

C.4.3.A AIM3: QIP QIA (Hypercalcemia/Adequacy) QIA

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INTRODUCTION

The goal of this project is to improve the health of dialysis patients by ensuring the improvement of 10 dialysis facilities score in one particular ESRD QIP measure. While early Quality Improvement Activities focused on particular QIP measures (long term catheters, hospital readmissions) this project will focus on hypercalcemia and adequacy.

TASKS

The Network shall complete individual facility RCAs and planned PDSA cycles. Network shall develop plans to lead each facility through the PDSA cycle to address the root causes of poor ESRD QIP performance that were identified at that facility.

EXPECTATIONS

The facilities on the project will:

1. Patients will first be evaluated for the cause(s) of their hypercalcemia and symptoms.
2. Each facility must go through the PDSA cycle to address the root causes of poor ESRD QIP performance.
3. Each facility on the project will devise and use interventions based on their specific root cause analysis.
4. Following interventions, the patients will have their serum calcium re-measured for effectiveness of the interventions.
5. Rapid Cycle Improvement (RCI) will occur until the desired result of an uncorrected serum calcium level below 10.2 mg/dL is obtained.
6. Submit reporting to the Network including interventions, CAPA, RCI, and patient involvement.
7. Attend webinars: Held intermittently; and attendance is mandatory

RESOURCES

- [Hypercalcemia or Adequacy data from the NCC](#)

EVALUATION

A facility that has completed the PDSA cycle then “graduates” from the QIA when performance on the QIA measure is at least 25% relative improvement from baseline or exceeding the ESRD QIP penalty threshold for three consecutive months following implementation of the intervention. The Network’s performance goal for the ESRD QIP QIA will be met if at least eight facilities graduate from the QIA each option year.