

Don't Miss This!

NEW! The Heartland Kidney Network Emergency Council

Disasters and emergencies can happen at any time. Facilities caring for dialysis patients must be prepared and ready to spring into action at a moment's notice.

In response to requests from the renal community, the Network has initiated an emergency council.

The purpose of the group is the following:

- Raise awareness of potential disaster/emergency risks in our region
- Identify opportunities for improvement in regional disaster/emergency
- Strategize and plan ways to overcome barriers
- Strengthen facility disaster/emergency preparedness
- Share lessons learned
- Hold routine conference calls (quarterly)

Membership:

- Free
- Each **facility representative** is automatically a member and expected to actively participate
- Additional staff members/physicians from dialysis facilities can also join us

We have quarterly conference calls or Webex presentations that last about one hour.

Information about upcoming emergency council calls will be contained in the Heartland Kidney Network eNewsletter and or Facility Newsletter.

Opportunity! Network Emergency Council Lead Team

Dialysis facility staff members are also encouraged to join the Network Emergency Council Lead Team. This group assists the Network in planning the agenda for the Heartland Kidney Network Emergency Council calls. They also help identify educational gaps that may exist related to disaster planning. Communications with the Network is done via email or phone and should take only a few minutes per quarter.

Thank you to those who have already volunteered to serve!

Do you have questions about the Council or Lead Team?

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