

A white lighthouse with a red lantern room stands on a rocky island. The sky is overcast and grey. The lighthouse has three windows and a small white structure at its base. The foreground is filled with large, flat, grey rocks.

ESRD NETWORK OF NEW ENGLAND

22nd ANNUAL MEETING
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2010

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

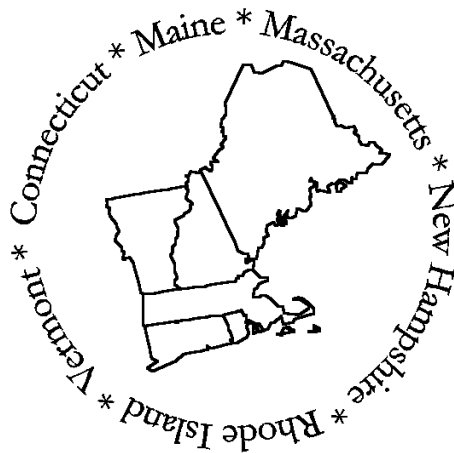
The Network Annual Meeting provides an opportunity for you and your colleagues to network and share ideas. In addition to facility posters, we invite you to bring along any educational materials that you would like to display for the meeting attendees.

Patient Advisory Committee (PAC) In 2010 the PAC Shines Again!

The New England Patient Advisory Committee has multiplied in size this year to represent every state in New England. Our seasoned members and “newbies” have joined together to bring a fresh outlook on different projects. A big project the PAC worked on was updating the brochure “*BEE*” *informed About Your Rights and Responsibilities* which also outlines the Network grievance policy. The latest project the PAC is working on is brainstorming ways the Network can effectively reach patients to educate them on the Network and the services offered. Besides working on projects, the PAC is instrumental in offering their voice to help the Network better understand the experience of patients on dialysis and transplantation. The PAC’s insight to systemic patient problems helps the Network focus on the most pertinent issues. Be sure to visit the Network Patient Advisory Booth to obtain information and teaching materials they are distributing. Also, it is a great way to greet the PAC and introduce yourself to new patients.

Please visit the additional Network booths for special materials on the “Fistula First” Project, Patient Booklets, emergency preparedness, CMS data reporting, and other important updates for your facility.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

The Annual Network Meeting is open to all members of the ESRD community: administrators, dietitians, nurses, patient-consumers, pharmacists, physicians, social workers, surveyors, technicians, and other interested health care professionals. If you have any special physical or dietary needs, please consult with the Network staff at least four weeks prior to the meeting.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

Individual objectives for each speaker and topic will be listed on the program evaluation forms. This Annual Network Education Meeting will:

- ❖ Identify clinical issues related to the care of ESRD patients
- ❖ Expand your current knowledge base in improving quality of care for ESRD patients
- ❖ Support an environment to share ideas and interact with colleagues

EARLY BIRD APPLICATION & PAYMENT IS REQUIRED BY SEPTEMBER 17th AFTER SEPTEMBER 17th, PLEASE CALL TO CHECK AVAILABILITY OF SPACE

You may attend any or all sessions of this program to receive prorated credit. However, NASW regulations require that Social Workers attend 100% of the program in order to receive an attendance certificate. In order to receive any credit, an evaluation for the session(s) must be submitted, along with a copy of the attendance certificate. Absolutely no contact hour certificates will be accepted from any discipline by mail, Email, or fax after the meeting. Attendees will be expected to have their attendance verified on the master attendance sheets at the registration desk, providing license/registration numbers as needed. Social Security numbers are never requested or required, so please *do not* use them in lieu of your professional license number on your certificate of attendance.

Your payment covers the administrated costs associated with applying for Continuing Educational Credits, continental breakfast, luncheon, & refreshment breaks. **Due to catering commitments, no refunds will be given after October 1st.**

HOTEL ROOM RESERVATIONS:

A block of rooms listed under the "Network of New England" will *be held until September 22nd 2010*. The room rate for a single or double room is \$132 plus tax. Please contact the hotel directly at 508-347-7393 to reserve your room as soon as possible.

If the hotel is full, you can contact other hotels in the Sturbridge area directly for the best rates (AAA, Web rates, etc.) and directions. Hotels within a one-mile radius of the meeting site include the Hampton Inn, The Publick House, and the Holiday Inn Express.

ACCREDITATION

DIETITIANS

This program has been submitted to the Commission on Dietetic Registration for Continuing Professional Educational Units.

NURSES

This continuing nursing education activity was approved for 6.0 contact hours by the American Nephrology Nurses' Association, an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

Please be aware of the CE requirements for the state(s) in which you hold a nursing license. Copies of the certificate of attendance will be returned to ANNA as part of the post-meeting requirements. You will also need to have your attendance verified on the master attendance sheets at the registration desk. (Social security numbers are NEVER required, so DO NOT use your social security number. Please note that the Network does not share any registration lists).

PHYSICIANS

Physicians may self-report 6.0 credit hours (Category II) per the AMA office (312-464-5000). Each physician should claim only those hours of credit that he/she actually spent in the educational activity.

SOCIAL WORKERS

This program has been approved for 6.0 Continuing Education hours for relicensure, in accordance with 258 CMR, Collaborative of NASW and the Boston College and Simmons College Schools of Social Work Authorization. *In addition, per NASW, Social Workers must attend 100% of this program in order to receive credit.* Please be sure that your attendance has been verified on the master attendance sheets at the registration desk, and that your license / registration number is on your completed attendance sheet. DO NOT use Social Security numbers!

TECHNICIANS

Technicians can submit the ANNA certificate of participation to NANT, BONENT and the National Nephrology Certification Commission (NNCC) for reciprocal credit. *Please be sure that your attendance has been verified on the master sheets at the registration desk.*

All other attendees will receive a certificate of attendance.

**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**

FACULTY

As required by educational credentialing agencies, all faculty speakers are expected to disclose to the program audience any real or apparent conflict(s) of interest that may have a direct bearing on the subject matter being presented. This pertains to relationships with pharmaceutical companies, biomedical device manufacturers, or other corporations whose products or services are related to the subject matter.

Lewis M. Cohen, MD is the Director for the Renal Palliative Care Initiative at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield, Massachusetts. He is also a Professor for the Department of Psychiatry at Tufts School of Medicine in Boston. A clinician-researcher at Baystate Medical Center, Dr. Cohen has over 20 years of experience in end of life issues, dialysis continuation, and palliative care. He has been the principal investigator for a large number of scientific studies on end of life care through such major organizations as the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the National Kidney Foundation, and the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. In addition to authoring many articles on palliative care, Dr. Cohen was awarded a Guggenheim Fellowship and a Rockefeller Bellagio Residency to publish his recent first book, "No Good Deed". This well-written book looks at the realities of modern medical care, and raises vital questions about the role of medicine at the end of life.

Disclosure Declaration: Dr. Cohen has declared no actual or potential conflict of interest in relation to this presentation.

J. William Costerton, PhD is currently the Director of Biofilm Research for the Center for Genomic Sciences, and Director of Microbial Research at the Allegheny Singer Research Institute in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Dr. Costerton completely changed the established science of microbiology with a new view of bacterial life in 1978. As the pioneer in naming and studying biofilms and their bacterial applications, he and his research team developed new technologies in many industries, including the field of health care applications. His renowned efforts reporting on the relationship between biofilm formation and disease have led to better intervention and treatment of many chronic infections, endotoxins, host immune systems, resistant organisms, prosthetic health valves, central venous catheters, dialysis equipment, and dialysis water systems. An internationally well-respected teacher and prolific writer, Dr. Costerton has published a book on Biofilms, authored over 620 papers in peer reviewed journals, and lectured extensively throughout the United States, Canada, Europe, India, and the Far East.

Disclosure Declaration: Dr. Costerton has declared no actual or potential conflict of interest in relation to his presentation.

John D'Avella, MD, FACP, FASN is the Director of Dialysis and a Transplant Physician at Hartford Hospital in Hartford, Connecticut, and is a Clinical Professor of Medicine at the University of Connecticut School of Medicine. Dr. D'Avella has over three decades of experience in caring for patients in the field of kidney disease and kidney transplantation. In addition to authoring published articles in all facets of renal disease, Dr. D'Avella has devoted countless volunteer hours for such organizations as this Network and the National Kidney Foundation of Connecticut. As Chairman of the Network of New England's Medical Review Board, he is well-versed in the quality improvement aspects of patient care, and guides this Network with updated information on the CMS "Fistula First" programs.

Disclosure Declaration: Dr. D'Avella has declared no actual or potential conflict of interest in relation to this presentation.

Bernadette Drinkwine, RN, BSN, CNN is the Regional Quality Manager for Fresenius Medical Care in Riverside, Rhode Island, and an Adjunct Professor at the Community College of Rhode Island. She has over 32 years of clinical and management experience in the field of adult and pediatric dialysis acute, chronic and home dialysis settings. This varied experience includes teaching responsibilities, staff nursing, education coordinator, clinic manager, and regional quality improvement manager. Having worked in all capacities in dialysis units, Mrs. Drinkwine is well-equipped to address the role of the dialysis Medical Director as it pertains to the new federal CMS Conditions for Coverage.

Disclosure Declaration: Mrs. Drinkwine has declared no actual or potential conflict of interest in relation to this presentation.

Kathleen M. Egan, RN, MSN is currently working for the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) in the Boston Regional Office - Division of Quality Improvement. Kathleen is a Contracting Officer Technical Representative (COTR) responsible for contract oversight for Quality Improvement Organizations (QIO) and End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Networks. In July 2009, Kathleen was also appointed the ESRD Technical Lead for the Northeast Consortium for Survey and Certification.

Prior to this position she was a Nurse Consultant responsible for the review of managed care organizations, and served as the home health and hospice survey and certification expert, the OASIS Educational Coordinator, and the Lead Clinical Pace Reviewer for Region 2.

Kathleen came to CMS from a national accreditation organization where she served as the senior vice president. She spent the previous twenty-five years in a variety of upper management positions across provider types including hospital management, adolescent psychiatry, home health and hospice. Kathleen maintained a practice as a psychiatric clinical nurse specialist for many years as well as serving as adjunct faculty at Boston University and the University of Massachusetts in Boston.

Disclosure Declaration: Ms. Egan has declared no actual or potential conflict of interest in relation to this presentation.

Robert Mallon is a nationally known professional speaker who has delivered over 5100 hours of motivational presentations to corporations and associations in nearly every state of the country. Robert is based in Atlanta, GA. He has over 25 years of business experience, having worked internally with several nationally known organizations. He has won numerous awards for his management, leadership, and sales abilities. Mr. Mallon has always had great passion for “growing” people and organizations, and in helping them live up to their full potential. This has turned into his life mission. In the dialysis and transplant setting, multidisciplinary team members will benefit from Mr. Mallon’s ability to resolve difficulties through facilitation, fact-finding, and problem solving.

Disclosure Declaration: Mr. Mallon has declared no actual or potential conflict of interest in relation to this presentation.

Nadine Tasker, RN, BSN, MSB, CNN is the Director of Palliative Care and Director for Dialysis Care of Maine at Eastern Maine Medical center in Bangor, Maine. Ms. Tasker has had experience in all facets of dialysis since 1984. This experience includes being a dialysis staff nurse, dialysis charge nurse, and department head nurse, culminating in her current position as Director of Dialysis Care. Her responsibilities include hospital inpatient dialysis units, outpatient dialysis units, and home hemodialysis units. She is active on various committees and has served on the Medical Review Board and Board of Directors for the Network of New England. Ms. Tasker has also lectured on such applicable topics as infection control, dialysis technician practice, and dialysis nursing care for the Network of New England, ANNA, and local Maine dialysis facilities.

Disclosure Declaration: Ms. Tasker has declared no actual or potential conflict of interest in relation to this presentation.

Deborah Ulin, RN, BSN, is a Health Facility Inspector for the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Division of Health Care Quality, in Boston, Massachusetts. In addition to a variety of professional nursing positions over a 33 year span, Ms. Ulin has been with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health since 1993. In her capacity as a Health Facility Inspector, Ms. Ulin is responsible for the inspection of ESRD facilities, transplant units, long term care facilities, skilled nursing facilities and hospice agencies for compliance and federal regulatory requirements and state licensure. She is certified by CMS (Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services) in all of the programs and has vast speaking experience as a guest lecturer for a variety of different nursing groups, including the U.S. Army and the University of Bridgeport (Connecticut) Law School.

Disclosure Declaration: Ms. Ulin has declared no actual or potential conflict of interest in relation to this presentation.

Joseph Vassalotti, MD, FASN is the Chief Medical Officer for the National Kidney Foundation, and Clinical Associate Professor of Medicine in the Division of Nephrology at Mount Sinai Medical Center in New York City. Dr. Vassalotti oversees the medical operations of NKF's Kidney Early Evaluation Program, which identifies early chronic disease (CKD) in high risk individuals. He also plays a major role in the development and evaluation of professional education programs and materials produced by NKF's medical leadership and Scientific Advisory Board on the full range of NKF's medical programs. Dr. Vassalotti has over 50 published peer-reviewed publications, and has given over 100 presentations at local, regional, national, and international nephrology meetings. He is Co-Principal Investigator for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention demonstration project to identify individuals at high risk for CKD in the United States using state-based screening.

Disclosure Declaration: Dr. Vassalotti has declared no actual or potential conflict of interest in relation to this presentation.

Candace Walworth, MD is the Medical Director of the Lewiston-Auburn Kidney Center in Maine, and Assistant Professor of Medicine at the University of Vermont College of Medicine. With thirty years of experience as a practicing Nephrologist, Dr. Walworth is currently Chairperson for the Network of New England Board of Directors, and also served as past Chairperson of the Network Medical Review Board and the Network Vascular Access Committee. She has published a number of renal articles on such subjects as vascular access management, central venous catheter use, peritoneal dialysis, industrial hypertension control programs, and cardiovascular outcomes in high risk hypertensive patients. Dr. Walworth spearheaded the development of the Maine Nephrology Society, and was instrumental in collaborating with the ESRD Network to provide special aggregate clinical indicator data for nephrologists in Maine. A member of the Maine Cardiovascular Health Council, Dr. Walworth has also been on the Board of Directors of the Renal Physicians Association.

Disclosure Declaration: Dr. Walworth has declared no actual or potential conflict of interest in relation to this presentation.

EXHIBITORS

PLEASE VISIT THE FOLLOWING EXHIBITS:

Abbott Nutrition ★ Alcavis HDC★ AMAG Pharmaceuticals, Inc. ★
★ Amgen ★ Astellas Pharma US, Inc.
★ B. Braun Medical ★ Fresenius Medical Care – Renal Therapies Group★
★ Gambro Renal Products★ Health Informatics International ★ Lumex G>F> Health Products
★ Minntech Corporation★ Nutre Pletion Resources★
ESRD Network of New England Patient Advisory Committee/Network Education Booth
Health Informatics International ★ Kidney Transplant Dialysis Association (KT/DA)
★ National Kidney Foundation Serving New England ★ Network Data Booth
★ Pentec Health★
★ Providence Access Care / Connecticut Access Care ★ Sanofi – Aventis, US
★ Sigma Tau Pharmaceuticals, Inc. ★
★ Teleflex Medical/Arrow International★ Total Quality Medical★

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Helen Warner, RN, CNN – Nurse Manager, Damariscotta Dialysis Center

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ATTENDEE FORM

ESRD Network Annual Meeting, October 14, 2010 - Sturbridge Host Hotel

- You are not officially listed as an attendee until your personal or facility check has been received at the Network office. No written confirmation will be sent, but you can call the Network office for verification. If your facility is issuing a group check, copies of ALL the attendee forms must be enclosed with the check. All deadlines apply - NO EXCEPTIONS.
- **CANCELLATION POLICY:** Must be cancelled prior to October 1st without penalty. After that time the meeting fee will be non-refundable.
- By attending this meeting, you are also granting permission for the Network of New England to take photographic images during the course of the day to be used and published (through print & electronic media) for the purposes of public education and program description (*Note: Images will not be altered in any way to misrepresent the context in which they were taken*).
- Please be prepared to provide your professional license/registration number(s) on the day of the meeting for continuing education/attendance certificates.

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- "Early-Bird" application (*postmarked by September 17th*) \$40
- ANY application (*postmarked after September 17th*) \$55

(Note: After October 1st, please call first to check for space availability)

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- Patients, PAC, Current Network of New England Board of Directors, Complimentary & Medical Review Board Members (*you must submit an attendee form by September 17th*)
- Principal Authors/Posters, please subtract \$25.00 from your application

Please make checks payable to: ESRD Network of New England, Inc.
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TITLE/POSITION IN FACILITY: _____ ANNA Member Yes No

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