



Home for the Holidays: Home Dialysis QI Plan



MONTH ONE: OCTOBER **Looking at your barriers.**

- Review home dialysis facility reports (provided by the Network) to see how close you are to reaching your unit goals. Review your **barriers** for patients in choosing home dialysis - identify any common trends if any. **Encourage MDs to refer patients to home dialysis. Discuss this at QAPI.**
- Utilize resources in the [Home Dialysis Resource Toolkit](#) to identify an intervention for implementation to address gaps/opportunities identified in your root cause analysis.
- Review link to our webpage for resources. [Home Dialysis Web Site](#)
- Email Network project leader to report your barriers by **October 31st**. Deborah.bowe@midwestkidneynetwork.org

MONTH TWO: NOVEMBER **Holiday Bulletin Board Project for “Dialysis at Home for the Holidays” Contest**

- Review Home Dialysis Change Package for ideas [Home Dialysis Change Package](#)
- Look into dialysis **patient self-care** to encourage autonomy for your patients. [Self-Care Checklist](#)
- Continue to build a **culture of home dialysis** within your unit. Start **self-cannulation** with those patients interested in home hemodialysis. Schedule PD catheter placements if interested in PD.
- Make a holiday bulletin board for the unit about the benefits of home dialysis for the holidays. **We will have a contest for the most creative one. \$100 for the unit with the winner!!** Reach out if you need additional resources.
- Reach out to your home dialysis clinic to **schedule a lobby day** for patients to see and talk about home dialysis.
- Report any successes or challenges, **send me a picture of your Holiday bulletin board for the contest by November 30th**. Deborah.bowe@midwestkidneynetwork.org.

MONTH THREE: DECEMBER **Start sending patients for home training.**

- Review and discuss any **new admissions** with your team. Identify potential candidates for home dialysis. *Let me know how many patients transferred to home dialysis if your patients transfer to another unit for training. The home unit does not get credit for those patients.*
- Continue previous month activities – evaluate trends and identify successful interventions or where new strategies are required.
- Email Network project leader how many patients are going to home by **December 22nd**. Deborah.bowe@midwestkidneynetwork.org

MONTH FOUR: JANUARY **HAPPY NEW YEAR AT HOME!!**

- Continue previous month activities – **evaluate trends** and identify successful interventions where new strategies are required. Network will send data monthly via the report card.
- Keep watching your monthly report cards as you reach your goal!
- Email Network project leader a final project overview/summary by **January 31st**. Deborah.bowe@midwestkidneynetwork.org