

September 2024 E-Newsletter from Network 11

September is Sepsis Awareness Month!!

Sepsis is a leading cause of hospitalizations, readmissions, and mortality. Despite its prevalence and with most cases originating outside of the hospital, about one-third of US adults have never heard of sepsis. September is the time to educate, spread awareness, and implement sepsis prevention practices to get ahead of sepsis today! For more information, please refer to the [Network Sepsis Resources and Best Practices sheet](#) and all the “Project Firstline” [resources](#) like [webinars](#), [updates](#), and [flyers](#).



Vaccination Learning Action Network (LAN) Call – Sept 10th



Vaccination LAN call: Please join the Vaccination LAN Call Tuesday September 10th 1-2 pm Central to learn more about optimizing vaccinations for adults with ESRD. Dr. Lauren Block will explain vaccine recommendations as well as share strategies on how to discuss vaccinations with your patients. **This LAN call will offer ONE FREE CEU** for nurses, social workers, and dieticians. [Register today!](#)

Managing Pneumonia Vaccinations Tip Sheet

With the new EQRS pneumococcal dashboards and the multiple pathways that exist to becoming fully vaccinated for pneumonia, it may be overwhelming to know where to start in ensuring your patients are up-to-date with pneumococcal vaccination! Here at the Network we recently created a tip sheet to help sort through this process. Please check out the new [Managing Patient Pneumococcal Vaccination Tip Sheet](#) to help walk through the process of immunization reconciliation, identifying patients who are due for pneumococcal vaccination, and EQRS data entry.



Superior Health Press Release



Superior Health Quality Alliance, a health care improvement organization serving Michigan, Minnesota, the Dakotas, Wisconsin and Illinois, is pleased to announce its bid and plans for continuing to improve the care and health of older adults in the next five-year Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) program, called 13th Statement of Work (SOW).

Superior Health is also launching a [new website](#), demonstrating its dedication to transparency, resource-sharing and collaboration. It serves as a hub for the latest information on quality improvement efforts, offering tools and best practices to support health care providers and community partners in delivering better care.



Involuntary Discharge (IVD) Information

The Midwest Kidney Network receives many questions each month regarding Involuntary Discharges:

- [Involuntary Discharge Checklist](#) to help clarify reasons in the Conditions for Coverage that you may involuntarily discharge a patient
- [Best Practices](#) for decreasing IVD's
- [IVD Policy and Procedures](#) to help guide you through the process of an IVD and who you need to notify in the event of an IVD

Questions can be sent to [Renae Nelson](#). Any feedback is always appreciated.



Medicare - Pay \$0 out of Pocket for Vaccines



People with Medicare Part D (drug coverage) pay **nothing out of pocket for even more vaccines**, making it easier to stay up to date with your immunizations. Reminder, Medicare also covers flu shots, COVID-19 vaccines, and pneumococcal shots. **Medicare Part D covers these vaccines and more at no cost to you:** shingles, RSV, Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis), Hep A, and Hep B (if you're at risk for the virus).

Navigating Transplant: A Guide to Empowering Your Patients – Wed Sept 25th

The Navigating Transplant program is a monthly lunch and learn series providing dialysis professionals with the information, resources, and strategies needed to provide comprehensive support to patients and care partners so that they consider transplant as a treatment option. By engaging dialysis professionals in learning with peers, this program ensures patients and care partners receive essential education, emotional support, and advocacy throughout the transplant journey. **Register here:** <https://nkfcnow.org/transplantprocess>

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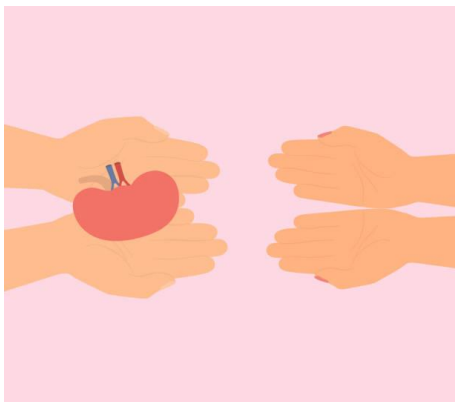
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What Do I Do Next?
Understanding the Kidney
Transplant Process



EQRS Tip Sheet – Transplant Waitlist



We have seen a lot of new faces recently at dialysis and kidney transplant facilities, so we wanted to remind everyone of the resources on our website and highlight one. We have a website page dedicated completely to transplant with 16 resources plus contact information for our Transplant Lead [Candy Kohls](#). We recently uploaded an EQRS Tip Sheet that is a step-by-step job aid that will navigate you through the [EQRS website](#) and allow you to download an Excel Spreadsheet (CSV) of your facility's list of patients that are either active or inactive on the UNOS transplant waitlist. Resource is here:

https://www.midwestkidneynetwork.org/files/eqrs_tip_sheet_transplant_waitlist_1_0.pdf