



A Coalition Was Formed...

Timeline:

June 7, 2005 MARC host Implementing Advance Care Planning: A Patient's Right. Coalition is formed and mission statement developed.

Mission: To promote effective interchange between patients, families, caregivers, payers, and providers in support of integrated patient-centered end of life care for CKD patients.

July 15, 2005 Press Release announcing EOL Coalition. Renal community responds and wants to join.

August 1-3, 2005 National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization (NHPCO) host Annual Access Meeting, Malene Davis, RN, CHPN, MBA, MSN presents on EOL Coalition and importance of offering ESRD patients hospice. Hospice organizations start calling wanting to contact their Networks about offering hospice to ESRD patients.

September 7, 2005 AED reports that survey shows that attendees from the December '04 meeting and recipients of the CD-ROM felt empowered to start talking about EOL care in their dialysis units to patients and other staff members.

Upcoming

Patient/Family Advance Directives brochure to be distributed to dialysis units across the country.

CMS to release memo to dialysis facilities and hospice providers clarifying the Medicare Hospice Benefit.

November 29, 2005 Coalition Co-Chairs and key organization representatives to meet in Washington, DC to present tools developed by workgroups and discuss next steps in coalition building.

Workgroup Progress Reports

Below each work group has identified areas of focus.

Hospice: Will create set of slides from which committee members can choose to use for educational purposes in their respective geographical Networks. Offer their assistance to NHPCO and Fiscal Intermediaries, as they want disease specific criteria for ESRD patients receiving hospice care. Collaborate with NHPCO newsletter writer Larry Beresford to promote end-of-life care for ESRD patients.

Advance Care Planning: Plans to develop model policy for facilities to use in implementing an Advance Care Planning Program. Assess whether a model Advance Directive form is feasible. Recommend patient and staff education materials.

CPR: Plans to define legal and ethical issues surrounding CPR and DNR orders. Build skills and educational resources for physicians, staff, and patients.

Physician Education: Will convene at the November ASN meetings.

Keep in mind...

Coalitions are organizations of diverse interest groups that combine their human and material resources to effect a specific change the members are unable to bring about independently. Think about what you and your organization bring to the table to pursue our mission. Your contribution is greatly appreciated.