



## March 2023 E-Newsletter from Network 11

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### March is National Kidney Month

Kidney disease is often called a “silent killer” because there are usually no symptoms in the early stages of development. In fact, according to the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases, as many as 90% of Americans who have chronic kidney disease (CKD) don’t know they have the disease until it is very advanced. It is recommended that you see your Primary Care Provider annually to draw labs and monitor your eGFR.

For more resources follow our [Facebook](#) page and check out the ASN [#850CHALLENGE](#)

### Learning and Action Network (LAN) Calls

#### March 7 – Health Equity

- Ideas for implementing strategies to advance health equity at dialysis facilities
- Actionable insights to enhance kidney waitlist equity

Registration link [here](#)

#### March 21 – Improving Clinical Outcomes by Utilizing the Change Package

- A review of how to use the change package
- How to identify primary & secondary drivers from the change package to improve clinical performance

Registration link [here](#)



### Patient Safety Awareness Week



PSAW is coming up March 12-18!! While patient safety is important every week, we place extra emphasis on this time to observe, review, audit, and share best demonstrated practices around patient safety. Pick 1-2 themes for the week and schedule a huddle to discuss topics such as ergonomics, prescription verification, health equity, or CPR/first aid.

If you'd like additional resources, check out these free PSAW [toolkits](#)

### Emergency Preparedness and Facility Service Interruptions

On February 22<sup>nd</sup> Network 11 and Kidney Community Emergency Response (KCER) hosted the annual Emergency National Exercise with several other ESRD Networks and dialysis providers to review processes, procedures, and best demonstrated practices when experiencing a severe winter storm.

The CMS expectation for facility's emergency preparedness can be found at [Updated Guidance for Emergency Preparedness – Appendix Z](#)

**REMINDER:** If your clinic experiences service interruption caused by an emergency, weather, cyber-attack, or the like which requires facility closure, appointment postponement, or moving patients to a different clinic please notify Network 11 at your earliest convenience.

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