

**ESRD NETWORK OF NEW ENGLAND
AGENDA FOR THE 22nd ANNUAL NETWORK MEETING**

“Turning the Tide: Challenges & Changes in the Care of the Renal Patient”

- 7:30 – 8:25 **Registration / Facility Posters / Exhibits / Continental Breakfast**
- 8:25 – 8:30 **Welcome / General Information**
Jenny Kitsen – Executive Director
- 8:30 – 9:00 **“Changing Times: Aligning Quality Performance”**
Candace Walworth, MD
1. Explain dialysis accountability under the new CMS bundled payment requirements
 2. Discuss the purpose of having clinical measures on Medicare claims forms
 3. Describe the CMS clinical incentive program scoring formula to be used for payment of dialysis services
- 9:00 – 9:50 **“What’s New in Renal Palliative Care?”**
Lewis M. Cohen, MD
1. Describe the instruments available to predict the mortality of dialysis patients
 2. Describe the measures of symptom burden of dialysis patients
 3. Summarize the new proposed guidelines for the initiation and discontinuation of dialysis
- 10:00- 10:45 **Refreshment Break / Exhibits / Facility Posters**
- 10:45 – 11:30 **“Thinking Outside the Unit: A Kidney Transplantation Update for the Dialysis Facility “**
Joseph Vassalotti, MD
1. Compare the roles of kidney transplantation for patients treated with dialysis, and pre-emptive transplants for CKD patients
 2. Describe the UNOS process for prioritizing patients on the kidney transplant list
 3. Discuss how to counsel patients regarding the kidney transplant alternative
- 11:30 – 12:30 **“Biofilms in Nature and Disease”**
J. William Costerton, PhD
1. Explain the impact of biofilms from their natural environment to infectious diseases
 2. Describe how biofilms contribute to major medical problems in the dialysis and transplant population
 3. Discuss the diagnostic and therapeutic challenge of treating bacterial biofilms in chronic diseases
- 12:30 – 1:45 **Luncheon / Door Prizes / Exhibits / Facility Posters**
- 1:45 – 2:45 **“Management of Challenging Patients “**
Robert Mallon
1. Describe tools and appropriate responses that attendees can use to reduce stress in their everyday lives
 2. Explain positive behaviors that have practical applications in everyday life, as well as in dialysis and transplant units
 3. Discuss practical strategies that can work for managing challenging patients

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- 2:45 – 3:15 **Vascular Access Management for the Multidisciplinary Dialysis Team & Centers of Excellence**
 John D’Avella, MD
1. Summarize the latest findings from the “Fistula First” program for Network of New England facilities
 2. List opportunities for improvement in vascular access management
 3. Discuss strategies to reduce both incident and long term catheter usage

- 3:15 – 4:15 **Panel Discussion -“Two Years Working with the Conditions for Coverage: What Have We Learned?”**

“Deficiencies – What State Surveyors Have Identified”

Deborah Ulin, RN, BSN - Health Facility Inspector

1. Identify the most frequently cited deficiencies in Massachusetts in 2009 and the first half of 2010 related to the comprehensive assessment and plan of care
2. Define, for federal purposes, the differences between the interdisciplinary team, and how it differs from a multidisciplinary team, in form and function
3. List five strategies for complying with the IDT requirement for the comprehensive assessment and plan of care

“National Variations & What to Expect in the Near Future”

Kathleen M. Egan, RN, MSN – Contracting Officer Technical Representative & ESRD Technical Lead for the Northeast Consortium

1. Identify and explain the top 10 deficiencies cited nationally
2. Describe the current CMS Life Safety Code implementation expectations for state survey agencies
3. Explain the role of the Medical Director as described in the new Conditions for Coverage

“The Buck Stops Here –Responsibilities of the Medical Director”

Bernadette Drinkwine, RN, BSN, CNN - Regional Quality Manager, FMC

1. Explain the operational responsibilities of the Medical Director, the QAPI process and impact on delivery of quality care
2. List the specific QAPI requirements that define the operational responsibility of the Medical Director
3. Discuss deficient practices that lead to a determination of a lack of involvement of the Medical Director

“Day to Day Challenges of Infection Control”

Nadine Tasker, RN, BSN, MSB, CNN- Director of Dialysis Services EMMC

1. Analyze infection control deficiencies from state surveys at three facilities
2. Discuss an acceptable and comprehensive corrective action plan
3. Summarize monitoring tools to ensure future compliance to the Conditions for Coverage

- 4:15 - 4:30 **Evaluations / Continuing Education Certificates / Adjournment**