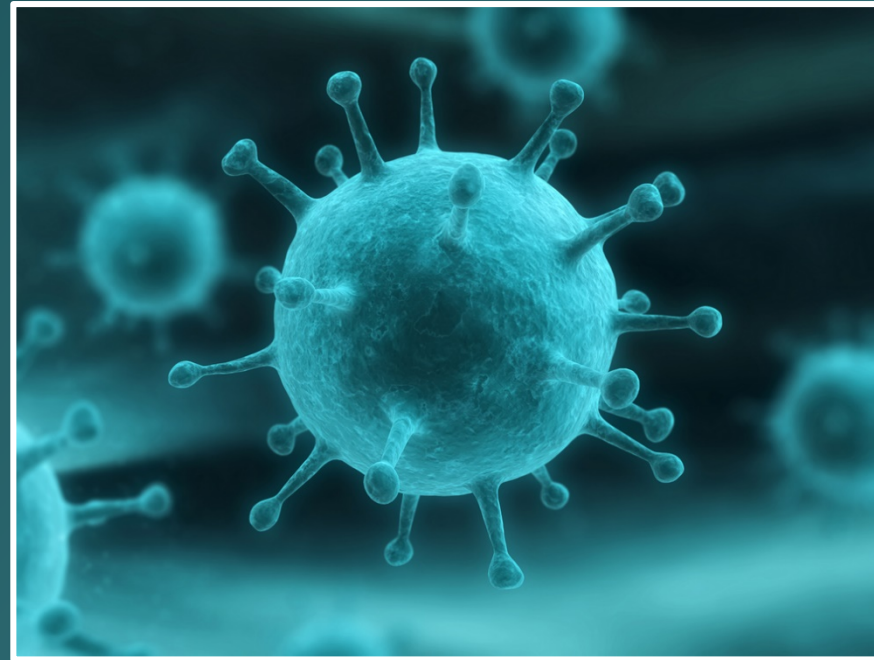


# COVID-19

An End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) National Coordinating Center (NCC)  
Professional Education Quickinar



June 24, 2020

COVID-19 = Coronavirus Disease 2019



# Agenda



- What is this call about?
- Today's speaker:
  - Jennifer Andersen, RN  
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Sioux Falls, South Dakota
  - Topic: COVID-19 Dialysis Unit Strategies
  - Questions and Answers (Q&As) from chat and Q&A panels

# What Is This Call About?



- Hear from stakeholders and peers in the ESRD community who are adapting to COVID-19.
- Share examples and provide real-world strategies for facilities to use.
- Engage in weekly calls on varying topics.



# COVID-19 Dialysis Unit Strategies

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# COVID-19 Dialysis Unit Strategies

- ▶ We contribute our success to the following:
  - ▶ We were proactive.
    - ▶ Evening of Wednesday, March 11, we contacted all patients that were to run on Thursday and did a prescreening.
    - ▶ Thursday March 12, we contacted all patients that were to run on Friday and did a prescreening.
    - ▶ Along with the prescreening, we implemented the no-visitor policy, placed signs around the unit, and positioned an employee at the entrance for screening patients we could not reach by phone.
    - ▶ During those first runs, we handed out the CDC flyers on COVID-19, signs and symptoms, what to do when sick, and handwashing.

# COVID-19 Dialysis Unit Strategies (cont.)

- Friday, March 13
- Staff started screening temperatures in and out with signs and symptoms; We followed the hospital's plan and masked within 6 feet of patients and removed ancillary staff off the dialysis floor.
- We started planning for isolation rooms to be available for known exposures or signs and symptoms patients.
- We looked at different options for treatment. We decided it would be best to move patients around on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday. Last shift being COVID-positive. Treatment floor was empty by 3 p.m. and then the COVID shift did not start until 3:30 p.m.

# Exposure COVID-19 Plan in Action

- ▶ March 24: First confirmed case at local meat packing plant—Smithfield
  - ▶ This meat packing plant's health insurance plan is through our hospital, so we knew we would see patients and potential exposures.
- ▶ From this day forward we followed:
  - ▶ Mayor's and Governor's press conferences
  - ▶ Social media and local news outlet coverage of where COVID-positive cases were located in our city and counties.



# Exposure COVID-19 Plan in Action (cont.)

- Social workers worked on updating places of employment for family members and modes of transportation.
- We contacted the transportation company when their drivers had tested positive; We did not wait to hear if one of our patients were on their route.
- We contacted nursing homes when they had positives to follow up on the patients we had in their facilities.



# Conclusion

- We found that by being proactive and having a team that could listen to press conferences, social media, and news reports, along with calling businesses, helped us to have a head start on quarantining patients.
- We did not have any staff members test positive.
- 6 patients tested positive: 1 home dialysis patient and 5 in-center patients.
- To date, we have tested about one-half of the in-center patients, with 5 positive and 48 negative; The current patient population is 103.
- Our state has flattened our curve by 75 percent. The main county affected opened back up from a social distancing order on May 29.
- We are continuing to monitor closely after all restrictions are lifted.

# Let Us Hear From You

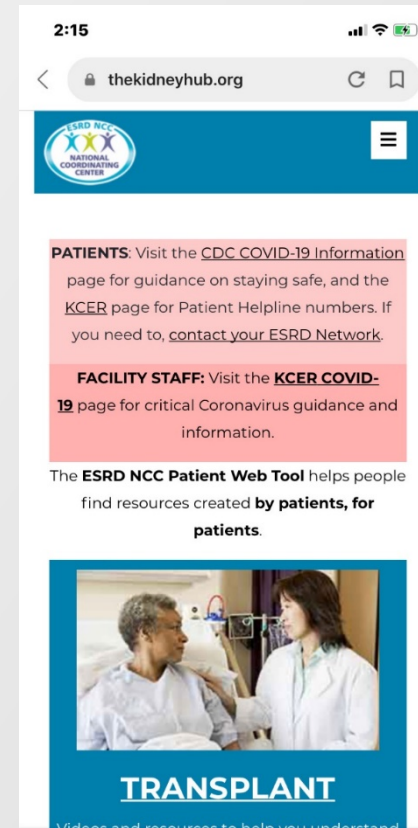
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# TheKidneyHub.org

## Introducing TheKidneyHub.org.

- New resource for patients and professionals.
- Secure, mobile-friendly web tool developed by the ESRD NCC with assistance from patient Subject Matter Experts (SMEs).
- Links to important resources, such as:
  - COVID-19 emergency resources.
  - Patient-created resources on transplant, infection prevention, well-being, etc.
  - Educational materials for new (and experienced) ESRD patients.
  - And more.



# Our Next COVID-19 Quickinar Events



- Save the dates for our next events.
  - Patient-focused event:  
July 1, 2020, at 5 p.m. ET
  - Provider-focused event:  
July 2, 2020, at 5 p.m. ET
- Visit [www.kidneyCOVIDinfocenter.com](http://www.kidneyCOVIDinfocenter.com) for information and to register.

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**“Quickinar” Events**

The ESRD NCC works with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and other agencies to ensure the safety and continued treatment of dialysis patients and transplant recipients in the United States. Below is a list of resources to help you protect yourself from and stay informed of COVID-19.

**For Patients**

**For Healthcare Providers**

**COVID-19**

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# Thank You!

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Additional COVID-19 resources for patients and providers:



<https://www.kcercoalition.com/en/covid-19/>



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