



MEMORANDUM

To: Clinic Manager

From: Harriet L. Edwards, Executive Director
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Subject: **Network Mailing**

Date: September 30, 2010

Please review the mailing for the following enclosed items:

ITEM	DESCRIPTION/INSTRUCTIONS	ACTION
News from the Network Newsletter: Volume 3	This newsletter will provide you with information regarding Network updates, information, activities, and projects.	Review and share with staff.
Fistula First Breakthrough Initiative (FFBI) Reports & Resources	<p>These reports represent vascular access rates for incident and prevalent patients in your facility. Review the data provided for your facility's progress and opportunities for improvement as well as comparison with others in the Network.</p> <p>Enclosed: Fistula First Reports:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Vascular Access Used in Prevalent Patients 2. Fistula Use and Placement Rates in Incident Patients 3. ESRD Network 18 Fistula First Feedback Report 4. ESRD Network 18 Summary 5. Champion Vascular Access Facilities <p>Enclosed: Vascular access resource:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Detection of Access Dysfunction in Permanent Vascular Accesses [AV Fistula (AVF) & AV Graft (AVG)] for Dialysis Facility Staff. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review data for opportunities for improvement. <i>(Notice trends of all vascular accesses.)</i> • Network staff may follow up to discuss your facility's results. • Share and utilize resources as applicable to your facility.
Blood Sample Label Verification – Patient Identification	Patient identification guidelines recommended by the Joint Commission along with suggestions to ensure proper identification of patients and labeling of blood specimens.	Review and implement as applicable to your facility.

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Mission Statement

To provide leadership and assistance to renal dialysis and transplant facilities in a manner that supports continuous improvement in patient care, outcomes, safety and satisfaction.

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Immunization Resources	Enclosed Immunization Resources: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. VIS: Inactivated Influenza Vaccine 2010-2011 (English/Spanish)2. Seasonal Influenza: Questions and Answers3. Pneumococcus: Question and Answers4. Hepatitis B: Questions and Answers5. Pocket Guide: Influenza6. Pocket Guide: Pneumococcal	Utilize as applicable for your facility.
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Should you have any questions, please contact the Network 18 office at (323) 962-2020.