IPRO ESRD Network of New York
2019 ANNUAL MEETING

Aiming Higher to Exceed ESRD Quality Goals

Thursday, April 4, 2019
Garden City Hotel
45 Seventh Street, Garden City, NY

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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 prospective CE tables located near the event registration table.
- Please complete an event evaluation regarding your satisfaction and suggestions for improvement regarding the Network.
- A completed event evaluation must be returned in order to receive your 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 6.0 Continuing Professional Educational Units (CPEUs).

SOCIAL WORKERS: Earn up to 5.0 CEU total, pending ASWB approval (Level Intermediate)

The National Kidney Foundation Council of Nephrology Social Workers, provider #1014, is approved as a provider for continuing education by the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) www.aswb.org, through the Approved Continuing Education (ACE) program. The National Kidney Foundation Council of Nephrology Social Workers maintains responsibility for the program. Licensed social workers should contact their individual jurisdiction to review current continuing education requirements for licensure renewal.

NURSES and TECHNICIANS: This program has been approved by the National Association of Nephrology Technicians/Technologists (NANT) to award 6.6 contact hours for Nursing and Technicians, for reciprocal credit offered by the following organizations, Nephrology Nursing Certification Commission (NNCC), National Nephrology Certification Organization (NNCO), and/or Board of Nephrology Examiners (BONENT).

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ERIN BAUMANN, LMSW, MHLP
Ms. Baumann joined the IPRO ESRD Network of New York in 2016 after working as a renal social worker at Northwell Long Island Jewish Medical Center. Since 2016, Ms. Baumann has served as the Network’s patient services director, supporting the ESRD community through patient advocacy. Her efforts focus on helping to ensure patients’ access to care, and providing facilities with educational resources to help them meet the specific needs of their patients. Ms. Baumann holds a master’s degree in social work (MSW) from Fordham University, and a master’s degree in health law and policy from Hofstra University.

ANNA BENNETT
Ms. Bennett has been with the IPRO ESRD Network of New York since September 2010, and serves as a Network Quality Improvement Coordinator (QIC) and Emergency Manager. As QIC, in 2019, she is the lead for transplant, home therapies and vocational rehabilitation Quality Improvement Activities. In her role as Emergency Manager, Her work focuses on collaborating with local, state and national healthcare emergency coalitions to ensure community preparedness, effective communication and reporting, and patient access to care in the event of a disaster. Ms. Bennett holds Emergency Management Inclusive Planning certification from Niagara University, and has completed coursework with FEMA’s Emergency Management Professional Program, New York University and the State University of New York’s Empire State College. Ms. Bennett has received several awards for her accomplishments and contributions to the kidney community. In 2015 she was recognized by the New York State Patient Advisory Committee with a “Superstar” award for her dedication to patient education and advocacy. She also received the 2015 IPRO Award for Outstanding Service.

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, patient and professional education services to more than 1,800 dialysis facilities, 140,000 dialysis patients, and 50 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 35 years’ experience, with the last 13 years focused on the end stage renal disease community. Ms. Caponi holds a bachelor’s of science degree in nursing, as well as a master’s degree in business administration. She is also a Certified Professional in Healthcare Quality.

DANIEL CUKOR, PHD
Dr. Daniel Cukor is an associate professor in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at SUNY Downstate and a research scientist for the Brooklyn Health Disparity Center. He received his doctorate in clinical health psychology from Ferkauf Graduate School of Psychology, Albert Einstein College of Medicine. Dr. Cukor has been involved in several nationally funded trials studying the mental health needs of patients with end stage renal disease. His current interests also include health disparities and cognitive behavioral interventions for medication noncompliance, depression, insomnia and pain in patients with renal disease.

ALBERT DIAZ-CRUZ
Mr. Diaz-Cruz is a graduate of Boricua College and Columbia University. He grew up in Puerto Rico and New York City and is fluent in both English and Spanish. He is a retired school teacher who has worked for the New York City Department of Education for over 35 years as an early childhood elementary school teacher and a bilingual-Spanish teacher. Mr. Diaz-Cruz is an avid journal writer and is currently a journal consultant and proprioceptive writer who uses his platform to encourage writing as healing and community building. Through his writing, he has traveled to Africa and has become an ordained priest and a devotee of African metaphysics and its philosophy. His continuous studies of theology and healing led him to become involved with the ESRD Network to help make a difference in the world.
DAWN EDWARDS  
A PAC Advisor for Network 2, Dawn Edwards has lived with kidney disease for over 25 years. Since her diagnosis Ms. Edwards has gained experience with various treatment modalities. Her advocacy for home dialysis treatment led to her work with NXStage. Ms. Edwards has been an advocate with the ESRD Network of New York for over ten years, supporting the work through her involvement in Network quality improvement projects and the ESRD National Coordinating Center (NCC). She is one of the founding members of the New York State CKD Champions whose mission is to provide information, resources and support to the CKD community.

INGRIS GARCIA, RDN, CDN  
Ingris Garcia is a bilingual registered dietitian nutritionist with a clinical background in medical nutrition therapy and community nutrition education. Ms. Garcia currently applies her clinical dietetics expertise, culturally competent patient engagement skills, and public speaking experience to influence positive behavior change for thousands of Medicare beneficiaries through the various healthcare quality improvement projects and provider relations activities she conducts as population health coordinator for IPRO’s Center for Healthcare Consumer Engagement. She is currently responsible for developing and implementing population-based efforts to monitor and improve effectiveness of IPRO’s Chronic Kidney Disease-Awareness and Prevention Program. Ms. Garcia has played an integral role in the implementation of several of IPRO’s cross-program patient and provider healthcare quality improvement projects centered on antibiotic stewardship, chronic disease self-management, hypertension, and immunizations. She also plays a key role in IPRO’s employee wellness committee initiatives.

Ms. Garcia has a bachelor of science in dietetics, food and nutrition. She holds certifications from the Self-Management Resource Center (SMRC) as a master trainer in diabetes self-management, chronic disease self-management, and for the Tomando Control de Su Salud (Spanish) evidence-based programs. Ms. Garcia actively promotes the advocacy and public health initiatives of the American Diabetes Association as an expert speaker and active member of the ADA Community Health Strategies Committee in the New York City sector.

DIANNE LAPOINTE-RUDOW, DNP  
Dr. LaPointe Rudow joined the Mount Sinai Team in April 2010 after a career at Columbia University Medical Center where she started the liver transplant program in 1998. She has been instrumental in expanding the medical center’s liver transplant program and developed its living donor advocacy team to evaluate and manage live liver donors. She joined Recanati/Miller Transplantation Institute (RMTI) at the Mount Sinai Hospital to develop and direct The Center for Living Donation, where she has expanded her vision to encompass comprehensive care for liver and kidney donors, making it the first program of its kind to provide innovative expertise on patients’ medical, surgical, and psychological health before and after live donation.

Dr. LaPointe-Rudow has published and presented on live donor advocacy both nationally and internationally. Additionally she has served on many boards and committees dealing with the subject of transplantation.

CARRIE LINDOWER, RN, MBA, CPTC, CCTC  
Ms. Lindower was a transplant senior specialist at the State University of New York Health Science Center (SUNY HSC) in Stony Brook, where she served on the ad hoc disease transmission advisory committee.

She is president of The Organization for Transplant Professionals (NATCO) and has co-chaired its bylaws committee and its annual meeting. She has served on the faculty for NATCO’s introductory course for the new transplant coordinator, and she developed "Many Faces of Transplantation," a half-day professional education program accredited for CEUs through the American Association of Colleges of Nursing. She served as NATCO’s representative for the OPTN/UNOS pediatric brain death advisory council to review brain death guidelines and develop educational materials. She was an invited panel member for a keynote presentation on multicultural differences in donation at an annual conference of the International Transplant Nurses Society.

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.
KATIE OREM, MPH
Katie Orem is the geriatrics and palliative care program manager at Excellus BlueCross BlueShield and the eMOLST administrator for New York State. She has worked on New York’s Medical Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment (MOLST) program for more than ten years. She supports the expansion and evaluation of advance care planning, palliative care and end-of-life care initiatives across New York State and nationally. She has assisted many organizations in improving their advance care planning and MOLST processes, complying with New York State Public Health Law, and implementing eMOLST.

Ms. Orem is a member of the New York State MOLST Team’s Executive Committee, the National Provider Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment (POLST) Technology Committee and New York’s National Healthcare Decisions Day Committee. Ms. Orem received a master’s degree in public health from the Yale School of Public Health, with a concentration in health policy & administration. She received her undergraduate education at Cornell University.

JEANINE PILGRIM, BSHSM
Jeanine Pilgrim joined the IPRO End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Network Program in 2010 and currently is the quality improvement director, previously serving as the national program manager for patient and family engagement for the CMS ESRD National Coordinating Center. She has participated on various technical expert panels and in national healthcare quality conferences, speaking on topics that include patient activation, disease prevention, health promotion, health equity and disparity reduction, collective impact and spread theory, and quality improvement educational campaigns to improve patient quality of life.

She has 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 and outcomes. She received certification as a master trainer in cultural competency and health literacy from the Long Island Health Collaborative. She is also a certified community organizer, having completed the Leadership, Organizing and Action: Leading Change course at Harvard Kennedy School Executive Education program. Ms. Pilgrim holds a bachelor’s of science degree in organizational management from St. John’s University with a minor in health services management. Ms. Pilgrim is currently pursuing a master’s of science in public health (MPH) from Adelphi University with a concentration in community health education.

SHERILLEE RIVERO
Sherillee Rivero is originally from Belize and has resided in the U.S. for 20 years. For the last 10 years she has been a dialysis patient because of kidney failure due to lupus nephritis. Ms. Rivero first became interested in the Network because of her desire to be educated about her medical condition. Her propensity for education led her to become a Patient Subject Matter Expert with the ESRD Network of New York. She is a strong proponent of patient education because she feels if patients are duly informed about their condition they can make better decisions to improve their quality of life. Ms. Rivero is also actively involved with several lupus and ESRD support groups.

KENNETH TEASLEY
Originally from Salisbury, North Carolina, Kenneth Teasley now lives in the Bronx, New York. His journey with managing chronic illness started 23 years ago when he was diagnosed with chronic kidney disease. Mr. Teasley’s kidneys failed in 2011, at which time he began life saving dialysis treatments three times a week for five years, until he received a kidney transplant in 2016. He has been a healthcare advocate, Network PAC Chair, and patient subject matter expert for the ESRD National Coordinating Center for three years. Prior to dialysis, Mr. Teasley, a non-combat Army veteran, was employed as a harm reductionist specializing in addiction treatment.

JOHN WAGNER, MD
A nephrologist, Dr. Wagner directed a large academic dialysis program in Queens, New York for 20 years; has been a faculty member of several New York medical schools, currently SUNY-Downstate in Brooklyn; and for 20 years has served in various capacities with the IPRO ESRD Network of New York, supporting its efforts to improve the quality of care rendered to patients with ESRD in New York. He expanded his portfolio of volunteer activities with a quality focus through his seven year association with the National Forum of ESRD Networks and his participation in the work of the Renal Standing Committee of the National Quality Forum. Given his interest in having a greater impact on optimizing care for the medically challenged and disadvantaged, five years ago Dr. Wagner assumed his current role in a large New York City owned hospital in central Brooklyn. His research interests have included novel therapeutic agents in ESRD and metabolic bone disease.
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 2019 Honorees.
2019 Kathe LeBeau Patient Advocate Award

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 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.

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.

DAWN P. EDWARDS

Patient Advocate Award Recipient

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Past Winners
2015 Lisa Baxter
2016 Pete Savage
2017 Barbara Breckenridge
2018 Kenneth Teasley

Honorable Mentions
Fred Atkins*
Stephanie Dixon
Larry Wilson
Dawn Edwards
Roxie Stamps*
Jacqueline Tooley

*posthumous
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.

**INNOVATION**

**Quality Award for Excellence in Emergency Preparedness**

Ellen DeMarco, RN, Director of Dialysis Nursing and Patient Care, Rogosin Institute

In recognition of Ms. DeMarco’s partnership with the Northern Manhattan Healthcare Emergency Liaison Partnership (North HELP) to run a community table top drill for NYC dialysis facilities in 2018, as well as her tireless work to improve emergency preparedness in the community.

**Quality Award for Excellence in Education and Engagement**

2018 Education Station Contest Winner

333563 Bassett Healthcare Little Falls Dialysis

**Recognition Award for Education Station Contest**

*Top Finalists*

332680 The Rogosin Institute Auburndale Dialysis, Flushing
332517 FMS-Queens Artificial Kidney, Queens
332532 DCI-Rubin Dialysis Center, Troy
332534 FMS-Nephrocare, Brooklyn
332538 FMS-Middletown Dialysis, Middletown
332569 FMS-Albany Regional Kidney Center, Albany
332597 Northtowns Dialysis Center, Tonawanda
332600 Suburban Dialysis Center, Amherst
332632 DCI Rubin Dialysis Center, Clifton Park
332679 Souhtowns Dialysis, Hamburg
332702 HK Freedman Renal Center, Plattsburg
332736 Freedom Center of Westmere, Albany
332738 Freedom Center of Syossett LLC, Hicksville
333519 Olean General Dialysis, Olean
2019 Quality Awards

Customer Focus

Quality Award for Highest Transplant Waitlist Rates
The following facility attained the largest number of transplant referrals during the period of October 2013 through September 2018.

332520 Rogosin Institute, New York

Quality Award for Greatest Increase in Home Therapies Training Rates
The following facility attained the largest number of patients utilizing home therapy during the period of October 2013 through September 2018.

333554 Rochester General Hospital Dialysis, Rochester

Quality Award for Highest Vocational Rehabilitation Referral Rates
The following facility attained the highest referral rates to vocational rehabilitation services during the period of January through September 2018.

332551 Pure Life Renal of Buffalo Inc., Williamsville
UNCONDITIONAL TEAMWORK & BOUNDARILESNESS

Recognition of Excellence Award for Transplant Center Collaboration
IPRO ESRD Network of New York Collaboration with NYKidney Transplant Consortium
Project: Dialysis and Transplant ECHO (DATE)
Participants in the Project ECHO Pilot Program (December 2018–April 2019)

332581 Brookdale Physicians Dialysis Associates, Brooklyn
332524 City Dialysis Center, New York
332517 FMS Queens Artificial Kidney Center, Jackson Heights
332595 FMS St. Alban’s Dialysis Center, Jamaica
332723 Freedom Center of Rochester, Rochester
332571 Hudson Valley Dialysis Center, Tarrytown
332555 Huntington AKC-DaVita Medford Ext., Medford
333569 Rochester General Hospital-Bay Creek Dialysis Center, Webster
332567 Staten Island Dialysis Clinic/AKC, Staten Island
332629 Strong Health Dialysis-Clinton Crossings, Rochester
332545 University Dialysis Center, Syracuse

Quality Award for Network Collaboration
IPRO ESRD Network of New York Collaboration with Medicare Quality Innovation Network-Quality Improvement Organization
Network Collaboration: Antibiotic Stewardship Train-the-Trainer Pilot

332582 New York Renal Associates, Bronx

An important part of the work IPRO conducts as the Medicare Quality Innovation Network-Quality Improvement Organization for New York State focuses on improving antibiotic stewardship. The Network collaborated with IPRO’s antibiotic stewardship team to develop a community-level train-the-trainer program. Thirteen dialysis facilities were recruited to educate patients, dialysis technicians, and dialysis nurses about the importance of antibiotic stewardship in a dialysis care setting. Educational content was developed with input from patient subject matter experts (SMEs) within the Network’s Patient Advisory Council (PAC), testing for appropriate health literacy levels and readability suitable for Medicare beneficiaries. In September 2018, the educational program was pilot tested in one facility as a small test-of-change, with a goal to subsequently expand to 12 additional dialysis facilities within the Atlantic Dialysis practice.

To increase awareness and maximize reach, the program will be administered through the IPRO ESRD Network Program’s E-University Learning Management System (LMS) online platform. Advantages of using this system include the ability to track user participation and aggregate knowledge competency scores for patients, nurses, and technicians. The train-the-trainer program culminates with a celebration of success that includes presentation of ESRD Network-developed completion certificates and badges. Participants are recognized for their role as “Antibiotic Awareness Advocates” who share and spread what they’ve learned about antibiotic stewardship to other patients and staff through small group presentations and on-going dialysis facility lobby day events. These efforts support the Network in promoting program sustainability.
2019 Quality Awards

RAPID CYCLE IMPROVEMENT

Recognition of Achievement in the ESRD Quality Incentive Program (QIP): Bloodstream Infection (BSI) Reduction

The following facilities demonstrated success in eliminating healthcare acquired infections (HAIs), by obtaining highest score (10 points) on infection reduction for the ESRD QIP 2018 performance score summary report.

332404 Adirondack Medical Center, Saranac Lake
332652 Astoria Dialysis Center, Astoria
333563 Bassett Healthcare Little Falls Dialysis, Little Falls
332742 Cassena Care Dialysis at Peninsula, Far Rockaway
332532 DCI - Rubin Dialysis Center, Troy
332684 Dialysis Clinic, Inc., Albany
332710 Elizabethtown Center, LLC, Elizabethtown
332586 FMS-Amsterdam Dialysis Center, Amsterdam
332630 FMS-Living Center, Fairport
332698 FMS-Irondequoit Bay Dialysis, Webster
332719 FMC Saratoga Springs, Saratoga Springs
332681 Fresenius Kidney Care-Wheatfield, North Tonawanda
332310 Huntington Hospital, Huntington
332536 Ithaca Dialysis Clinic, Ithaca
332541 Ridgewood Dialysis Center, Inc., Ridgewood
332714 Rogosin West Side, New York
332388 S. Nassau Communities Hospital, Oceanside
332740 Rotterdam-Schenectady Dialysis Center, Schenectady
332303 St. Joseph’s Hospital Health Center, Yonkers
332311 The NY Hospital Medical Center of Queens, Flushing
332747 US Renal Care West Cheektowaga, Buffalo

Recognition of Achievement in the ESRD QIP: Long-term Catheter (LTC) Reduction

The following facilities were leaders in reduction of long-term catheters, by obtaining highest score (10 points) on catheter reduction for ESRD QIP 2018 performance score summary report.

332706 Avantus Harlem Green Dialysis, New York
333531 Bassett Healthcare, Oneonta
332662 Bedford Park Dialysis Center, Bronx
332678 Borough Park Dialysis, Brooklyn
332581 Brookdale Physicians Dialysis Associates, Brooklyn
332312 Brooklyn Hospital Center, Brooklyn
333515 Brooklyn Hospital Center II, Brooklyn
332549 Fresenius Kidney Care–Niagara, Niagara Falls
332748 Huntington Station Dialysis Center, Huntington Station
332717 Massena Dialysis Center, Massena
332346 NYC Health + Hospitals/Kings County, Brooklyn
332559 Port Chester Dialysis & Renal Center, Purchase
332604 Sheepshead Bay Renal Care Center, Brooklyn
332504 Westchester Artificial Kidney Center, Elmsford
333522 Winthrop University Hospital, Bethpage
332602 Yonkers Dialysis Center, Yonkers
332669 Yonkers East Dialysis Center, Yonkers
332614 Yorktown AKC, Yorktown Heights
Recognition of Achievement in the ESRD QIP: Arteriovenous Fistula (AVF)/Graft (AVG)
The following facilities achieved the highest score (10 points) on the Vascular Access Type ESRD QIP Measure for payment year 2019.

332706  Avantus Harlem Green Dialysis, New York
332678  Borough Park Dialysis, Brooklyn
332581  Brookdale Physicians Dialysis Associates, Brooklyn
333515  Brooklyn Hospital Center II, Brooklyn
332651  Celia Dill Dialysis Center, Carmel
332607  Chinatown Dialysis Center Inc., New York
332596  Dyker Heights Dialysis Center, Brooklyn
332549  Fresenius Kidney Care – Niagara, Niagara Falls
332605  Garden City Dialysis Center, Garden City
332642  Grand Concourse Dialysis Facility, Bronx
332703  Jamestown Dialysis Center, Jamestown
332717  Massena Dialysis Center, Massena
332307  Mt. Sinai Kidney Center, New York
332620  New Hyde Park Dialysis Center, New Hyde Park
332346  NYC Health + Hospitals/Kings County, Brooklyn
332591  Port Washington Dialysis Center, Port Washington
332603  Queens Village Dialysis Center, Queens Village
332673  Queens-Long Island Renal Institute, Queens
332683  River Renal Services, LLC, New York
332522  Rogosin Institute-Nephrology Foundation of Brooklyn South, Brooklyn
332604  Sheepshead Bay Renal Care Center, Brooklyn
332590  Soundview Dialysis Center, Bronx
333535  South Nassau Outpatient Dialysis Center, Oceanside
332587  Springfield Dialysis Center, Jamaica
332665  St. Joseph’s Dialysis – Seneca, Liverpool
332567  Staten Island Dialysis Clinic/AKC, Staten Island
332680  The Rogosin Institute Auburndale Dialysis, Flushing
333566  Unity Dialysis at Chili, Rochester
332685  US Renal Care Tonawanda Dialysis, Tonawanda
332556  Utica Avenue Dialysis Center, Brooklyn
332336  Winthrop University Hospital, Mineola
332614  Yorktown AKC, Yorktown Heights

Recognition of Excellence Award for Medication Management Initiative

CMS Emerging Success Story: Medication Management and Opioid Affinity Group Selected Best-Practice Facility

The following facilities implemented educational programs and awareness campaigns to support medication management, opioid misuse counseling, and/or substance abuse screenings within the ESRD patient population. These initiatives have been identified by the Network as best practice strategies in opioid misuse prevention, treatment, and supporting safe and effective pain management.

332554  FMS-Kenmore Artificial Kidney Center, Tonawanda
332673  Queens-Long Island Renal Institute, New Hyde Park
Looking for Additional Opportunities to Earn Continuing Education (CE) Credits?

Join the upcoming National Learning and Action Network (LAN) virtual educational training events offered by CMS’ ESRD National Coordinating Center (NCC).

Register today to reserve your seat and earn a FREE contact hour. Webinar topics and focus areas include reduction of bloodstream infections, increasing transplant coordination, promotion of home therapies, supporting gainful employment/vocational rehabilitation, and patient/family engagement.

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To register for any of the following upcoming sessions visit https://www.esrdncc.org/en/events.

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- May 7, 2019
- July 2, 2019
- September 3, 2019
- November 5, 2019

**PROMOTING HOME THERAPIES**
- May 14, 2019
- July 9, 2019
- September 10, 2019
- November 12, 2019

**INCREASING TRANSPLANT WAITLIST**
- May 21, 2019
- July 16, 2019
- September 17, 2019
- November 19, 2019

**PATIENT FAMILY ENGAGEMENT**
- May 22, 2019

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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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