



Quick Start Guide to Dialysis Care in the Nursing Home Change Package

Introduction: The End Stage Renal Disease National Coordinating Center (ESRD NCC) develops and updates a series of [change packages](#).

- Change packages contain practical strategies and tactics for quality improvement (QI) at dialysis facilities across a range of topics.
- If you are unsure where to begin with change packages or are new to your role, this quick-start guide may help you focus on appropriate drivers and sub-drivers once you have identified your problem statement(s).
- Remember, your local [ESRD Network](#) is a valuable resource as you work through quality improvement activities.

How Will Your Facility Benefit?

- ✓ Building a cohesive team by working on a common goal.
- ✓ Improving relationships with physicians, staff, patients, families, and caregivers.
- ✓ Empowering and appreciating the whole staff through inclusion in QI activities to drive change.

Problem Statement	Where to Start	Where to Learn More
We could use some ideas on how to start providing dialysis to patients in nursing homes.	1b: Ensure staff can support the dialysis program.	ESRD Network
Focus on Building Trust with the Nursing Home Team		
We want ways to better communicate with nursing homes.	2b: Establish lines of communication.	ESRD NCC Learning and Action Network Call Expert Team Call
Focus on QI and Following Up on Patients' Progress		
I want to use data and the team's input to come up with new ways to decrease the infection rate.	3: Track metrics and incorporate into QAPI process.	Sample Infection Prevention and Control QI Plan
Focus on Providing Education to the Staff		
We could use help with reducing the long-term catheter infection rate.	4b. Equip staff with knowledge to prevent infections and transfusions.	Decreasing LTC Infections for Patients Receiving Dialysis in the Nursing Home
We could use ideas to reduce the peritonitis rates.	4b. Equip staff with knowledge to prevent infections and transfusions.	Decreasing Peritonitis for Patients Receiving PD in the Nursing Home

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