

Vascular Access Coordinator Role

Reports to: Facility Administrator, Medical Director, VA Team

PURPOSE OF VASCULAR ACCESS COORDINATOR ROLE:

- Primary source of vascular access information and care coordination for designated facility (provider)
- Focus on vascular access care and management to increase access longevity
- Maintain vascular access data to assure tracking and trending of dialysis therapy and outcomes
- Provide leadership and communication among caregivers
- Oversee and direct vascular access planning for current and future accesses

SUMMARY OF BASIC ROLE:

- Collection of accurate and complete vascular access data.
- Coordination of the care and management of patients' vascular accesses.
- Communication and collaboration with the Multidisciplinary Access Care Team

ROLE QUALIFICATIONS:

- Experienced hemodialysis professional
- Certification in nephrology or hemodialysis preferred
- Demonstrated proficiency in vascular access care and management
- Demonstrated commitment to continuous quality improvement (CQI)
- Excellent communication, writing, and organization skills
- Empowered by the facility administrator, medical director and Multidisciplinary Access Care Team

ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONS:

1. Collaborate with medical director, facility administrator et al to identify and continuously re-evaluate the members of the Multidisciplinary Access Care Team.
2. Proactively collect and report accurate and complete **data** and **assessments** of the accesses to facility, teammates, patients and other care providers (the Multidisciplinary Access Care Team) for baseline and ongoing outcomes.
3. **Educate** teammates, provider partners, and hemodialysis patients in the care and management of vascular accesses, with particular attention to opportunities for improvement.
4. **Monitor** vascular access and hemodialysis care delivery with particular focus on identifying access dysfunction and opportunities to increase arteriovenous fistulas (AVFs) and reduce catheters.
5. Facilitate process of **referral for diagnosis** for accesses with dysfunction or other pathology.
6. Support **referral for interventional or surgical treatment** appropriate for diagnosed vascular access dysfunction.
7. Ensure **documentation of care and outcome**, and communicate vascular access-related outcomes and status.
8. Participate in **Continuous Quality Improvement** of Vascular Access care and management to improve patient and facility outcomes.
9. Facilitate routine Multidisciplinary Access Care Team **meetings** to identify opportunities for vascular access-related improvements.
10. Complete other vascular access-related tasks as directed.