



Included in this resource are articles that will assist you in improving fistula rates at your facility. For those project partners who are focusing their efforts on specific areas of the Fistula First project, the resources have been categorized according to change concept. Some of these articles will be pertinent to multiple change concepts.

General References and Resources Change Concept # 2 Timely referral to nephrologist

Assessment of a Policy to Reduce Placement of Prosthetic Hemodialysis Access by KD Gibson, MT Capt, TR Kohler, TS Hasukami, DL Gillen, M Aldassy, DJ Sherrard and CO Stehman-Breen. From *Kidney Int.* 2001 June; 59 (6): pp 2335-45 (Abstract. Full text available on-line.

National Kidney Foundation Practice Guidelines for Chronic Kidney Disease: Evaluation, Classification, and Stratification by A.Leverly, J. Coresh, E. Balk, A. Kausz, A. Levin, M. Steffes, R. Hogg, R. Perrone, J Lau, G Eknoyan. From *Ann Intern Med.* 2003 Jul; Vol 139 (2): pp 137-149. Defines the five-stage classification system of chronic kidney disease (CKD) and summarizes the major recommendations on early detection in adults. This information is particularly important for general internists and specialists

Prospective Validation of an Algorithm to Maximize Native Arteriovenous Fistulae for Chronic Hemodialysis Access by TS Huber, CK Ozaki, TC Flynn, WA Lee, SA Berceli, CM Hirneise, LM Carlton, JW Carter, EA Ross and JM Seeger. From *J Vasc Surg* 2002 Sep; 36(3): pp 452-9.

Vascular Access Surgery Managed by Renal Physicians: The Choice of Native Arteriovenous Fistulas for Hemodialysis by Pietro Ravini, MD, Daniele Marcelli, MD, and Fabio Malberti, MD. From *AJKD*, 2002 (December), Vol 40, No 6: pp 1264-1276.