



Patient Engagement Vascular Access Management

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Overview:

- Determine why large number of our patients start dialysis with CVC only
- Engage patient participation in vascular access management

Process:

- Interviewed patients CVC only
 - Last six months of 2014
 - First six months of 2015

- Discuss results with Nephrology Team

Interview Questions:

- Did you see a nephrologist prior to starting dialysis?
- Where did you have your first dialysis treatment?
- Did your nephrologist discuss & educate you on access options or getting a dialysis access?
- Were you educated on modality options?
- What changes would you like to see made to educate future dialysis patients about access options?

Results:

- No appointments for vessel mapping or access placement
- No education prior to starting treatments

Follow up from results:

- Discussion with Medical Director and Nephrology practice about results.
- Nephrologist educating existing patients at practice on Vascular Access Management.
- Nephrology team encouraging Kidney Smart Classes to help educate patients prior to starting dialysis.

Top Lessons Learned:

- Educated patients drive conversations for access placement
- Leading to patient involvement in their Vascular Access Management
- Resulting in better outcomes

Next Steps:

- Review weekly at Core Team Meeting with IDT – CVC only patients
- Review project results during Facility Health Meeting with Medical Director
- Continue to educate patients starting with CVC only to be a partner in their Vascular Access Management.

Outcome Summary:

➤ CVC Rate:

Start of Project 9.6%

Currently 7.9%

➤ AVF Rate:

Start of Project 50%

Currently 53%

6% Maturing not in use

Questions?

