialysis Program, DCI-Rubin Center
12:00 p.m. – 12:15 p.m.	<b>2017 Best Practices and Network Awards</b>
12:15 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	<b>Luncheon - Ballroom</b>
1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	<b>ESRD QIP Development</b> Jesse Roach, MD, Medical Officer, Center for Clinical Standards and Quality, Quality Measurement and Value Based Incentives Group, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)
2:00 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.	<b>Primer of Health Information Exchange</b> Alexandra Cohen, MBA, MPA, Senior Vice President Statewide Services and Innovation, New York eHealth Collaborative
2:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	<b>Refreshment Break/Visit the KUFA Vendor Room</b>
3:00 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.	<b>Fluid Management in Dialysis—A Team Effort</b> Maria Elena G. Siciliano, MA Ed, RDN, CSR, CDN, Manager of the Renal Nutrition Department, NYU Winthrop Hospital Dialysis Center
3:45 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	<b>Program Wrap-up</b>
4:00 p.m.	<b>Evaluations and CEUs / Adjournment</b>

# Speaker Biographies



## SUSAN CAPONI, MBA, RN, BSN, CPHQ

Ms. Caponi serves as the Chief Executive Officer of IPRO's ESRD Network Program and leads the ESRD Networks of New York, New England, the South Atlantic and the Ohio River Valley. These Networks provide quality improvement, data

management, grievance investigation, technical assistance, and patient and professional education services to more than 1,674 dialysis facilities, 117,000 dialysis patients, and 52 transplant centers in 13 states (Connecticut, Georgia, Indiana, Kentucky, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Rhode Island, South Carolina, and Vermont).

Ms. Caponi is a registered nurse and healthcare program executive with more than 30 years' experience, with the last 12 years focused on the end stage renal disease community. Ms. Caponi holds a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing, as well as a master's of business administration. She is also a Certified Professional in Healthcare Quality.

## JEANINE PILGRIM, BSHSM

Jeanine Pilgrim joined the IPRO End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Network Program in 2010 and currently is the quality improvement program director, previously serving as the national project manager for patient and family engagement for the CMS ESRD National Coordinating Center. She is a certified community organizer, having completed the Leadership, Organizing and Action: Leading Change course at Harvard Kennedy School Executive Education program.



Ms. Pilgrim has participated on various technical expert panels, national healthcare quality conferences, speaking on topics that include patient activation, disease prevention, health promotion, disparity reduction, and educational campaigns to improve patient quality of life. She has engaged and collaborated with national experts on empowering, coaching, and engaging with patients/family members, care advocates, medical professionals, and stakeholders around population-focused, patient-centered community health goals. Ms. Pilgrim holds a bachelor's of science degree in organizational management from St. John's University with a minor in health services management. She is currently pursuing a master's in public health from Adelphi University with a concentration in community health education.

## KENNETH TEASLEY

Kenneth Teasley is originally from Salisbury, North Carolina and now lives in the Bronx, New York. His journey with kidney failure started 23 years ago when he was diagnosed with chronic kidney disease (CKD). Mr. Teasley has been on dialysis for five years and received a kidney transplant in 2016. He has been a volunteer Network PAC Chair and member of the ESRD National Coordinating Center for three years. Prior, Mr. Teasley was employed as a harm reductionist specializing in addiction treatment.



## BARBARA BRECKENRIDGE

Barbara Breckenridge is an avid and vocal advocate for organ donation and transplantation. She was first diagnosed with kidney disease in 1992 and began hemodialysis in January 1996. Her dialysis social worker encouraged her to volunteer with the National Kidney Foundation (NKF); she joined the NKF Board of Directors and began serving as a community education director. In 1999 she received a kidney transplant, and it changed her life. She has provided support to newly transplanted patients, and along with another transplant patient, Ms. Breckenridge started a support group for patients and families. In her "spare" time, Ms. Breckenridge continues to participate as an athlete in the Transplant Games, and has won dozens of medals in track and field events. She has also served as an IPRO ESRD Network PAC Chair for many years.



## MARIA ARGENTINA, LCSW-R, NSW-C

Maria Argentina, LCSW-R, NSW-C, is a regional lead social worker for DaVita Healthcare Partners and a monthly Kidney Smart educator for pre-dialysis patients and families. She organizes quarterly regional meetings with social workers and is a preceptor to new social workers. Ms. Argentina coordinates and runs a monthly patient support group for two dialysis centers and supervises and directs social workers in other dialysis settings affiliated with DaVita Healthcare Partners.



Ms. Argentina also coordinates services supporting admission of new patients into dialysis settings, maintains clinical caseloads and provides comprehensive psychosocial evaluation and counseling services to dialysis patients and families.

She is a certified HIV counselor who is responsible for pre-dialysis educational program for patients/families. She provides advance care planning, as well as information regarding palliative care to patients and families.

## **CARRIE LINDOWER, RN, MBA**

Ms. Lindower has been involved in the field of organ donation and transplant since 1997. She worked at the Organ Procurement Organization for 10 years before moving to the transplant side of the field. Ms. Lindower worked as pre-transplant kidney coordinator for seven years. She is currently the administrative director of the kidney transplant program at Downstate Medical Center.

Ms. Lindower is a past president of NATCO—The Organization for Transplant Professionals and currently serves on the OPTN/UNOS board of directors as a non-MD, at large, representative.

Ms. Lindower has a master's degree in business administration, a bachelor's degree in nursing and an advanced certificate in healthcare management from SUNY Stony Brook. She is certified as a clinical transplant coordinator and procurement transplant coordinator.



## **ELLIOT I. GRODSTEIN, MD**

Elliot Grodstein, MD is a multi-organ certified transplant surgeon at North Shore University Hospital. Dr. Grodstein earned his bachelor's degree from McGill University, and completed medical school at Columbia University's College of Physicians and Surgeons. He continued

on to general surgical residency at New York University – Langone Medical Center. Dr. Grodstein then began a multi-organ abdominal transplant surgery fellowship at University of Wisconsin, completing over 50 liver transplants, 100 kidney transplants and 40 pancreas transplants in children and adults. Dr. Grodstein is board certified in general surgeon and completed all training necessary to serve as transplant surgeon by the Transplant Accreditation and Certification Council.

With a focus on clinical transplant surgery outcomes research, Dr. Grodstein has published in *The American Journal of Transplantation*, *Transplantation* and other general surgery journals. He has also authored many book chapters on topics in liver, kidney and pancreas transplantation. His abstracts have been presented at the American Transplant Congress and the American Society of Transplant Surgeons Winter Meeting.



He is specifically interested in donor selection processes and inequities in access to transplantation. He is a member of the American Society of Transplant Surgeons and the American College of Surgeons. He is also involved with the Long Island Chapter of the Transplant International Organization and the ESRD Network Medical Review Board.

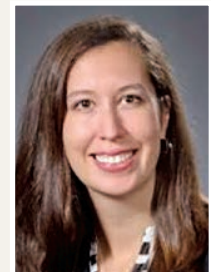
## **AMINATA CISSÉ, MA**

Aminata (Amina) Cissé is originally from Mali, West Africa. She received her bachelor's degree in communications with concentrations in media production and journalism from Adelphi University. She graduated from C.U.N.Y. Queens College with a master's degree in urban studies, and a concentration in public policy and social welfare policy. Ms. Cissé has had a lifelong passion to help the underserved and underprivileged. As a youth counselor and community volunteer she has volunteered her time to provide services to assist individuals with hardships. Ms. Cissé believes the best way to help people is to provide them with tools and resources to further their knowledge to excel. She's dedicated her time through community organizations working with immigrants, young girls, and the elderly to identify and obtain their goals.

Ms. Cissé started working with America Works in the "Back to Work Program," in partnership with the NYC Human Resources Administration, assisting individuals who were receiving public assistance with finding employment. She then began working with the Social Security Administration to help beneficiaries receiving SSI/SSDI to work toward independence and self-sufficiency. She currently oversees the "Ticket to Work" Program with America Works of New York, Inc., serving beneficiaries in Queens, Nassau and Suffolk Counties.

## **HOLLY KONCICKI, MD**

Dr. Koncicki completed her medicine residency training at Mount Sinai Hospital, followed by completion of an integrated fellowship in nephrology and palliative medicine. She is currently assistant professor at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai. She has presented at several national conferences including the American Society of Nephrology and the American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine, as well as regional conferences for the National Kidney Foundation on topics related to the integration of nephrology and palliative care. She has published in several peer-reviewed journals, and served on the Kidney Disease: Improving Global Outcomes workgroup for Supportive Care in kidney disease with a focus on symptom





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management. Additionally, Dr. Koncicki is working closely with the fellowship leadership at Mount Sinai in shaping the curriculum for the integrated nephrology and palliative care fellowship.

## RACHID DAOUI, MD

Dr. Daoui, board certified in nephrology and internal medicine, is chief of the Nephrology Division at Saratoga Hospital, Saratoga, NY. He is also the home dialysis program director for the DCI-Rubin Dialysis, which has the largest NXStage program in the country. He has played a key role in clinical trials that led to the Food and Drug Administration's approval of the nation's first—and only—hemodialysis device for use at home, overnight. In addition Dr. Daoui was one of the principal investigators of a landmark study, the Freedom Study (2006-2009), published by the International Society of Nephrology in 2012, which demonstrated the health benefits of at-home, short, frequent hemodialysis. Whenever possible, Dr. Daoui encourages patients to choose home dialysis because it "best mimics the function of the kidney. Our kidneys work every single second, not just three times a week," he says. Twenty-five percent of his patients rely on home hemodialysis, compared with 1.8 percent of kidney patients nationwide.



## JESSE ROACH, MD

Dr. Roach is a nephrologist and medical officer at the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) in the Center for Clinical Standards and Quality. He works in the Quality Measurement and Value Based Incentives Group.

Prior to joining CMS, Dr. Roach worked with the FDA at the Center for Drug Evaluation and Research in the Office of Generic Drugs. Dr. Roach was also previously on the faculty in the Departments of Pediatrics and Internal Medicine at the University of Wisconsin School of Public Health.

Dr. Roach received his medical degree and completed a residency in Internal Medicine and Pediatrics at the Medical University of South Carolina. He completed a combined fellowship in pediatric and adult nephrology at the University of Michigan Medical School.

Dr. Roach is an active member of the American Society of Nephrology as well as the American Society of Pediatric Nephrology.

## ALEXANDRA COHEN, MBA, MPA

Ms. Cohen is the senior vice president, Statewide Services and Innovation at the New York eHealth Collaborative (NYeC). In this role, she is responsible for product and project management for NYeC product lines as well as statewide governance and innovation for the Statewide Health Information of New York. Ms. Cohen works closely with NYeC technology, data, policy, and advocacy teams to advance digital health innovation.



Prior to joining NYeC, she spent time working to transform primary care with Qliance Medical Management. She has spent time at Microsoft and Risk Management Solutions working on data-driven software and solutions across various industries. Ms. Cohen has a BA in Mathematics from Columbia University, an MBA from the Haas School of Business at UC Berkeley, and a MPA in Health Policy from the Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service at NYU.

## MARIA ELENA G. SICILIANO, MA ED, RDN, CSR, CDN



Ms. Siciliano has worked with ESRD patients for seven years. She has worked in all areas: hemodialysis, peritoneal dialysis, and transplant. She is currently a manager of the Renal Nutrition Department with a staff of 10 dietitians and a technician. She has responsibilities for Quality Assurance and Performance Improvement (QAPI) activities as well as staff development in nutrition and also

provides education for nursing. She also continues to work directly with patients.



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Each year the IPRO ESRD Network of New York recognizes  
outstanding performance by healthcare providers and  
patient representatives across New York State.

**We salute the 2018 Honorees.**

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# 2017 Kathe LeBeau Patient Advocate Award



Kathe LeBeau  
1958–2014

Network of New York Patient Advisory Committee Chair, and Network Council Member. Kathe also volunteered in support of many public and private chronic kidney disease initiatives.

The Kathe LeBeau Patient Advocate Award recognizes a single patient's accomplishments in patient advocacy both within and outside of the dialysis clinic.

Kathe LeBeau was a nationally known patient advocate for the ESRD community. She served as an IPRO Board Member, IPRO Divisional ESRD Board Member, IPRO ESRD

As director of patient services and public policy for the Northeast Kidney Foundation, Kathe spent countless hours working to inform regulators and policymakers about the critical need for dialysis patients to be educated on all treatment options—and to have access to the option that is best for them. She also advocated for increased organ donation.

Kathe was a reviewer for Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute projects and served on the Anemia Technical Expert Panel, the National Quality Forum, several UNOS committees, the Kidney Community Emergency Response Coalition and the board of the American Association of Kidney Patients. As a participant in these and other groups, it was her goal to ensure that kidney patients live normal lives.

## KENNETH D. TEASLEY



Kenneth D. Teasley

### Patient Advocate Award Recipient

The staff and members of the Patient Advisory Committee (PAC) of the ESRD Network of New York are delighted to present Kenneth D. Teasley with the 2018 Kathe LeBeau Patient Advocate Award.

Mr. Teasley, a non-combat veteran of the US Army, has been living with kidney disease since 1993. He started dialysis in 2010 and received a kidney transplant in 2016. Mr. Teasley began volunteering with the Network in 2014 as both a Network and national Patient Subject Matter Expert. By 2015 Mr. Teasley was a peer mentor for the ESRD National Coordinating Center (NCC) and a co-chair of the Network's PAC, representing the Bronx. In January 2018, Mr. Teasley joined the Network's Medical Review Board.

He has participated in many meetings, webinars and conference calls supporting both ESRD Network and NCC initiatives including transplant awareness, antibiotic stewardship, and the Kidney School program. In 2017 Mr. Teasley joined the ESRD NCC's Mental Health Affinity Group, where he has used SMART goals to end his use of insulin. He has shared his passion for healthy eating and uses his faith and spirituality to help others realize their own potential in dealing with chronic illness.

In 2018 Mr. Teasley represented the Network at the national CMS Quality Conference, titled, "Patients over Paperwork." He uses his life experience and eclectic talents to champion causes beyond ESRD, including HIV/AIDS and cancer prevention, diabetes management and vocational rehabilitation (as part of a career transition). After completing the vocational rehabilitation program, Mr. Teasley became a vocational rehabilitation trainer. He strongly feels, and has shown by his own example, that if people are given the chance to participate in their own care, they can change the trajectory of their health. He is known to say, "Simply...it's not what's put on you; it's what you do with it that matters."



# 2017 Quality Awards



The IPRO ESRD Network of New York Quality Awards recognize members of the ESRD provider community who have consistently raised quality standards well above the minimum requirements. The award categories align with the mission of the Network: to promote healthcare for all ESRD patients that is safe, effective, efficient, patient-centered, timely, and equitable.

## Patient Advisory Committee (PAC)

The Network's goal is to have at least one PAC Representative on each shift, in each dialysis facility in New York State. In 2017, 53% of facilities in the Network's service area had at least one PAC Representative.

### Quality Award for PAC Engagement

Congratulations to **Harlem Hospital** and **New York Renal Associates** for their dedication to patient engagement and their leadership role in promoting patient-centered care in their day-to-day practice. This accomplishment is demonstrated by 14.6% of the patient population of **Harlem Hospital** and 10.2% of the patient population of **New York Renal Associates** serving as PAC Representatives.

#### Facility census 25-99:

**Harlem Hospital**, New York  
14.6% of the patient population

#### Facility census >100:

**New York Renal Associates**, Queens  
10.2% of the patient population



## Patient Engagement

### Recognition for Working Together: The 30-Day Trial Program

The 30-day trial program was launched by the Network in 2015 as a way to assist those patients in the Network's service area who were without a dialysis facility as a result of an involuntary discharge or other failure-to-place reason. Through this program the referring social worker identifies a facility that is willing to accept the patient on a trial basis for 30 days, and at the end of that time the facility will make the decision whether they would like to accept the patient permanently into their facility. During that time the Network works with the patient and facility to help support permanent placement. This program is made possible by the Network's partnership with the New York State Department of Health. The Network staff would like to acknowledge the following facilities that participated in the 30-day trial program in 2017:

**Broadway Dialysis Center at Elmhurst Hospital**, Flushing

**Erie County Dialysis**, Buffalo

**Hicksville Dialysis**, Hicksville

**Long Island Jewish Satellite Dialysis**, Queens Village

**New York Presbyterian Hospital Dialysis**, New York

**SUNY Parkside Dialysis Center**, Brooklyn

**Winthrop University Dialysis**, Mineola

# 2017 Quality Awards

## Recognition for Peer Mentorship Program Participation

Congratulations to the following facilities that participated in the Network's Peer Mentorship Training Program in 2017. The Peer Mentorship Training Program was developed to train ESRD patients or family members/care partners interested in serving their facility as a patient educator or peer mentor. This training program includes learning objectives on communicating effectively with peers, coaching and leadership development, discussing transplant as a treatment option, and helping peers plan for a vascular access. The Peer Mentorship Training Program aims to empower individuals to take more active roles in their care, facility, community, and their personal lives.

**Adirondack Medical Center ESRD**, Saranac Lake

**Adirondack Medical Center ESRD**, Tupper Lake

**Broadway Dialysis Center at Elmhurst Hospital**, Flushing

**Brookhaven Memorial Hospital Medical Center**, Patchogue

**Brookhaven Memorial Hospital Dialysis Satellite**, Patchogue

**Carol Molinaro Dialysis Center**, Staten Island

**Central Brooklyn Dialysis Center LLC.**, Brooklyn

**Central Park Dialysis Center**, New York

**East End Dialysis Management LLC**, Riverhead

**Eastchester Road Dialysis**, Bronx

**FMS-Albany Regional Kidney Center**, Albany

**Kings County Hospital Center**, Brooklyn

**Mohawk Valley Dialysis Center, Inc.**, Amsterdam

**Mt. Sinai Kidney Center**, New York

**New York Renal Associates**, Bronx

**Niagara Dialysis Center**, Niagara Falls

**Noyes Center for Kidney Disease and Dialysis**, Geneseo

**Pure Life Renal of Buffalo Inc.**, Williamsville

**Rochester General Hospital - Bay Creek Dialysis Center**, Webster

**Rochester General Hospital Dialysis Center**, Rochester

**St. Joseph's - Regional**, Syracuse

**Winthrop University Hospital**, Mineola

## Emergency Preparedness

### Quality Award for Excellence in Emergency Preparedness

**Liberty Hudson Valley Dialysis**, Newburgh

On Friday, February 3, 2017 staff identified cracks in the building structure. After an assessment by engineers on Saturday, staff proactively moved ALL patients to dialyze at their backup facility. On Monday, February 6, 2017 the building was deemed uninhabitable. Facility staff and upper management met daily with representatives from CMS, the State Department of Health, and the Network to ensure that patients had access to care, and staff was able to provide care. Although some treatments were shortened on the first day after the temporary move, no patients missed treatment, and staff ensured that communication was a priority—including having a person waiting at the damaged unit to ensure that all transportation providers were aware of the temporary displacement.

Twenty-nine days after the patients, equipment and staff were moved overnight to the temporary facility, after vigorous inspection by local and state health and building authorities, the process was reversed and the newly repaired building was re-occupied. This unprecedented seamless move of over 140 patients could happen only when a prepared staff and community work together to help mitigate a disaster.

# Quality Improvement

## Quality Award for Best Practice in a Transplant Center

For maintaining 100% patient census reconciliation since 1979.

**New York-Presbyterian Hospital/Columbia Transplant Center**, New York

## Quality Award for Greatest Increase in Transplant Referral Rates

The following facilities attained the largest increase in transplant referral rates as part of the Transplant Coordination Quality Improvement Activity during the period of January through September 2017.

**Renal Care of Rockland, Inc.**, Valley Cottage

**DSI Dutchess Dialysis**, Poughkeepsie

## Recognition for Improvement in Transplant Referral Rates

The following facilities were leaders in improving transplant referral rates in New York State as part of the Transplant Coordination Quality Improvement Activity during the period of January through September 2017.

**FMS-Monroe Community Dialysis**, Rochester

**Eastchester Road Dialysis**, Bronx

**Central Park Dialysis**, New York

**Nassau Dialysis LLC**, Bellmore

**DCI Stony Brook Kidney Center**, East Setauket

**DCI University**, Syracuse

**Staten Island Dialysis**, Staten Island

**St. Joseph's – Regional**, Syracuse

## Quality Award for Greatest Improvement in Catheter Reduction

The following facilities were leaders in reducing catheter rates in New York State as part of the Long Term Catheter Quality Improvement Activity during the period of January through September 2017.

Facility census 25-99:

**Atlantic Hemodialysis at Cobble Hill**, Brooklyn

**Faxton St. Luke's Healthcare – Masonic**, Utica

Facility >100:

**FMS-Capital District Dialysis Center**, Schenectady

**Kingston Hospital Dialysis Center-Satellite**,  
Kingston

# 2017 Quality Awards

## Recognition in ESRD Quality Incentive Program (QIP) Achievement Catheter Reduction

Recognition for highest score (10 points) on catheter reduction for ESRD QIP 2018 performance score summary report.

**Brooklyn Hospital Center**, Brooklyn

**Brooklyn Hospital Center II**, Brooklyn

**Huntington AKC-Medford Ext.**, Medford

**Mt. Sinai Kidney Center**, New York

**Williamsbridge Dialysis Center**, Bronx

**Kings County Hospital Center**, Brooklyn

**Yonkers Dialysis Center**, Yonkers

## Quality Award for Highest Arterial Venous Fistula (AVF) Rate

In 2017, the following facilities had the highest AVF in-use rates in New York State.

Facility census 25-99:

**Mary Imogene Bassett Hospital**, Cooperstown

**Jamestown Dialysis Center**, Jamestown

Facility census >100:

**Borough Park Dialysis**, Brooklyn

## Recognition in ESRD Quality Incentive Program (QIP) Achievement Arteriovenous Fistula/Graft

The following facilities have achieved the highest score (10 points) on the Vascular Access Type ESRD QIP Measure for payment year 2018.

**Brooklyn Hospital Center**, Brooklyn

**Brooklyn Hospital Center II**, Brooklyn

**Celia Dill Dialysis Center**, Carmel

**Chinatown Dialysis Center Inc.**, New York

**Dyker Heights Dialysis Center**, Brooklyn

**FMS-Finger Lakes**, Victor

**FMS-Niagara Renal Center, Inc.**, Niagara Falls

**Fresenius Kidney Care – Newark**, Newark

**Garden City Dialysis Center**, Garden City

**Huntington Artificial Kidney Center**, Huntington Station

**Jamestown Dialysis Center**, Jamestown

**Kings County Hospital Center**, Brooklyn

**Williamsbridge Dialysis Center**, Bronx

**Borough Park Dialysis**, Brooklyn

**Liverpool Dialysis Center, LLC**, Syracuse

**Lowville Dialysis Center**, Lowville

**Marjorie Basser Dialysis Center**, Far Rockaway

**Massena Dialysis Center**, Massena

**New York AKC, Inc.**, Brooklyn

**Noyes Center For Kidney Disease And Dialysis**, Geneseo

**Pelham Parkway Dialysis Center**, Bronx

**Port Washington Dialysis Center**, Port Washington

**Queens Village Dialysis Center**, Queens Village

**Richmond Kidney Center**, Staten Island

**River Renal Services, LLC.**, New York

**Stony Brook Southampton Hospital Regional Dialysis Center**, Hampton Bays

**Southtowns Dialysis Center**, Hamburg  
**Springfield Dialysis Center**, Jamaica  
**St. James Mercy Hospital**, Hornell  
**Staten Island Dialysis Clinic/AKC**, Staten Island  
**The Rogosin Institute Auburndale Dialysis**, Flushing  
**Unity Dialysis at Chili**, Rochester

**Utica Avenue Dialysis Clinic, Inc.**, Brooklyn  
**Winthrop University Hospital – Dialysis Center at Bethpage**, Bethpage  
**Yonkers East Dialysis Center**, Yonkers  
**Yorktown AKC**, Yorktown Heights

### **Recognition for Excellence in Bloodstream Infection (BSI) Reduction**

The following facilities were leaders in eliminating healthcare acquired infections (HAIs), by maintaining a ZERO PERCENT BSI rate per 100-patient months, for six or more consecutive months as reported in NHSN January through June 2017.

**Adirondack Medical Center - Dialysis**, Tupper Lake  
**Adirondack Medical Center ESRD**, Saranac Lake  
**Albany Medical Center**, Albany  
**Astoria Dialysis Center**, Queens  
**Bassett Healthcare Little Falls Dialysis**, Little Falls  
**Borough Park Dialysis**, Brooklyn  
**Boston Post Road Dialysis Center**, Bronx  
**Brookhaven Memorial Hospital Dialysis**, Patchogue  
**Brookhaven Memorial Hospital Dialysis Satellite**, Patchogue  
**Brooklyn Dialysis Center LLC**, Brooklyn  
**Brooklyn Hospital Center II**, Brooklyn  
**Brooklyn Hospital Center**, Brooklyn  
**Carillon Dialysis LLC**, Huntington  
**Central Park Dialysis**, New York City  
**Clinton Hill Dialysis**, Brooklyn  
**DCI - Rubin Dialysis Center**, Troy  
**Dialysis Clinic, Inc.**, Albany  
**East Greenbush Dialysis**, East Greenbush  
**East Islip Dialysis**, East Islip  
**Eastern Niagara Hospital ESRD**, Newfane

**Elizabethtown Center, LLC**, Elizabethtown  
**FMS - Greece Dialysis Center**, Greece  
**FMS-Amsterdam Dialysis Center**, Amsterdam  
**FMS-Irondequoit Bay Dialysis**, Webster  
**FMS-Living Center**, Pittsford  
**Fresenius Kidney Care - Degraw Street**, Brooklyn  
**Fresenius Kidney Care**, Hornell  
**Hertel Avenue Dialysis**, Buffalo  
**Huntington Hospital Dialysis**, Huntington  
**Island Rehabilitative Services-Clove Lakes Ext.**, Staten Island  
**Ithaca Dialysis Clinic**, Ithaca  
**Lake Plains Dialysis Center**, Medina  
**Liberty Dialysis - Hyde Park**, Poughkeepsie  
**LIJ Medical Center**, New Hyde Park  
**Melrose Dialysis**, Bronx  
**New York - Presbyterian Hospital - Columbia**, New York  
**Niagara Dialysis Center**, Niagara Falls  
**Niagara Renal - Wheatfield**, North Tonawanda  
**Northtowns Dialysis Center**, Tonawanda  
**Peekskill-Cortlandt Dialysis Center**, Cortlandt Manor



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**Port Chester Dialysis & Renal Center**, Port Chester  
**Queens Dialysis at The Pavilion, LLC**, Flushing  
**Queens-Long Island Renal Institute**, New Hyde Park  
**Renal Care of Rockland, Inc.**, Valley Cottage  
**Rogosin West Side**, New York City  
**South Nassau Communities Hospital Dialysis**,  
Oceanside  
**Saratoga Springs Dialysis Center**, Saratoga Springs  
**Sound Shore Dialysis Center**, New Rochelle  
**South Bronx Dialysis Center**, Bronx  
**St. Joseph's – Camillus**, Camillus  
**St. Joseph's Hospital Health Center Dialysis**,  
Yonkers

**Strong Health Dialysis-Clinton Crossings**,  
Rochester  
**The Children's Hospital of Buffalo**, Buffalo  
**The Dialysis Center at Bethpage**, Bethpage  
**The NY Hospital Medical Center of Queens**,  
Flushing  
**Trude Weishaupt Memorial Dialysis Center**, Fresh  
Meadows  
**UHS Dialysis - Park Avenue**, Binghamton  
**Unity Dialysis at Chili**, Rochester  
**University Dialysis Center at Oswego**, Oswego  
**University Dialysis Center**, Syracuse

## Quality Award for Excellence in Data Submission

The following facilities are being recognized for excellence in data submission to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) designated data systems. This year's award is based on facilities' completion of all required 2728 and 2746 forms as captured in CROWNWeb during the period of July 1 through December 31, 2017.

### Facility census 25-99:

**Lincoln Hospital Dialysis**, Bronx

### Facility census $\geq 100$ :

**FMS-Capital District Dialysis Center**, Schenectady  
**The Rogosin Institute Auburndale Dialysis**, Flushing  
**Rogosin Kidney Center – Brooklyn**, Brooklyn  
**Lower Manhattan Dialysis Center**, New York  
**USRC South Flushing**, Queens

## Recognition for Highest Data Submission Rates

Recognition is based on facilities' completion of six months or more of all required 2728 and 2746 forms as captured in CROWNWeb during the period of July 1 through December 31, 2017.

**Adirondack Medical Center ESRD**, Saranac Lake

**Bassett Healthcare**, Oneonta

**Carol Molinaro Dialysis Center**, Staten Island

**Celia Dill Dialysis Center**, Carmel

**Corning Dialysis**, Corning

**Elizabethtown Center, LLC**, Elizabethtown

**Faxton St. Luke's Healthcare-Rome**, Rome

**FMS-Capital District Dialysis Center**, Schenectady

**Gloversville Dialysis Center**, Gloversville

**James J. Peters VA Medical Center**, Bronx

**Lake Plains Dialysis Center at Batavia**, Batavia

**Lincoln Hospital**, Bronx

**Lower Manhattan Dialysis Center**, New York

**Lower Manhattan Dialysis Center II**, New York

**Lowville Dialysis Center**, Lowville

**Montefiore Medical Center - Wakefield Hospital**, Bronx

**Newark Wayne Dialysis Center**, Newark

**Olean General Dialysis**, Olean

**Rogosin Kidney Center – Brooklyn**, Brooklyn

**S. Nassau Communities Hospital Dialysis**, Oceanside

**St. Joseph's Hospital Health Center Dialysis**, Yonkers

**The Children's Hospital of Buffalo**, Buffalo

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# HELP SAVE LIVES

## The ESRD Network Community is joining the Medication Management and Opioid (MMO) Initiative.

In alignment with national action towards improving medication management and opioid misuse, The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is focused on patients and improving their health outcomes, reducing unnecessary utilization, and generating cost savings for public and private payers.

**Attention:**  
Physicians, Nurse Practitioners, Physician Assistants,  
Registered Nurses

**Please sign the MMO Pledge at**

**<https://www.healthcarecommunities.org/Home/MMOPledge.aspx>**

The MMO pledge is intended to generate commitments from clinicians and practices to be in action by signing the MMO Pledge in order to

- (1) Educate ourselves and our team to refer patients to appropriate resources and implement best practices,
- (2) Ensure persons with opioid use disorder are treated in a respectful and person-centered manner,
- (3) Leverage and align with existing programs and initiatives, as appropriate, to combat opioid misuse, and
- (4) To identify and report on successes and best practices and spread within CMS networks.

**Join the National Learning and Action Network**

Be on the lookout for an upcoming ESRD NCC Learning and Action Network (LAN) Call to address the misuse of opioids in the dialysis community, as well to share best practices! (More details to come.)

**Share Your Story**

There is a MMO Performance Story template designed to collect performance stories from CMS community participants in managing the impact of opioid misuse in their population at the local level. **These are due for completion by June 1st.**

**<https://www.healthcarecommunities.org/Home/MMOPerformanceStories.aspx>**

# Keep in Touch

The staff members of the IPRO ESRD Network of New York are available to provide technical assistance; support quality improvement initiatives, collection and management of data, and community education; and to serve as a resource to the provider community and regulatory bodies. We look forward to working with the community to help build stronger partnerships in patient care. Please feel free to contact us at any time with questions or concerns.

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