



Midwest Kidney Network

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The Forum of ESRD Networks free Webinar Series!

The Forum of ESRD Networks recently launched its first-ever dialysis leadership webinar series. Join us for one or all of these essential sessions exploring a variety of topics relevant to current and future medical directors. Topics include:

- The history of dialysis in the US
- Physician leadership and governance in dialysis units
- Infection control standards
- Water quality standards
- The role of ESRD networks and patient provider conflict
- Leveraging QAPI processes to improve patient care
- Emergency Management
- Home dialysis and value based care models
- How to effectively round in the dialysis



Webinars are free to join, but registration is required. [Click here](#) to learn more about the webinars and to register. Questions? Contact Kelly Brooks, Forum Coordinator, at kbrooks@esrdnetworks.org.

Michigan Chapter of the American Nephrology Nurses Association Conference



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The Michigan chapter of the American Nephrology Nurses Association is hosting a nephrology conference on **March 7th in Detroit**. Michigan chapter President Nikeyia Davis has asked us to invite all nephrology professionals (especially those in Michigan).

Register here via our website: <https://www.midwestkidneynetwork.org/events/michigan-chapter-of-american-nephrology-nurses-association-conference>

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Protecting Yourself from Burnout

Burnout can make it harder for employees to feel energized and engaged in their work. For public health professionals, working while burned out can have serious effects on both you and the people you serve. Uncover what burnout is (and what it isn't), why it's important for organizations to address it, and resources to help manage and prevent it. This is an online training series designed to provide public health supervisors with knowledge and strategies to prioritize employee health and well-being and prevent burnout. This course offers continuing education (CE). When registering for the course, please select each type of CE you would like to apply for. [Register here](#).



North Dakota Infection Prevention Conference



The ND Infection Prevention Conference is a two-day conference intended to provide education in infection prevention to professional staff who have an interest in or responsibilities related to the infection prevention field in North Dakota and the surrounding areas. This conference is for all frontline staff with an interest in or responsibilities related to infection prevention as part of their duties. Topics covered include:

- Acute/Long Term Care
- Ambulatory Surgical
- Dialysis/Kidney Care
- General healthcare

Register here: <https://und.edu/conferences/nd-infection-prevention/index.html>



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Have You Started working on Your CMS 2744?

The CMS 2744 (Annual Facility Survey) is required by CMS to be completed in EQRS by all dialysis facilities and transplant units each calendar year. **The CMS 2744 is due for submission to the Network no later than March 31, 2026.** If you need help with your CMS 2744, please reach: Alli at (651) 644-2911 or Aletha at (651) 644-5839. You can also reference the [CMS-2744 Annual Survey Training Aid](#) (you will find it under the **EQRS Resources** section) from CMS. Please note, some dialysis organizations are completing the CMS 2744s at the corporate level – if you have questions about your organization’s procedure – please reach out to us.



Home Dialysis - Newly Uploaded Peritonitis Resources



Dialysis patients have a greater chance of getting an infection. The patient’s immune system may not be as strong as a person who does not have kidney disease. The type of treatment they receive may also put him/her at risk for an infection. To help prevent this, we have uploaded a great resource to our website! This is a great, [1 page handout](#) for your patients that explains the symptoms, treatment and prevention of peritonitis. It’s also available on our website in [Spanish](#).

Important Measles Update

On a call this week, we learned of a case of measles that occurred in a dialysis patient, NOT in our Network, but we thought it was a good time to resend out the measles resource from earlier this contract year. In 2025, there were over 2,200 cases of measles in the US, and so far in 2026, there have already been 588 cases just in January. States within our Network region are reporting measles - for an updated map of CDC cases, please refer to their website <https://www.cdc.gov/measles/data-research/index.html>. Additionally, we do have a Network [Measles and MMR Resource](#) with additional links to measles education for staff on identification and early isolation steps for potential measles cases.



Transitions in Care Resources



Breakdowns during transitions in care significantly impact the risk of hospitalizations and readmissions. The [Forum of ESRD Networks' Transitions in Care Toolkit](#) provides several best practices based on various scenarios to improve care coordination between dialysis and other care settings. We often hear of difficulties related to fast discharges from the hospital with a lack of handoff reports. Working together with the discharge team from your local hospitals, utilize a standardized communication form, like this new resource from MKN: [Dialysis Patient Transitions in Care Communication](#). If you are experiencing increasing hospitalization rates, we are here to help! Please reach out to claire.taylor-schiller@midwestkidneynetwork.org.

Together we can walk through a [Transitions in Care Assessment](#) for your facility, identify potential gaps in practices, and strategize new interventions.

2025-2026 Immunization Impact Award Winners!

February has arrived and with it, the Winter Olympics. Midwest Kidney Network extends our congratulations as we recognize 70 of our own facilities for earning their own gold, silver, or bronze achievements. We sincerely appreciate your vaccination efforts to protect our patients' respiratory health.

GOLD STATUS IN VACCINATION



- DaVita Midland Dialysis, Michigan
- DaVita Garden West, Michigan
- DaVita Alpena, Michigan
- DaVita Grand Haven, Michigan
- DaVita Downriver Kidney Center, Michigan
- Fresenius Three Rivers, Michigan
- Park Plaza Dialysis of DaVita, Michigan
- Rochester Hills Dialysis of DaVita, Michigan
- DaVita Ionia, Michigan
- Grosse Pointe Dialysis of DaVita, Michigan
- University of Michigan Canton Dialysis, Michigan
- Winona Health Services, Minnesota
- Fresenius Dialysis Hutchinson, Minnesota
- Redwood Falls DaVita, Minnesota
- Fresenius Dialysis South Minneapolis, Minnesota
- Fresenius New Brighton, Minnesota
- Fresenius Mora, Minnesota
- Fresenius Central MN Regional Dialysis, Minnesota
- Dialysis at Mankato Clinic, Minnesota
- Historical Hastings DaVita, Minnesota
- New Ulm DaVita, Minnesota
- Fresenius Aitkin, Minnesota
- Fresenius Little Falls, Minnesota
- Mayo Dialysis Fairmont, Minnesota
- Mayo Dialysis Rochester NE, Minnesota
- Sanford Jamestown, North Dakota
- Huron Regional Medical Center, South Dakota
- Sanford Health Dialysis, South Dakota
- Mid-Dakota Sanford Dialysis, South Dakota
- Avera Dialysis Brookings, South Dakota
- Avera Dialysis Mitchell, South Dakota
- Avera Dialysis Wagner, South Dakota
- Avera Dialysis Milbank, South Dakota
- Avera Dialysis Sioux Falls, South Dakota
- DaVita Fond du Lac, Wisconsin
- Tri State Dialysis Platteville, Wisconsin
- Gundersen Lutheran Dialysis Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin
- Gundersen Lutheran Dialysis Viroqua, Wisconsin
- Gundersen Lutheran Dialysis Onalaska, Wisconsin

SILVER STATUS IN VACCINATION



- DaVita Grand Rapids East, Michigan
- Fresenius Chesterfield, Michigan
- Fresenius Marquette, Michigan
- DaVita Grayling Home Training, Michigan
- DaVita Bloomfield Hills Home Training, Michigan
- Fresenius Oaklawn Dialysis Albion, Michigan
- Mayo Dialysis Lake City, Minnesota
- Trinity Belcourt, North Dakota
- Moccasin Creek Dialysis, South Dakota
- Madison Sanford Dialysis, South Dakota
- St. Catherine's Kidney Center Froedtert, Wisconsin
- Fresenius Midwest Good Hope, Wisconsin
- Fresenius Midwest Racine, Wisconsin
- Fresenius Midwest Appleton Ave, Wisconsin
- DaVita Humboldt Ridge, Wisconsin
- DaVita Marshfield Dialysis, Wisconsin
- Fresenius Appleton Ave Home, Wisconsin
- Gundersen Lutheran Dialysis Tomah, Wisconsin
- Aspirus Langlade Hospital Kidney Center, Wisconsin

BRONZE STATUS IN VACCINATION



- New Center Dialysis of DaVita, Michigan
- Fresenius Cadillac, Michigan
- Fresenius Caro, Michigan
- Partridge Creek DaVita, Michigan
- Robbinsdale DaVita, Minnesota
- Gundersen Lutheran Dialysis – La Crosse, Wisconsin
- Heritage Dialysis, Michigan
- Home Comfort Dialysis, Michigan
- Fresenius Grand Rapids, Minnesota
- DaVita Fargo, North Dakota
- Children's Hospital Dialysis, Wisconsin
- Mayo Dialysis Onalaska, Wisconsin