

Conference Objectives

CREATING A CULTURE OF QUALITY:

Pursuing Excellence in Care Transitions
Enhancing Safety in Kidney Patient Care
September 11 - 12, 2012

Modern healthcare involves movements of patients between multiple settings. This is especially true of dialysis patients for whom the required sophistication of care results in numerous transitions between settings such as hospitals, dialysis clinics, primary care physicians, specialists, nursing homes, access clinics, and others. An important aspect of good medical care for this group is efficient and safe transfer between care settings. Care coordination has been identified as a national priority by such projects as the National Priorities Partnership (NPP).

But with such a complex system, how can one go about creating safe transitions?

With the many different types of settings that dialysis patients move through, how can anyone design a general transition process that is both effective and safe?

The second annual Creating a Culture of Quality educational meeting will help you answer these questions and provide an approach to quality improvement activities involving transitions of care. The meeting will include a series of lectures and audience participation activities designed to help define the barriers that prevent the safe transfer of care for dialysis patients. “Best practices” already being used to overcome these barriers will be shared.

By the end of this conference attendees will have learned techniques to identify and change the processes that make transfers so dangerous and have an opportunity to participate in developing ways to overcome the barriers to safe transitions.