

Network 13 Task 1.b. – Sample Patient Interview - Discussion

Objectives:

- 1) Focus on the patient perspective on vascular access education/issues vs. provider-driven responses and/or assumptions.
- 2) Provide patient with information/counseling regarding vascular access based on patient’s knowledge.
- 3) Provide patient with all ESRD options education based on patient’s knowledge.

Answers to these questions are meant to be obtained during a **general discussion** with the patient. Care should be taken **not to lead the patient’s answers** or to give examples for the patient to use. Once the patient discloses his/her understanding of the issues, then these items may be discussed with the patient as an educational opportunity.

How long have you been on hemodialysis? _____

Do you feel you are included and/or take an active part in your health care decisions? YES NO

What do you know about other treatment options for kidney failure?

Peritoneal Dialysis, Transplant (If patient has not had options education, schedule visit with PD nurse and Transplant coordinator, provide options video, etc.)

I see you are dialyzing with a catheter...Do you know about any other type of HD access? YES NO
AVF AVG

Have you ever dialyzed with any other access? YES NO If Yes, what type? _____

What do you know about the ‘good things’ or ‘bad things’ with the various types of accesses (Catheters, AVG, AVF)?

GOOD THINGS:	BAD THINGS:

Possible responses:

- Catheter goes directly into your heart
- Increased risk for infection / hospitalization / death
- More complications: clotting/poor flows
- Stenosis – narrowing of major blood vessels which could ruin the chance of successful AVG/AVF and cause swelling in that side of the body due to blockages in the vessels.
- Infection complications: (i.e., Bacterial endocarditis – an infection of the heart valves; Encephalitis – infection in the brain; and Osteomyelitis – infection in the bone)

Have you ever discussed the good or bad things with your...

Kidney Doctor?	YES	NO	Dialysis Nurse?	YES	NO
Surgeon?	YES	NO	Family/Caregiver?	YES	NO

Why have you chosen your present access? _____

Possible responses -

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Fear of Needles/Pain <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation issues <input type="checkbox"/> Fear of Surgery <input type="checkbox"/> LRD transplant scheduled next 6 months <input type="checkbox"/> Prior failed AVG/AVF <input type="checkbox"/> Staff has problems starting treatments
(Requires more than one stick per site to start tx) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Anxiety/Panic Attacks <input type="checkbox"/> Financial issues <input type="checkbox"/> Body Image <input type="checkbox"/> Peer (patient) influence <input type="checkbox"/> Phobia <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |
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What would change your mind about your vascular access choices? _____