

Outcomes Feedback to Guide Practice

- Networks work with dialysis providers to provide specific outcomes feedback to all decision-makers, including incident and prevalent rates of AV Fistula, AV Graft and catheter use.
- Review data monthly or quarterly in facility staff meetings.
- Discuss and evaluate data trended over time for incident and prevalent rates of AV Fistula, AV Graft and catheter use. Track and disseminate all vascular access-related outcomes.

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Assess Your Barriers to Outcomes Feedback Use in Guiding Your Practice —

1. Our facility does not utilize the ESRD Network resources regarding our AV Fistula, AV Graft and catheter rates.
2. Our staff are too busy to track and trend vascular access outcomes.
3. We discuss only our current vascular access data monthly.
4. Our patients are older, sicker and are not candidates for any other vascular access.

Interventions to Barriers

1. Establish a relationship with the ESRD Network staff. The Network is a support team for all CKD and ESRD patients and providers. www.fmqai.com/ESRD/ESRD.htm
2. Explore the many educational resources and tools available through the ESRD Network for increasing AV Fistula rates.
3. Utilize the Vascular Access Tracking by Surgeon and Nephrologist tool to improve efficiency and effectiveness in monitoring vascular access outcomes.
4. Establish a Vascular Access Manager in your facility to monitor the data monthly.
5. It takes a team to be successful. Educate all staff and patients regarding the importance of AV Fistula use.
6. Enlist all patient care staff to assist in documenting vascular access occurrences daily.
7. In collaboration with the Nephrologist, Administrator, Vascular Access Manager and Facility QI Team, establish and implement a facility vascular access improvement plan. Review the plan's effectiveness monthly and update it as needed.
8. Download the Vascular Access Tracking tool, Fistula First information and other tools found in the Fistula First Toolkit on the ESRD Network website at www.fmqai.com/ESRD/FistulaFirstToolkit.htm.
9. Visit the new Fistula First website at www.fistulafirst.org.
10. Inform nephrologists and surgeons of 10.5 AMA PRA Category 1 credits available with completion of "Creating AV Fistulas in All Eligible Hemodialysis Patients" continuing medical education on-line training course at www.fistulafirst.org. Click on course title to open.



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