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Exercise in Outreach

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Purpose:

Need to increase number of referrals for kidney transplant. ESRD Network with lowest referral/listed rate in USA. Some Dialysis units had not referred any patients for evaluation

Scope of the Problem:

Position Statement ISPO: Transplant is one of several renal replacement therapy options that offers the opportunity for better clinical outcomes with reduced mortality and morbidity and improvement of life. The Network of the South Atlantic supports the national focus to improve transplant coordination. The goal is to improve kidney health by having at least 80 percent of new ESRD patients either receiving dialysis at home or a kidney transplant by 2025. The Network will work with dialysis facilities in its service area to effect this change. By collaborating with transplant centers and dialysis facilities, the Network will establish interventions, which will aid in overcoming barriers and improve communication.”

Method:

Plan to increase number of referrals. Each Pre-Transplant Coordinator will visit 10 dialysis units in the fiscal year. Provide education to dialysis staff about kidney transplant referral, evaluation, waitlist, surgery so they can provide correct information to patients and increase referrals. Dialysis units are assigned to TC geographically.

Results:

Track number of referrals before and after visits to see if visits had impact

Conclusions:

Number of referrals had mild increase but dialysis unit staff reported increase in kidney transplant knowledge that they can now pass on to patients.

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