INTRODUCTION

The goal of this project is to increase the rate of eligible patients placed on a waitlist for transplant by at least 10 percentage points. The 7 steps leading to receiving a transplant include: 1) Patient suitability for transplant (defined as absence of absolute contraindication identified in the medical record), 2) Patient interest in transplant, 3) Referral call to transplant center, 4) First visit to transplant center, 5) Transplant center work-up, 6) Successful transplant candidate, 7) On waiting list or evaluate potential living donor.

TASKS

Project facilities will determine the cause of low transplant waitlist rates through a Root Cause Analysis and submit a plan for interventions based on the identified root causes.

EXPECTATIONS

The facilities on the project will:

a. Complete the project attestation which includes the Root Cause Analysis (RCA) tool
b. Develop a Corrective Action and Preventative Action (CAPA) plan to be submitted for review based on the results of the RCA.
c. Attend project webinars held every other month and as needed; this activity is required.
d. Attend ESRD NCC Transplant LAN held every other month; this activity is required.
e. Medical documentation for transplant ineligible patients –faxed to the network for review.
f. Incorporate the 7 steps and project interventions into the facility QAPI process.

RESOURCES

- Explore Transplant: My Transplant Coach Website
- National Kidney Foundation: Transplantation A-Z Health Guide Website
- National Kidney Foundation-Living Donors: Big Ask, Big Give
- NFK Peers: https://www.kidney.org/patients/peers
- UNOS – visit the online store for free educational materials: https://unos.org/
C.4.2.B: Increase Rates of Patients on a Transplant Waitlist

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EVALUATION

Facility performance on this project will be evaluated based on participation (webinars, Network correspondence), and percentage of patients on transplant waitlist by the close of the project in October 2018. An RCA cycle will be performed with the Network’s assistance to identify potential areas of improvement or for any facility not making patient progress within the 7 steps for two consecutive months.