



Patient Advisory Council and Patient Subject Matter Experts

PAC OVERVIEW

The Patient Advisory Council (PAC) is a dynamic group of patients and professionals that help the Network respond to patient needs and seek ways to improve patient/staff relationships. The PAC represents a cross section of patient demographics and treatment modalities from across the Network. This committee provides an approach to patient-related issues and concerns that involve continuously seeking better ways to do things --- ways that lead to more informed patients and better treatment results. This committee acts as an advisory group to the Network's Patient Services Department.

GOALS

- Provide input into the development of informational and educational resources related to patients who have renal disease;
- Identify and address needs and concerns of renal patients;
- Offering a patient perspective on the selection and development of Network Quality Improvement Activities for which Patient Engagement is required;
- Offering a patient perspective to the Network in interpreting the results of all Network QIAs and the development of interventions.
- Provide information and feedback to The Renal Network.

MEMBERSHIP Participation:

- A commitment to a year term of office with the option of serving additional terms;
- Must attend and participate in scheduled meetings (at least two a year) which may include webinars, conference calls, and one in-person meeting (travel costs reimbursed for patients) – lack of participation will result in dismissal from PAC;
- Strongly encouraged, but not required, to have access to a computer for:
 - Contact by Email
 - Participation on Webinars
 - Participation in Online Surveys

CATEGORIES OF MEMBERSHIP

1. Patients (minimum 15), 18 years of age or older
2. Family members/caregivers (maximum 3)
3. Professionals (maximum 3)

PATIENT SUBJECT MATTER EXPERTS (SMEs) OVERVIEW

If the PAC seems like too much of a commitment, we continuously look for patients to serve as Subject Matter Experts (SMEs), as well. To be a Patient SME, the patient's name will be included on a list that will receive an email when The Renal Network is seeking patient expertise on educational materials. Patient must have a valid email address to be a Patient SME.

For more information on PAC or SME opportunities please contact Patient Services Director Caprisheus Barbee at cbarbee@nw10.esrd.net



NOMINATION FORM
PATIENT ADVISORY COUNCIL
 Term of Office: January 1, 2017 –
 December 31, 2017

Date: ___/___/___

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____
 Type: Cell Home Work

Corporate Affiliation (if any): _____

Facility Address: _____

Facility Phone: _____ Facility Fax: _____

___ Patient: ___ Incenter Dialysis ___ Peritoneal Dialysis
 ___ Home Hemodialysis ___ Transplant
 ___ Transplant Wait List

Are You A: ___ Family Member/ ___ Parent ___ Sibling
 Care Giver: ___ Spouse ___ Other: _____

___ Staff: ___ Administrator ___ Social Worker
 ___ Physician ___ Dietitian
 ___ Nurse ___ Technician

___ Other: _____

I am applying to be:
 On the PAC A Patient Subject
 Matter Expert (SME)

What skills and talents will you bring to the PAC or as a Patient SME? (please include second page, if needed)

*****Please submit a separate letter of reference from a dialysis staff member to complete the application to be on the PAC – Nominations for the PAC without a letter of reference will not be considered*****

Send completed application form to: The Renal Network - 911 East 86th Street, Suite 202 - Indianapolis, IN 46240;
 or Fax to: 317-257-8291 Attn: Katie Stark – Operations Administrator