



Vascular Access Quality Assessment & Performance Improvement (QAPI) Project Project Tools & Resources List

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Documents listed below are found under Professionals → Quality Improvement → QI Work Plan → 2011-2012 QIWP Projects → Fistula First Mentoring Project. Tools, resources and other project documents will be added during the project as necessary.

Please review these documents and use/implement them as appropriate for your facility. The Network will follow up with all project facilities on the usefulness of these resources.

Tools/Documents:

1. Vascular Access Root Cause Analysis Tool
2. Fishbone diagram instructions (Root cause analysis tool)
3. Fishbone diagram template (Root Cause Analysis tool)
4. Quality Assessment and Performance Improvement (QAPI) Plan (PDSA format)
5. Summary of Best Practices
6. List of Resources for the project
7. WebEx Power Point Presentation: September 28, 2011
8. WebEx Conference Call recording
9. Conference call minutes

Resources:

Professional Resources:

1. Secondary A-V Fistulae in Patients with A-V Grafts
2. Video Link: Patient Assessment Video – Secondary AVF Fistula Conversion
3. FFBI (Fistula First Breakthrough Initiative) draft letter to Primary Care Physician from the Nephrologist
4. FFBI sample letter to the surgeon
5. Vascular Access Surgery Change in Physician Reimbursement 2009
6. Fistula First Payer Packet
7. Fistula First: Your Access to Success video order form

Patient Resources:

1. FFBI Patient Education Resource List
2. Understanding Your Hemodialysis Access Options
3. Navigating the Vascular “Seas” – Self-Exam of Access Simplified
4. FAQ for Patients & Families

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