

## Interested in becoming a member of the PAC?

Please talk to your social worker or fill out the Patient Advisory Committee Application Form. If you have questions see the Network website at [www.networkofnewengland.org](http://www.networkofnewengland.org) or call:

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## What is the PAC?



### PAC Mission Statement

The ESRD Network of New England Patient Advisory Committee (PAC) is committed to enhancing the quality of life for New England ESRD patients through education, communication and active representation.

## Who Are The Members Of The PAC?

The New England PAC is made up of dialysis patients, transplant patients and patients' family members from the six New England states of Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont.. The members of the PAC are chosen for their leadership qualities and interest in promoting quality of care for their fellow patients. The PAC is the voice for all New England patients on dialysis –over **12,000** and for those patients who have had kidney transplants.

### What Do PAC Members Do?

- Help create educational materials for other patients.
- Review material developed by the Network to make sure it is “patient-centered”.
- Attend two face to face meetings twice a year in Sturbridge, MA and several times throughout the year on telephone conference calls .
- Inform the Network of New England of patient concerns so the Network can provide education to ALL Network providers.
- Assist in thinking of topics for the Networks patient educational newsletter *Kidney Chronicles*.
- Assist with the PAC booth at the Network Annual Meeting.
- Provide advice or patient perspectives to assist with conflict resolutions.

## How Can Someone Become A Member Of The PAC?

A potential PAC member is nominated by dialysis and transplant providers from the six New England states and the staff of the ESRD Network of New England. If a patient is selected by Network leadership to serve on the PAC, and the patient agrees, he or she will be contacted by the Network Patient Services Coordinator to discuss membership in greater detail and answer any questions the patient may have. If interested patients should call the Network, fill out an application form, or talk to their provider (social worker, nurse, doctor) about their interest in joining the PAC.

### How Long Can Someone Serve on the PAC?

Once named to serve on the PAC, a member may serve as long as they wish, or if the ESRD Network determines to change the composition of the group due to new work goals. Current members of the PAC have served anywhere from ten years to three months.