



Tips for Implementing Home Dialysis “Patient Voices” Resources

Sharing experiences is at the core of what makes peer mentoring effective in helping patients adjust to and cope with a variety of chronic illnesses, including kidney failure. Peer support has helped patients with kidney disease adjust to kidney disease and long-term dialysis therapy.¹

We gathered home dialysis patients from our networks to share their experiences in home dialysis therapies (home hemodialysis and peritoneal dialysis). Each of these patients has a unique story to share about their journey. We believe that some of your patients may identify with them. These resources can also help you meet Conditions for Coverage related to educating patients about all treatment modalities. (*Subpart C-Patient Care §494.70 Condition: Patients’ rights (7) Be informed about all treatment modalities*)

Suggestions for Implementing Our *Patient Voices* Resources

- Post the *Patient Voices* poster in your patient waiting room.
- Educate patients and staff on what the poster is all about.
- Assist patients on how to use the QR code on the *Patient Voices* materials to access patient videos.
- Provide the *Patient Voices* materials to patients identified as candidates for home dialysis. Encourage patients to bring the information home to share with family, friends and/or caregivers.
- Follow up with targeted patients.

We would love to hear how your facility used these resources. Please contact the appropriate Network contact listed below.

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¹ [https://www.ajkd.org/article/S0272-6386\(19\)31165-5/fulltext](https://www.ajkd.org/article/S0272-6386(19)31165-5/fulltext) Overcoming Barriers for Uptake and Continued Use of Home Dialysis: An NKF-KDOQI Conference Report