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GREETINGS FROM QUALITY INSIGHTS RENAL NETWORK 4

Welcome to the February issue of the Quality Insights Renal Network 4 e-newsletter. In this issue, we bring you information about your Performance Score Certificate, CMS updates, upcoming events and more. We encourage you to [contact us](#) with any questions, concerns or suggestions.



FACILITY-LED PATIENT EDUCATION TOPIC OF THE MONTH: HEART HEALTH

We will provide a Network 4 Patient Education Sheet each month in 2019. Please provide all of your patients with this education sheet each month. Also, we ask that you please encourage your facility's Patient Representatives to pass out this educational information.

- [Heart Health](#)



NEW YEAR, NEW GOALS

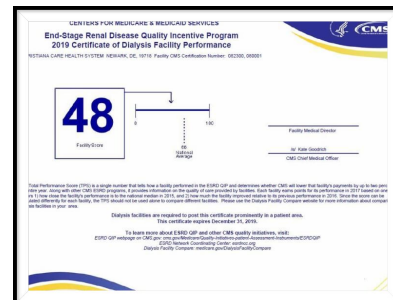
Quality Insights Renal Network 4 is providing Network facilities with [2019 Network 4 Goals](#).



We ask that you attest in the following [site](#) after you receive and review these goals. If you oversee more than one facility, please add all the CCN number in one attestation. The following link will take you to the attestation.

KNOW YOUR SCORE

The Performance Score Certificate (PSC) is an annual document produced in English and Spanish for each facility that summarizes for the general public the facility's End Stage Renal Disease Quality Incentive Program (ESRD QIP) performance information. This certificate must be posted in a prominent location within the facility for the entire calendar year. This is an example of a PSC. Look for your facility's certificate; if you don't see one, ask your clinic manager.



Upcoming Events

THE KIDNEY FOUNDATION OF CENTRAL PA & PENN STATE COLLEGE OF MEDICINE PRESENTS: UPDATE ON CHRONIC KIDNEY DISEASE CONFERENCE

Tuesday, April 16, 2019

Spend the day networking with The Kidney Foundation of Central PA in a collaborative environment. Hear from top professionals and walk away with best practices and new resources.



The Kidney Foundation of Central PA and Penn State College of Medicine, in collaboration with: Penn State Health Milton S. Hershey Medical Center Transplant Surgery, Lancaster General Health, UPMC Pinnacle and the Dialysis Care Center will be presenting an Update on Chronic Kidney Disease on Tuesday, April 16 from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Hotel Hershey in Hershey, PA. This conference is designed for all health care professionals. Sessions will help practitioners attain the knowledge and skills to increase competency in the management of patients with CKD and ESRD.

Registration prior to April 15 will be \$85 per person, which includes meals, handouts and

refreshments. Registration after April 15 will be \$110. Continuing education credits are also available.

[Register today.](#)

CHRISTIANA CARE KIDNEY TRANSPLANT PROGRAM PRESENTS: EXPLORE TRANSPLANT & LIVING DONATION TRAINING

March 7, 2019
Christiana Hilton
100 Continental Drive
Newark, Delaware

Objective: Enhance your knowledge and skills educating patients about kidney transplant and living donation using our new and improved educational resources.

[Register today.](#)

NATIONAL KIDNEY FOUNDATION TO HOLD 2019 SPRING CLINICAL MEETINGS SCM19

May 8-12, 2019
Hynes Convention Center
Boston, MA

The National Kidney Foundation 2019 Spring Clinical Meetings (SCM19) presents a unique opportunity for busy renal health care providers to learn new developments related to all aspects of nephrology. An important objective of SCM19 is to present the latest insights into chronic kidney disease care. Participants will learn about new and evolving concepts related to kidney disease through a carefully designed combination of interesting courses, practical workshops, thought-provoking symposia and insightful debates incorporating the latest developments in clinical nephrology.

[Register today.](#)

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