



Midwest Kidney Network

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:



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- 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 [Vaccination Page](#) 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 claire.taylor-schiller@midwestkidneynetwork.org or Candy candace.kohls@midwestkidneynetwork.org

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 10th 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!