



April 2024 E-Newsletter from Network 11

Would you like to provide feedback to CMS about the ESRD QIP?

CMS contracts with Westat to conduct monitoring and evaluation analyses of the End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Quality Incentive Program (QIP). Each year, Westat speaks with individuals with ESRD-related experience to understand their perspectives on care delivery best practices, challenges, and patient experience. As a Facility Administrator, you are being invited to participate in a 30- to 60-minute interview with Westat. Participation in the interview is voluntary, and names and affiliations will be kept confidential, meaning no individual or facility names will be used in the reporting of the findings.



If you are interested in this opportunity, please send an email to DJ Johnson at Midwest Kidney Network dj.johnson@midwestkidneynetwork.org and he will forward your name and contact information to Westat who will be ready to answer any questions or begin the process to schedule a call.

Resources for Facility Administrators/Clinic Managers



We know there has been significant staff turnover in dialysis facilities in recent years. MKN is committed to supporting facilities through these transitions. For your consideration, the Renal Healthcare Association (RHA) offers several resources to help orient new FAs and dialysis leaders including:

- [Core Curriculum for Renal Healthcare Administrators](#)
- [Fundamentals of Dialysis and Patient Care Training](#): formerly known as *RHA Didactic Training*, these tools are now available on-demand with *instructor-led pre-recorded sessions* and includes 9 CEs. There is a \$250 per student fee but the training is free to RHA members.

The Patient with Both Kidney and Liver Disease – Wed April 10th

FREE WEBINAR from our friends at National Kidney Foundation (NKF). Upon completion of this 1.0 CE-accredited activity, learners will be able to:

- Analyze the impact of malnutrition and frailty on outcomes for patients with chronic kidney and liver disease, including transplant recipients.
- Describe evidence-based nutrition guidelines as well as metabolic and nutrient abnormalities associated with chronic kidney and liver disease.
- Using a case-based approach, apply principles of medical nutrition therapy for patients with concomitant chronic renal and liver disease.



[Registration is available here](#)

North Dakota Infection Prevention Conference

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Health & Human Services

Come join the North Dakota HHS for a two-day conference intended to provide education on infection prevention for staff who have a desire to learn more about infection prevention and control, or responsibilities related to the infection prevention and control in North Dakota and its surrounding areas. MKN's very own **Quality Improvement Coordinator**

Claire Taylor-Schiller RN will be presenting and attending in person. The conference includes a dialysis-specific track with breakout sessions directly related to infection prevention topics in the dialysis setting. Nursing contact hours will be offered through the North Dakota board of nursing. It will be a fun filled day with educational learning, escape rooms, and vendor exhibits. Register here: <https://und.edu/conferences/nd-infection-prevention/index.html>

2024 KDIGO CKD Guidelines Released

The guideline is intended for healthcare professionals who provide kidney care, people with suspected or diagnosed CKD and their caregivers, and for policymakers and commissioners of CKD services. The aim is to provide a useful resource that clearly and concisely addresses relevant questions with actionable recommendations to guide clinical practice based on a formal evidence review and consensus-based practice points. A wide range of key topics are addressed, including optimal CKD evaluation and classification, kidney disease risk management, management of complications, medication management and drug stewardship in CKD, and strategies for delivering patient centered care across diverse clinical settings.



<https://kdigo.org/kdigo-announces-publication-of-2024-ckd-guideline/>

Great Plains QIN CLAS – May 7th

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Culturally & Linguistically Appropriate Services

Earlier this year, you received introductory materials to Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services, or CLAS, as well as completed a pre and post-assessment related to CLAS.

Please Save the Date for May 7th at 1:00 pm Central time when the ESRD NCC will be hosting a CLAS launch webinar! This will be the next step in this important work. A flyer and Webex registration will be sent in the coming weeks. Please feel free to invite additional team members as well!

In the meantime, please visit our website for resources as needed:

<https://www.midwestkidneynetwork.org/equity-in-healthcare/clas>