



Free Continuing Education Webinar: May 2

Please join us for the *Making Dialysis Safer for Patients Coalition's* second webinar: *Infections in Dialysis Centers: Understanding What Matters to Patients*. Presentations will highlight patient perspectives on the prevention and management of infectious disease in hemodialysis centers, approaches to engage dialysis patients in their care and in research, and strategies to engage hemodialysis patients in infection prevention from a patient's perspective. Please spread the word among your colleagues!

Featured speakers include:

- Allison Tong, MPH, MM, PhD - Associate Professor, Principal Research Fellow, Sydney School of Public Health, The University of Sydney-Australia
- Mark Unruh, MD, MS - Professor and Chair, Department of Internal Medicine, Solomon, Gardner & Sterling Chair Section Chief, New Mexico VA Health System, Associate Director UNM Clinical and Translation Science Center, University of New Mexico School of Medicine
- Ronald J. Krokey - Patient Advocate, former dialysis patient

Join Us

Webinar: *Tune in to Safe Healthcare: Infections in Dialysis Centers: Understanding What Matters to Patients*

Date: Tuesday, May 2, 2017

Time: 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. EDT

Sign up: Pre-register (at no cost): <https://cc.readytalk.com/r/ty1y33hzgvbl&eom>

If you attended the continuing education webinar on January 31, 2017, *Reducing Infection in the Outpatient Dialysis Facility – Results of the Standardizing Care to Improve Outcomes in Pediatric End Stage Renal Disease (SCOPE) Collaborative*, and have not yet claimed continuing education, you can still do so. [Claim continuing education](#).

For more information about continuing education available for CDC's Tune in to Safe Healthcare Webinar Series, visit: <https://www.cdc.gov/hai/prevent/safe-healthcare-webinars.html>.

Coalition Presentations and Exhibits

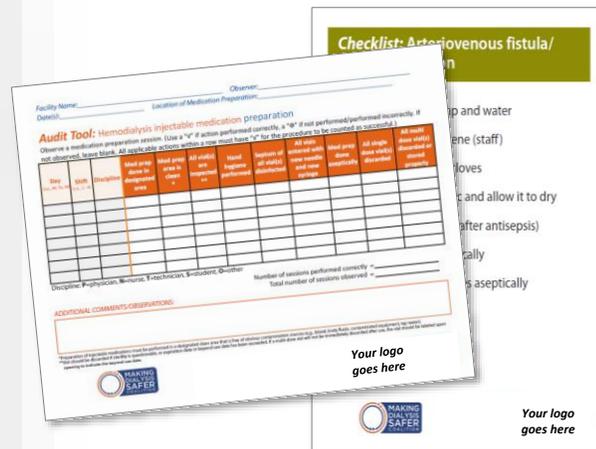
- National Renal Administrators Association (NRAA) Spring Meeting, May 24-25, Washington, DC. Dr. Ronke Apata will present "*Making Dialysis Safer Coalition*."
- Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists (CSTE) conference, June 4-8, Boise, Idaho. Nicole Gualandi will present "To Boldly Go Where Few Have Been Before: Infection Control Assessment and Response in the Outpatient Dialysis Setting." Nicole's presentation will take place on June 6.
- Association for Professionals in Infection Control (APIC) conference, June 14-16, Portland, Oregon. Sally Hess, Nicole Gualandi, and Barbara Breckler will present a 2.5 hour workshop entitled "Demystifying Dialysis: Infection Prevention in a Not-So-Foreign Land." The workshop will take place on June 15.

New Coalition Tools

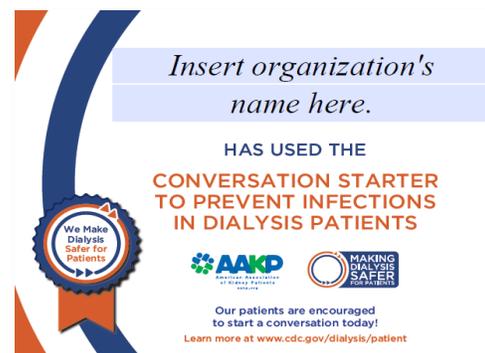
Add your organization's logo to Coalition resources! We have created versions of our Audit Tools and Checklists that enable you to add your organization's logo to Coalition resources. To download Coalition tools with placeholders to add your organization's logo, visit the [Audit Tools and Checklists page](#). On this web page, these tools begin with "Add Your Organization's Logo" in the hyperlink.

How to Add Your Organization's Logo to Coalition Resources

- Obtain the logo in one of the following file formats: .ai, .pdf, .jpeg, .png, or .eps. Files that are in .ai format should be converted to .pdf format before attempting to insert it into the logo placeholder.
- Download the "Add Your Organization's Logo" version of the resource.
- Click on the logo placeholder.
- Follow the prompts to import the logo file.
- Click "OK."
- You may need to consult with your organization's communications department to obtain the appropriate logo file format if your logo is in a format other than those mentioned above.



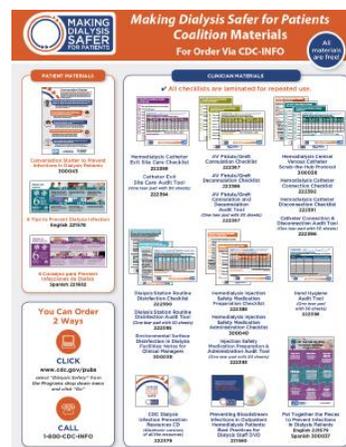
New Patient Conversation Starter Certificate is now available! Everyone has a role to play in preventing infections and keeping patients safe. Patients, family members, and those who work at dialysis centers can all start the conversation about preventing infections. This [Conversation Starter](#) guide can help. For facilities that use the Conversation Starter, the Coalition and the American Association of Kidney Patients have recently developed a [Certificate](#) that facilities can proudly display in public areas or in areas where patients and families will see it. This can help prompt a conversation with patients and family members and improve awareness about patient safety issues. Use the editable field to insert your organization's name. This Certificate can be found on the [Coalition's homepage](#) within the Patient Resources section.



A "Days Since Infection" poster is in development. Dialysis providers will be able to display this poster to show the number of days that have passed since an infection has occurred at that facility. Stay tuned for more information.

Order Free Copies of Coalition Resources

Infection prevention tools, such as checklists, audit tools, and patient resources, can be found online in the [Resource Center](#) section of our Website. 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](#).





Save the Date: *Coalition* Stakeholder Meeting Atlanta, September 7-8, 2017

CDC, in conjunction with the CDC Foundation and the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) is planning a 1.5 day in-person *Coalition* stakeholder meeting to take place in Atlanta 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, a state health department workshop, and more. Stay tuned for more information.

Announcing our Newest Partners

The *Coalition* continues to grow! Since launching on September 27, 2016, we have expanded to include 45 Partners. We value each of you!

Coalition [Partners](#) are listed on our website. This webpage is 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](#)
- [American Society of Diagnostic and Interventional Nephrology*](#)
- [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](#)
- [End Stage Renal Disease \(ESRD\) Network 8*](#)
- [Florida Department of Health*](#)
- [Fresenius Kidney Care](#)
- [Georgia Department of Public Health](#)
- [Health Services Advisory Group – End Stage Renal Disease \(ESRD\) Networks 7, 13, 15, and 17*](#)
- [Independent Dialysis Foundation](#)
- [The Joint Commission](#)
- [Massachusetts Department of Public Health*](#)
- [Medical Education Institute](#)
- [National Association of County and City Health Officials*](#)
- [The 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](#)
- [West Virginia Bureau for Public Health/Office of Epidemiology and Prevention Services](#)

* Indicates new partners since the *Coalition's* February newsletter.

We continue to reach out to additional Partners and will let you know as others join the *Coalition*. For more information on *Coalition* partnership, email: DialysisCoalition@cdc.gov.

Partner Spotlight

Massachusetts

- The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH), in partnership with CDC and the *Coalition*, is hosting their 15th training using patient simulation to promote evidence-based best practices in the hemodialysis setting. This conference, Infection Prevention Best Practices in Hemodialysis: Use of Simulation to Improve Practice and Patient Safety, will be held in Boston on Sunday, May 7, 2017. It's planned for nurses and dialysis technicians. Participants will practice CDC's Core Interventions to enhance the care and outcomes of hemodialysis patients and learn about patient engagement and promoting a culture of safety. Simulation exercises will be led by dialysis nurse and technician facilitators on cannulation/decannulation and fistula care practices, catheter care, medication preparation and injection safety, patient engagement, use of personal protective equipment (PPE), and routine cleaning and disinfection of dialysis equipment. Over 150 New England-based nurses and technicians have participated in this competency-based training since its inception in 2015. CEUs for nurses and dialysis technicians are provided. If you are interested in attending or learning more about this initiative, please contact Eileen McHale, HAI Coordinator at eileen.mchale@state.ma.us.



NADONA

- NADONA is offering a new Infection Prevention Certificate of Mastery Program as well as an Antibiotic Stewardship Certificate of Mastery Program. These programs are open to all healthcare professionals. Given the challenges associated with MDROs in the dialysis patient population, this topic is more important than ever before. In May, NADONA is also hosting a webinar dedicated to evidence-based practices for dialysis infection prevention and CLABSI reduction. Registration will be open to all as part of our ongoing partnership with the CDC. For more information, visit <https://www.nadona.org/ip-bc-program-2/>.

NRAA

- NRAA has continued to promote the *Coalition's* important work on various communication channels including social media, email, and in Renal Watch, their weekly member newsletter. NRAA has also shared the CDC's resources on their member-only portal, NRAA Voices. In March they celebrated National Patient Safety week with featured messages on the culture of safety and the role of employee engagement. In addition, NRAA has partnered with Dr. Ronke Apata of the CDC to present on the *Making Dialysis Safer Coalition* at their [2017 Spring Meeting in Washington D.C. on May 24](#).

Nephrologists Transforming Dialysis Safety Initiative

American Society of Nephrology (ASN)'s Nephrologists Transforming Dialysis Safety Initiative (NTDS) project is funded by a three-year contract with CDC. The goal is to engage nephrologists in promoting infection prevention in dialysis facilities. The contract began in July 2016. NTDS aims to target zero infections through engaging and recruiting the direct involvement of nephrologists as influential leaders in the following areas: improving adherence to recommended infection prevention practices, improving screening and detection of infections spread through contact and reducing the spread of these infections in dialysis settings, increasing implementation of clinical protocols to ensure accurate detection and appropriate treatment of infections, and improving collaboration between nephrologists and state and federal healthcare-associated infection programs. ASN, through the leadership of the NTDS project, participates as a Partner in the *Coalition*.

Please join ASN and NTDS for an upcoming webinar entitled "Targeting Zero Infections: Where Do We Begin?" The webinar will take place on May 23, 2017 from 12:00pm to 1:00pm EDT, and the target audience includes dialysis facility medical directors, nephrologists, nurses, technicians, and dialysis facility staff. The webinar is free and CME and CNE credits will be available for live webinar participants.

Register today: <https://www.asn-online.org/NTDS/>

Coalition Members

Our membership is expanding! *Coalition* Partners ASN/NTDS recently distributed an email to the ASN membership roster, including 13,000 nephrologists, to encourage membership in the *Coalition*. Our membership has grown by nearly 100 people as a direct result of this promotion. To date, the *Coalition* has more than 600 members representing professionals, patients, and advocates from within the dialysis community. Members can now join by going to the *Coalition's* [homepage](#) or [Members](#) page and click "Join Now as a Member."

Curious about the distinction between *Coalition* [Members](#) and *Coalition* [Partners](#)? Members represent individuals that help to spread the word about the effectiveness of the CDC Core Interventions and motivate staff to implement them in their facilities, whereas Partners include organizations that commit, at an organizational level, to engage in activities to generate awareness, educate, implement recommendations, and share experiences and findings related to infection prevention

May 5 is World Hand Hygiene Day



Hand hygiene is an important step in infection prevention and control programs. The World Health Organization (WHO) has designated May 5 as World Hand Hygiene Day. The CDC's [Clean Hands Count Campaign](#) aims to improve healthcare provider adherence to CDC hand hygiene [recommendations](#), address the myths and misperceptions about hand hygiene, and empower patients to play a role in their care by asking or reminding healthcare providers to clean their hands. Use the *Coalition's* [Hemodialysis Hand Hygiene Observations Audit Tool](#) and visit the Clean Hands Count Campaign today to download [promotional materials for patients and healthcare providers](#), including posters, factsheets, and brochures, infographics, and web buttons, and learn more about a new training course and promotional [video](#) for healthcare providers.

Share This

May 5 is World Hand Hygiene Day. Spread the message to put #DialysisPatientsFirst by promoting #CleanHandsCount @CDC_NCEZID. To share the Hand Hygiene graphic, save the graphic and attach it to your tweet or Facebook post – be sure to include the hashtag: #DialysisPatientsFirst. Here's our suggested tweet: #CleanHandsCount to prevent infection! Watch video & use audit tool <https://youtu.be/MzkNSzqmUSY> <https://go.usa.gov/x5N4E> #DialysisPatientsFirst



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. Stories have the opportunity to be highlighted in the bi-monthly *Coalition* newsletter.

Also, feel free to contact us at DialysisCoalition@cdc.gov to discuss your activities or role in the *Coalition*.

