



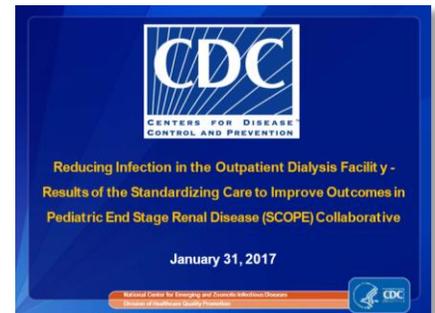
## 2017 Coalition Activities Underway

January and February marked the start of what promises to be a busy year for the *Coalition*. 2017 activities include a bi-monthly All Partner call, a bi-monthly Provider Committee call, *Coalition* educational webinars, and a bi-monthly newsletter.

The *Coalition* hosted its first webinar with free CE credits on January 31. Drs. Alicia Neu and Bradley Warady presented the webinar, titled “Tune in to Safe Healthcare: Reducing Infection in the Outpatient Dialysis Facility – Results of the Standardizing Care to Improve Outcomes in Pediatric End Stage Renal Disease (SCOPE) Collaborative.” Nearly 950 people attended the live webinar.

### Enduring CE Credits Available

The January 31 *Coalition* webinar was recorded and posted to the [Tune in to Safe Healthcare webpage](#). Dialysis healthcare providers can [watch the recording](#) and [claim CE credits](#) until February 2019. Spread the word and let your colleagues know this webinar is available.



## Coalition Presentations and Exhibits

- On January 18, AAKP hosted a webinar on *Making Dialysis Safer* that featured Dr. Klemens Meyer and CDC’s Nicole Gualandi.
- NANT 2017 Annual Symposium, February 20-23, Las Vegas, NV. Christi Lines presented on the *Coalition*. The *Coalition* also had an exhibit booth.
- Annual Dialysis Conference (ADC) March 12-13, Long Beach, CA. Dr. Priti Patel will present “Infections in Dialysis Units” and “Your Role in Reducing the Risk of Bloodstream Infections: *Making Dialysis Safer for Patients Coalition Update*.”
- NKF Spring Clinical Meeting, April 18-22, Orlando, FL. Kim Deaver, MSN, RN, CNN (University of Virginia) and Sally Hess, MPH, CIC (CDC) will present “Infection Control – How to Help with Staff Adherence.” The *Coalition* will also have an exhibit booth.

### Interested in being a leader in dialysis infection prevention?

Come to CDC and ANNA’s first ever **Preconference Workshop during the 2017 ANNA National Symposium** in Washington, DC. The workshop, titled “Infection Prevention in Hemodialysis: Implementing Best Practices and Becoming an Infection Prevention Advocate,” will be held on April 7 and is intended to provide dialysis nurses essential knowledge and skills to tackle common infection prevention issues encountered in dialysis units. Attendees will receive a certificate after course completion and the opportunity to join a community of care providers interested in infection prevention. For more information visit <http://www.annasymposium.org/precon>.

## Save the Date: Coalition Stakeholder Meeting

Mark your calendars for a 1.5 day in-person *Coalition* stakeholder meeting that will take place at the CDC headquarters in Atlanta, GA on September 7-8. The agenda will feature *Coalition* Partner successes and experiences, a poster session, a planning session for the year ahead, networking opportunities, and more. There will also be a health department workshop. The meeting will be hosted by CDC in conjunction with the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) and the CDC Foundation. Look for more information about this important meeting in the next *Coalition* newsletter.

## Announcing our Newest Partners

We are pleased to continue to welcome new partners to the *Coalition*. Since launching on September 27, 2016 with thirteen initial partners, we have grown to include a total of 39 partner organizations. Each partner plays an important role in helping us achieve our goal of reducing bloodstream infections among hemodialysis patients.



*Coalition* [Partners](#) are listed on our website. This webpage will be updated periodically to reflect new Partners as they come on board. Partners to date include the following:

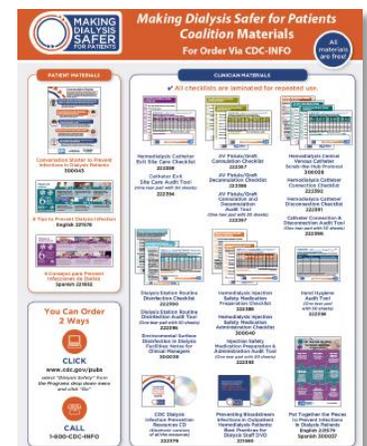
- [American Association of Kidney Patients](#)
- [American Kidney Fund](#)
- [American Nephrology Nurses' Association](#)
- [American Society of Nephrology](#)
- [American Society of Pediatric Nephrology](#)
- [Arizona Department of Health Services\\*](#)
- [Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology](#)
- [Association for Vascular Access](#)
- [Atlantic Dialysis Management Services\\*](#)
- [Board of Nephrology Examiners Nursing and Technology](#)
- [Centers for Dialysis Care](#)
- [Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services](#)
- [Children's Hospital Association\\*](#)
- [Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment\\*](#)
- [Davita\\*](#)
- [Dialysis Clinic, Inc.](#)
- [Dialysis Patient Citizens](#)
- [End Stage Renal Disease \(ESRD\) National Coordinating Center \(NCC\)\\*](#)
- [Fresenius Kidney Care](#)
- [Georgia Department of Public Health\\*](#)
- [Independent Dialysis Foundation](#)
- [The Joint Commission](#)
- [Medical Education Institute](#)
- [National Association of Directors of Nursing Administration in Long Term Care](#)
- [National Association of Nephrology Technicians/Technologists](#)
- [National Kidney Foundation](#)
- [National Renal Administrators Association](#)
- [Nephrology Nursing Certification Commission](#)
- [North Carolina Department of Public Health\\*](#)
- [North Dakota Department of Health\\*](#)
- [Northwest Kidney Centers](#)
- [Physicians Dialysis\\*](#)
- [Renal Physicians Association](#)
- [The Rogosin Institute](#)
- [Satellite Healthcare](#)
- [Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America](#)
- [South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control\\*](#)
- [Veterans Administration Kidney Program](#)
- [State of West Virginia Bureau for Public Health/Office of Epidemiology and Prevention Services\\*](#)

\* Indicates new partners since the *Coalition's* November newsletter.

We are continuing to reach out to additional partners and will announce new partners as they join the *Coalition*. For more information on *Coalition* partnership, email: [DialysisCoalition@cdc.gov](mailto:DialysisCoalition@cdc.gov).

## Order *Coalition* Resources

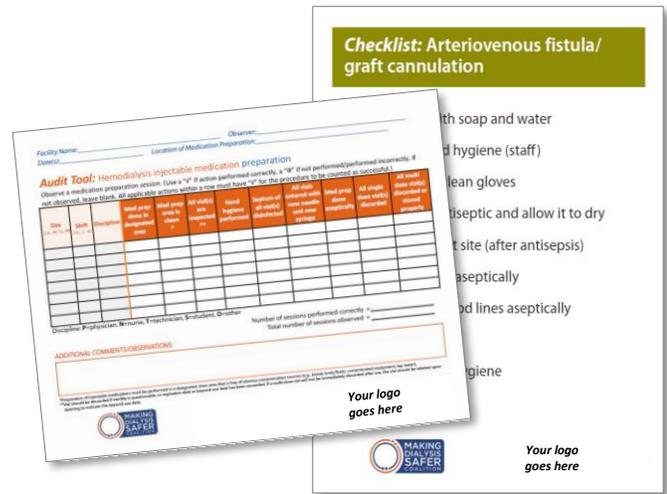
Materials can be found online in the [Resource Center](#) section of our Website and include prevention tools such as checklists, audit tools and patient resources. All materials are available for download and print copies can be ordered free of charge using the appropriate Pub ID from CDC-INFO. You can order materials either by calling 1-800-CDC-INFO or by [ordering online](#).



## Tools in Development

The *Coalition* is in the process of creating multiple tools that healthcare providers can use to prevent infections and to educate patients.

- Partners will soon be able to add their logos to *Coalition* materials! We are creating versions of the *Coalition* checklists and audit tools that will have room for *Coalition* Partner organizations' logos.
- A certificate to accompany the Patient Conversation Starter is in the works. Facilities who use the *Coalition's* Patient Conversation Starter, a tool co-developed with AAKP to facilitate patient-provider conversations, can display this certificate to indicate that they use it and to prompt patients to ask their healthcare providers about the Patient Conversation Starter.
- We are in the process of creating a "Days since infection" poster that providers can use to display the number of days since an infection has occurred at that facility. Stay tuned for more information.



## Partner Spotlight

### National Association of Directors of Nursing Administration in Long Term Care (NADONA)

- NADONA has worked with both the CDC and CMS to meet the needs of our nurses' leaders in post-acute and long-term care. We have developed a new Infection Prevention Board Certification program, six new infection prevention webinars, a new Infection Certificate program, and two Antibiotic Stewardship programs, including one certification program and one mastery program. We also have an "Ask the Expert" feature on our new website in which members can both post and answer questions within categories such as infection, leadership, inspections, etc. Our journal, *The Director*, is also recognized by the Library of Congress and Google Scholar.

### Renal Physicians Association (RPA)

- During the RPA Annual Meeting in Nashville (March 17-19, 2017), we will award the ESRD Patient Safety Improvement Award to St. Luke's Nephrology Associates in recognition for their efforts in Keeping Kidney Patients Safe by improving vascular access safety and developing CLABSI reduction policy and procedures. The ESRD Patient Safety Improvement Award recognizes nephrology professionals' commitment to achieving and maintaining optimum levels of kidney patient safety. More information is available on [Keeping Kidney Patients Safe](#). Additionally, the RPA Medical Director workshop, a CME pre-conference course immediately preceding the RPA Annual Meeting in Nashville, will highlight patient safety, including topics such as: fostering a culture of patient safety, quality care, water management, and infection control.

### American Association of Kidney Patients (AAKP)

- Dr. Priti Patel was featured in AAKP's January issue of [RENALIFE](#). Also in January, AAKP hosted a webinar on *Making Dialysis Safer* that featured Dr. Klemens Meyer and CDC's Nicole Gualandi.

### American Nephrology Nurses' Association (ANNA)

- We are promoting the *Coalition* on our web site and social media accounts, including Facebook and Twitter, and we posted reminders about the *Coalition's* January 31<sup>st</sup> webinar on our Open Forum as well as posted within our e-news. We have encouraged submission of stories from among members regarding use of the *Coalition's* tools and protocols to reduce infection. Lastly, ANNA is partnering with the CDC to provide a pre-conference workshop entitled "Infection Prevention in Hemodialysis: Implementing Best Practices and Becoming an Infection Prevention Advocate" at the upcoming ANNA National Symposium in Washington D.C. on April. 7th.



## March is National Kidney Month

March 9 is World Kidney Day. Please share your planned activities with us and we will inform *Coalition* members.

## March 12-18, 2017 Patient Safety Awareness Week: Keep Healthcare Safe for Everyone



March 12 – 18 is Patient Safety Awareness Week, an annual initiative of the National Patient Safety Foundation. This year’s [United for Patient Safety campaign](#) focuses on making patient safety an everyday priority. Join CDC, NPSF and many other partners for the [“What Patients Want \(and Need\) to Know”](#) Twitter chat on Tuesday, March 14 at 1:00 PM EST. Use hashtag #PSAW17chat to make your voice heard!

### March 15<sup>th</sup> 2pm ET - FREE National Patient Safety Foundation Webcast

**Topic:** The Voice of the Patient and the Public. This webcast will look at the advancing role of the patient and the public in patient safety. It will explore past efforts that brought forth transparency to patient safety issues, examine where we are today, and discuss how we can shape the future together.

**Register:** <http://bit.ly/psawweb17>

## Share This

Spread the message to put #DialysisPatientsFirst by following @CDC\_NCEZID and by starting the conversation about infection prevention on social media. To share the Start the Conversation graphic, copy this link: <http://go.usa.gov/xkMfy> into Facebook and Pinterest. To share on twitter, save the graphic and attach to your tweet—be sure to include the link and the hashtag: #DialysisPatientsFirst. The graphic links to the [Conversation Starter to Prevent Infections in Dialysis Patients](#) on the *Making Dialysis Safer for Patients Coalition* Website.



## Stay in Touch

We encourage you to “*Share Your Story*” about how you are putting #DialysisPatientsFirst and about how you are helping to prevent bloodstream infections. To share your story, email the *Coalition* at [DialysisCoalition@cdc.gov](mailto:DialysisCoalition@cdc.gov). Stories have the opportunity to be highlighted in the bi-monthly *Coalition* newsletter.

Also, feel free to contact us at [DialysisCoalition@cdc.gov](mailto:DialysisCoalition@cdc.gov) to discuss the *Coalition* and your partnership role.

