



Annual Dialysis Conference

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A Questionnaire for Nurses Working in Home Dialysis Programs

The following questions pertain to the structure and history of your home dialysis program. Some questions may require more than one answer.

- Is your home dialysis program associated with:

	Yes	No
a. Large Dialysis Organization (Fresenius, DaVita,)	___	___
b. Not-for-profit organization	___	___
c. Private Dialysis Organization	___	___
d. Hospital-based	___	___
e. Academic-based	___	___
f. Other	___	___
- What year did your home dialysis program start? _____
- Were you a member of the home dialysis program when it started? ___ Yes ___ No
If no, how many years have you worked in your home program? _____ Years
- What type of services are offered in your home dialysis program:

The year your home dialysis program started:	Currently:
___ PD and home HD	___ PD and home HD
___ PD only	___ PD only
___ Home HD only	___ Home HD only
___ Other	___ Other

Comment: _____
- How many patients do you have in your home dialysis program?

The year your home dialysis program started:	Currently:
___ PD	___ PD
___ Home HD	___ Home HD
___ Other	___ Other

Comment: _____
- How many staff FTE in your home dialysis program?

When it started	Currently
___ Nurses	___ Nurses
___ Dialysis Technicians	___ Dialysis Technicians
___ Social Worker	___ Social Worker
___ Dietitian	___ Dietitian
___ Secretary	___ Secretary
___ Bio-technician	___ Bio-technician

7. Did your program have a "pioneer champion" when it started?

Yes No

Physician _____

Nurse _____

Other (specify) _____

Comment: _____

8. Was the concept of initiating a home dialysis program met with resistance in your facility? ____ Yes ____ No

If yes, explain: _____

The following questions pertain to practice patterns in your home dialysis program. Please answer as best as you can.

9. Patient Training:

___ My facility provides one dedicated nurse to train a patient throughout the whole training period.

___ There are several nurses involved in training a patient

___ My facility sends a patient to a training center for their whole home dialysis training.

___ My facility trains patients in their home for entire training

___ My facility splits training, partially in home and partially in dialysis center

___ Other (explain) _____

10. Patient Training:

Do patients in your home program have to wait for a training slot to initiate training? ____ Yes ____ No

If yes, what is the average wait?

___ 1-2 weeks

___ 3-4 weeks

___ 1-2 months

___ longer than 2 months

If yes, what are the reasons for the delay in training?

___ Limited staff

___ Limited space

___ Other (Explain) _____

11. Patient Follow-up

___ Nurses in my program are assigned and are responsible for a number of primary patients.

How many primary patients does each nurse have? _____

___ Nurses in my program work as a team to provide follow up to all patients (no primary patients assigned)

___ Other Method (Explain)

12. We provide the following follow-up services to our home patients

PD Home HD

a. Clinic Visits frequency _____

b. Home Visits frequency _____

c. Nurse-initiated phone calls _____

d. Re-training _____

e. Other (Specify) _____

What does that follow-up service include? _____

13. What is your routine when your patients report problems?

We have standard protocols for common problems.

We call the physician for orders every time.

We send the patient to an urgent care/emergency room

Other (Specify) _____

Any additional information? (Explain) _____

14. Are nurses in your home dialysis program assigned on-call responsibilities after clinic hours? Yes No

Are they paid extra for being on call and for time spent managing patients outside of clinic hours? Yes No

Comments: _____

The following questions refer to nurses' perceptions regarding the home dialysis program. Please respond as best as you can.

15. Were you part of the home dialysis program when it started? Yes No

16. In your opinion, what are the major growing pains associated with a home dialysis program in terms of?

a. Staffing _____

b. Patient Care _____

c. Administrative support _____

d. Others (examples: Patient diversity, MD support, Staff Communication)

17. If your home dialysis program started with one modality (ex. Only PD, only HD), what is your opinion about the transition process you experienced? _____

18. What suggestions would you give to a colleague preparing to start a home dialysis program?

19. Additional comments or suggestions for a successful home dialysis program operation.

Thanks you so much for your time.