

Silver Award Project Utility

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Project Status: Active

1. Description of Project:

DaVita Robidoux is a new clinic and as such they have very few education resources. With the steady increase in the number of patients without a permanent access, we began an education program. Used the cardio vascular tool for education on the importance of moving from CVC to permanent access. The cardio vascular tool provided a visual model to aid in the understanding of the increased chance for severe problems and infections associated with long-term use of the CVC. We increased awareness of risks of delaying placement of permanent access. Reduced anxiety through education and encouraged patients to actively engage in the care plan for moving to permanent access.

2. Outcomes Measured:

Number of patients on CVC past 90days of start of dialysis.
same measure after introduction of education with the vascular tool.

3. Summary of Outcomes/Results:

The measure of days past 90 days was difficult to track as many patients have had difficulty with accesses and several had to return to the use of the CVC access during this study. We are unable to separate new patients from existing patients. However we are proud to state that our use of CVC access has dramatically decreased after the education program in the following manner. March 25.4% CVC cath. use, April 20.7% CVC cath. use, May 9.6% CVC cath. use. The result is a dramatic decrease in the use of CVC catheters after education.

4. Impact on Patients:

Patients are increasing education, participation in active POC's and placement of permanent accesses, as well as increased satisfaction with the flow of dialysis once the CVC is no longer in use.

5. Lessons Learned:

Education and increased awareness in patient, inspires healthier and more aware patient participation in their treatment and decision making process.

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Utilized Cardiac vascular access tool for demonstration in person of placement and risk related to CVC.
See photo of patient education with the model purchased with this grant.

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