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In April 2010, the ESRD Network Coordinating Center (NCC) began release of its bi-weekly communication titled the *Information Exchange*. This newsletter was established to compile information received by the Networks from various listservs, by filtering and consolidating relevant ESRD community information.

The *Information Exchange* is distributed to the following disciplines and persons:

ESRD Network Disciplines	CMS Disciplines/Representatives
ESRD Network Executive Directors	Contracting Officer Technical Representatives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Kathleen Egan, RN, MSN ▪ Edwin Huff, PhD ▪ Steven Preston, PhD, MPH ▪ Sharon Last ▪ Crystal Russell, PhD, MPH, CHES
ESRD Network Data Managers	Government Task Leaders <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Elena Balovlenkov, MS, RN, CHN ▪ Maria Ciccanti ▪ Yvette Williams
ESRD Network Quality Improvement Directors	William Taylor, MD, CMS Boston Regional Office
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Additional Representatives	
The Forum of ESRD Networks, Bonnie Freshly	Fistula First Breakthrough Initiative, Marianne Neumann, RN, CNN

One year later, in response to discussions derived from the ESRD Network Executive Director Summit, the NCC surveyed the Networks to determine utilization of and value brought by this bi-weekly publication. It was the NCC's goal for this survey to solicit feedback from the Networks regarding content contained within the communication and garner recommendations for improvements.

The NCC provided the community with an available survey link within the April issue of the *Information Exchange*. The Survey consisted of six questions requiring a yes or no response. The survey remained open until June 10th, with three consecutive reminders provided. The NCC received six responses to the survey.

The results of the six question survey are provided below; additional analysis of each response has also been provided (where applicable).

NCC Information Exchange Survey Summary Results

1. I receive the bi-weekly communication titled *Information Exchange* distributed by the NCC.

83% Yes (Representing 5 responses)

17% No (Representing 1 response)

2. I find the NCC bi-weekly communication *Information Exchange* effective in identifying and providing articles of interest relative to ESRD.

83% Yes (Representing 5 responses)

17% No (Representing 1 response)

3. In general, I share articles/releases contained within the Information Exchange with Network personnel.

50% Yes (Representing 3 responses)

50% No (Representing 3 responses)

4. In general, I share articles/releases contained within the Information Exchange with Dialysis Facility staff.

67% Yes (Representing 4 responses)

33% No (Representing 2 responses)

5. The Information Exchange has alerted me to articles and/or topics of interest that I was previously unaware of.

83% I Agree (Representing 5 responses)

17% I Disagree (Representing 1 response)

6. In addition to the resources currently utilized by the NCC to obtain informative ESRD updates and alerts, I recommend the following electronic publication(s) to be considered:

1 Response and recommendation provided; Renal Business Today

NCC Response/Detail:

The NCC currently subscribes to Renal Business Today, and includes multiple articles/references within each *Information Exchange* from this resource.

In addition to Renal Business Today, the NCC also subscribes to the following resources:

- Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ)
- American Association of Kidney Patients (AAKP)
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
- Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)
- National Institute of Health (NIH)
- Nephronline
- National Kidney Foundation (NKF)
- Renal Physicians Association (RPA)
- U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)
- United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS)
- U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)