



September 2023 E-Newsletter from Network 11

September 11-15 is Nephrology Nurses Week!



Every year in September we take a full week to acknowledge all the Nephrology Nurses out there! Registered Nurses support all areas of medicine, but our hard working Nephrology Nurses deserve a full week (or more) dedicated to their recognition. Join us this week and celebrate your Nephrology Nurses with your Teams, doctors/NPs, and patients. We never take their work for granted and they deserve a celebration!!

September is Sepsis Awareness Month

Sepsis is the leading the cause of hospitalization in the Network, and with September being Sepsis Awareness Month, now is a great time to educate your patients and staff on steps they can take to reduce the risk and impact of sepsis! Both the [Sepsis Alliance](#) and the CDC have a wealth of educational posters and infographics, including this [4 Ways to Get Ahead of Sepsis Poster](#), which is also available in [Spanish](#). Additionally, Midwest Kidney Network in collaboration with Superior Health, is presenting a Sepsis Improvement Sprint, which is a guided quality improvement process to help assist you in reducing the risk of sepsis in your dialysis facility! Thanks to all who have registered thus far, there is still time to join before our September 21st kickoff webinar! See the [Sepsis Improvement Sprint Flyer](#) for more information, as well as the registration links for the webinars. Have you created a Sepsis related educational board? Please share it with us, we love to see the great work you are all doing!



Candida Auris: Front Line Forces



Candida auris (*C. auris*) is an emerging fungus that presents a serious global health threat. Data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) show a 60% increase in *C. auris* infections from 2019- 2021. The first two modules in this series are appropriate for direct care staff in all health care settings and covers the definition of *C. auris*, health concerns related to this fungus, risk factors that lead to the development of *C. auris*, how it spreads and ways to prevent its spread. The third module is appropriate for licensed staff and describes steps to take if *C. auris* is identified in a health care setting. Check out Superior Health's website for more resources- [Front Line Forces: C. Auris](#)

Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services (CLAS) Resources

We wanted to take this opportunity to update you on what Midwest Kidney Network is doing regarding CLAS:

YouTube – Our very own RN Claire Taylor-Schiller made a 3-minute video: [link here](#)

MKN Website: We just created a new stand alone page for [CLAS](#) and will be moving all our resources there.

If you have any questions or need additional resources, please reach out to:

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