

August 2023 E-Newsletter from Network 11

August is National Minority Donor Awareness Month!



Celebrate National Minority Donor Awareness Month (NMDAM) with us this August! Every year, we take this month to celebrate and honor that it takes ONE voice and ONE vision to save and heal lives through organ, eye, and tissue donation. Join us in helping to educate, share stories, and celebrate life and legacy.

Sepsis Improvement Sprint

Midwest Kidney Network as part of Superior Health Quality Alliance (Superior Health) is excited to offer the

Sepsis Improvement Sprint for dialysis facilities, home health care agencies, hospitals, and long-term care/skilled nursing facilities. An improvement sprint is a rapid implementation program designed to amplify the impact of your facility's efforts around a given topic, such as sepsis early identification and best practices in care. Register below for each webinar and join us in improving outcomes for patients and residents whom have, or are at risk for, sepsis. For more detailed information on the Sepsis improvement Sprint, please review the flyer.



Webinar 1: Improvement Sprint Kickoff

• When: Thursday, September 21, 2023 | Time: 1 - 2 p.m. CT/2 - 3 p.m. ET

Webinar 2: Action Plan and Desired Performance

• When: Wednesday, October 25, 2023 | Time: 1 - 2 p.m. CT/2 - 3 p.m.ET

Webinar 3: Implementation Planning

• When: Wed., November 15, 2023 | Time: 2 - 3 p.m. CT/3 - 4 p.m. ET

Webinar 4: Improvement Sustainability and Maintenance Planning

• When: January 11, 2024 | Time: 1 - 2 p.m. CT/2 - 3 p.m. ET

Questions? Please contact Claire <u>claire.taylor-schiller@midwestkidneynetwork.org</u> or Candy candace.kohls@midwestkidneynetwork.org

New 2728s Coming Soon!

IMPORTANT: An updated CMS 2728 Form is coming soon to the ESRD community. This new form will impact all dialysis and transplant providers across the country. Midwest Kidney Network will be providing a CMS 2728 Form training and host an Open Office Hours event for providers to ask questions. You can review the CMS website for greater details and a draft version of the new form. Please watch your email for training invitations in the coming weeks.



Partnering to improve kidney care

August is National Vaccination Month

August is National Immunization Awareness Month! As summer winds down, now is a great time to plan your immunization campaign to ensure patients and staff are up to date on those vaccines essential for respiratory health this fall and winter season – pneumococcal, bivalent COVID, and influenza immunizations. Our Network vaccination goals this year are to achieve:



- 52.8% of patients fully vaccinated for pneumococcal pneumonia
- 80% of patients up-to-date with COVID vaccination (receipt of bivalent vaccine under current recommendations)
- 95% of dialysis staff up-to-date with COVID vaccination (receipt of bivalent vaccine under current recommendations)
- 90% of patients vaccinated for influenza
- 90% of staff vaccinated for influenza

The Great Plains QIN hosts a 30-minute Friday Focus 4 Health series, intended to jump start or augment your current quality improvement efforts. The August topic for the series is "Looking at Immunizations through a Different Lens" which is focused on health equity and vaccinations. The first session occurred on Friday 8/4, but each session is recorded and it's not too late to join! These short, easily digestible sessions are full of great takeaways. Last week's session discussed cultural barriers to vaccination, particularly for cultures who view healthcare as restorative rather than preventative, which can impede vaccination efforts. Learn more this week and register today!

Registration link: https://gpqin.wufoo.com/forms/qy3e2ub1e218z1/

Please see the <u>Vaccination Page</u> on our Network website for more resources. Need assistance with where to start on your vaccination goals? Please reach out – we are here to support your work! Vaccination Project Leads: Claire <u>claire.taylor-schiller@midwestkidneynetwork.org</u> or Candy <u>candace.kohls@midwestkidneynetwork.org</u>

Big Ask, Big Give Workshop

Do you need a kidney transplant? Or do you know someone who needs one? In this free program, you'll learn effective tools and tips for finding a living kidney donor. You'll also hear living donor recipients and living donors share their stories.

Join us on Thu Aug 10^{th} from 5-7pm central time, virtually on Zoom. Register for the event at https://events.blackthorn.io/en/5f4bLi97/finding-a-living-donor-5a3V8Z2b7Mk/overview



Hospitalization Learning Action Network (LAN) Call Tue Aug 15th

Coming up on Tuesday August 15th, from 2-3 pm eastern, 1-2 pm central time, the ESRD NCC is hosting the quarterly Hospitalization Learning and Action Network (LAN) call. These calls are a great opportunity to hear how other dialysis providers and Networks across the country are implementing interventions and concepts from the Hospitalization Change Package to reduce hospitalizations and emergency room visits in dialysis patients. To read more about the LAN calls, please visit the ESRD NCC Website

The registration for the August call on hospitalization is HERE We hope to see you there!