### **Silver Award Project Utility**

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1. Description of Project:

BINDER BUDDIES - An education program to increase binder adherence while increasing phosphorus and bone lab ranges amongst dialysis patients.

Date Range

The education program was conducted during the months of August, September and October 2018.

Number of Patients Involved Patient census ranged between 22 and 23 during the three program months.

### 2. Outcomes Measured:

Clinic Baseline

Phosphorus - During the month of July 2018, 50% of patients were in Phosphorus range of <5.5. The Goal is to increase this percentage to 60%.

Bone Lab - During the month of July 2018, 25% of patients were in the Bone Lab range (POyl <5.5, IPTH .50-600, calcium <100). The Goal is to increase this percentage to 45%.

### 3. Summary of Outcomes/Results:

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The Program

Social Worker and Dietitian worked as a team to present the program to each patient and wore specially designed costumes to create a sense of

Month 1 - Introduction of the program

- Hung signs around the clinic creating anticipation: "Binder Buddies are Coming"
  - Wore Binder Buddies costumes
- Met with each patient individually to introduce the program

Gave each pt a Binder Buddies magnet to put on their

refrigerator to remind them to take their binders with meals and snacks

- Gave each pt a pretest with 7 questions testing their knowledge of phosphorus and their own personal binder
- Gave each pt a Focus on Phosphorous education handout and had corresponding binder education bulletin board in lobby

Month 2 - Reinforcing Binder Adherence with a game and challenges.

- Wore Binder Buddies costumes
- Played Phosphorus Jeopardy chairside with each patient and gave out simple prizes
- Gave each pt an FKC education handout Three D's to Improve Phosphorous and had corresponding education bulletin board in lobby

Month 3 - Reinforcing Binder Adherence with a game and challenges.

- Wore Binder Buddies costumes
- Played Phosphorus Bingo with each shift and gave out prizes
- SW and RD assisted patients with problems in binder medication coverage
- Lobby bulletin board education The Dangers of High Phosphorous with Frank the Phosphorous Skelton

Last week of the Month 3 - Awards Party

- Had a Phosphorus Party with small protein sandwiches, slaw, deviled egg and cookie, with binders
- Honored the two patients with the most improved phosphorous labs over the three month period
- Had a raffle for all the patients who were in goal for all three months
- Asked each patient post test questions to see of their answers improved

### 4. Impact on Patients:

Results

As a whole, the patients increased their Phosphorous range from the baseline of 50% in July to 52.3% in August, 61.9% in September and 65.2% in October.

The goal was to increase this range to greater than 60% - MET!

The Bone Lab range went from the baseline of 25% in July to 32% in August, 52% in September and stayed consistent at 52% in October.

The goal was to increase this range to greater than 45% - MET!

Pre-test Questions - 69.6% correct Post-test Questions - 79.8% correct - INCREASE IN KNOWLEDGE!

### 5. Lessons Learned:

Conclusion

The Social Worker and Dietitian working together to bring education to the patients in a fun way proves to be an effective mode of motivation for dialysis patients who have to attend in-center treatments thrice weekly, at least in this case.

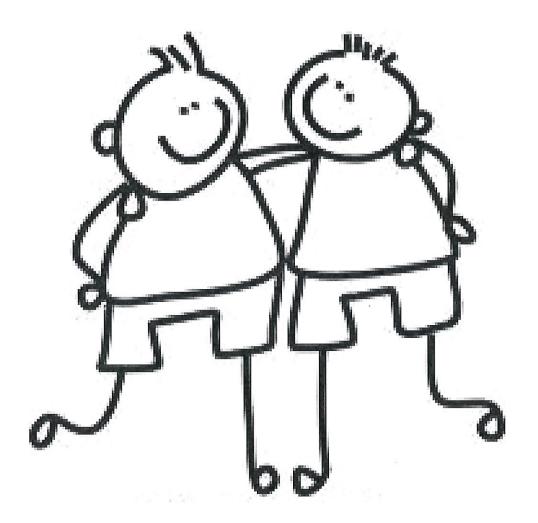
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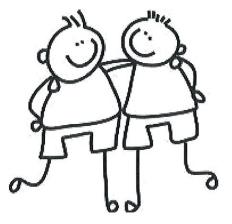
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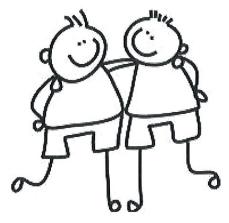
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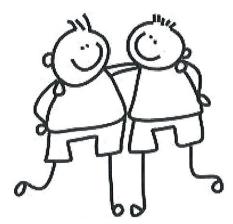
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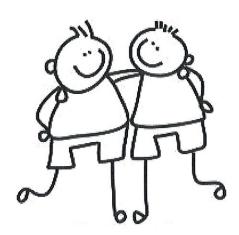
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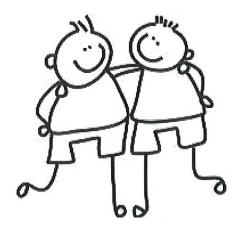
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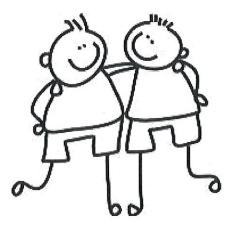
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### **PHOSPHORUS Education**

\*Binder Buddies Campaign\*
\*RD and SW dress as Binder Buddies during the education days

1<sup>st</sup> Month (Wed August 8<sup>th</sup>) — give out Binder Buddies magnets, Phosphorus education handout & introduce the contest to the patients

2<sup>nd</sup> Month (Monday September 10<sup>th</sup>) — Binder Buddies; *Phosphorus Jeopardy* game with prizes

3<sup>rd</sup> Month (Monday October 8<sup>th</sup>) — Binder Buddies; Phosphorus Bingo game with prizes

End of Month 3 (Wednesday October 31st) — Phosphorus Party — mini sandwiches and side with binders

- 1. Honoring Most Improved Phosphorus Labs during the 3 month education period
- 2. Raffle for all who have been within goal for all 3 months

### BINDER EDUCATION PRE/POST TEST

### Name:

### **Pre Test**

- 1. What is the name of the binder you take?
- 2. When do you take it?
- 3. How much does it cost?
- 4. What happens when phosphorus levels are too high?
- 5. Name 4 foods that contain phosphorus
- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
  - 6. Which phosphorus foods do you like to indulge in?
  - 7. Which phosphorus foods do you stay away from ?

### **Post Test**

- 8. What is the name of the binder you take?
- 9. When do you take it?
- 10. How much does it cost?
- 11. What happens when phosphorus levels are too high?
- 12.Name 4 foods that contain phosphorus
- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 13. Which phosphorus foods do you like to indulge in?
- 14. Which phosphorus foods do you stay away from ?



### The Phosphorus Guide Setting you up for success

Phosphorus is a mineral found in many foods. Your body needs phosphorus to stay healthy, but too much of it can be harmful. When you have chronic kidney disease and are on dialysis, phosphorus can build up in your body. It's important to stay on top of your phosphorus levels.

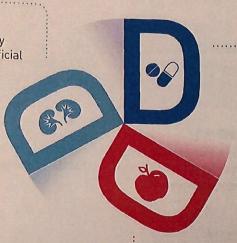
### Follow the 3 "Ds"

Together they can help you reach your phosphorus goal

### Dialysis .....

During dialysis, your blood is filtered outside your body through a dialyzer, or "artificial kidney," to remove excess fluid and waste, including some phosphorus.

Keep your dialysis appointments as scheduled and stay for the whole time.



### Drug therapy

Phosphate binders attach to the phosphate in the food you've eaten and help keep it from being absorbed into your bloodstream.

Remember to take your phosphate binders as prescribed.

### Diet

Food choices affect phosphorus levels. Eat fresh, unprocessed foods, such as fruits, vegetables, and lean meats.

Read ingredient labels and choose foods without added phosphates (words with "phos" in them).

Speak with your doctor and care team about your phosphorus goal.

	JEOP!	RDY	
BINDERS	FOOD	Basic Facts	Dangers of High Phosphorus
100	100	100	100
200		200	
	300	•	300
400	400	400	400
500	500		500



### **FOCUSING ON PHOSPHORUS Binder Buddies Campaign**

During August, September and October what we will be looking for is Patient Phosphorus to be within Goal Range.

In October we will be:

- 1. Honoring Most Improved Phosphorus Labs during the 3 month education period
- 2. Having a raffle for all who have been within goal for all 3 months

### Clinic Baseline in July 2018

% of Pts in Phosphorus Range - 50% GOAL to increase to greater than 60% % of Pts in Bone Lab Range - 25% GOAL to increase to greater than 45%

### **AUGUST**

Phosphorus Range — 52.3%

Bone Lab Range <

### **SEPTEMBER**

Phosphorus Range - 61-9%

Bone Lab Range -

### **OCTOBER**

Phosphorus Range - 65,2%

Bone Lab Range -

### Focus on Phosphorus

Goal: Less than 5.5

### High Phosphorus is a silent disease and can lead to:

Brittle, weak bones that will break

Red, blood shot eyes

Itching, sores that do not heal

**Painful Joints** 

Stiff arteries and veins leading to poor blood flow resulting in amputations

Heart Attack or Stroke

Calcification

### What can I do to keep my phosphorus in good control?

Make healthy food choices to avoid foods high in Phosphorus

Read food labels to avoid hidden phosphorus additives

Cook natural, fresh foods not processed foods

**Avoid Fast Foods** 

Take binders every time you eat (meals and snacks)

Refill binders before they run out

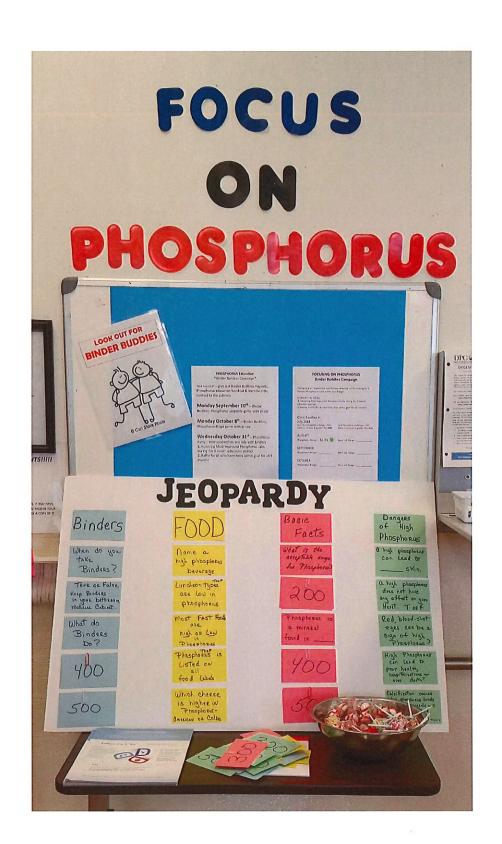
Carry binders with you when eating out

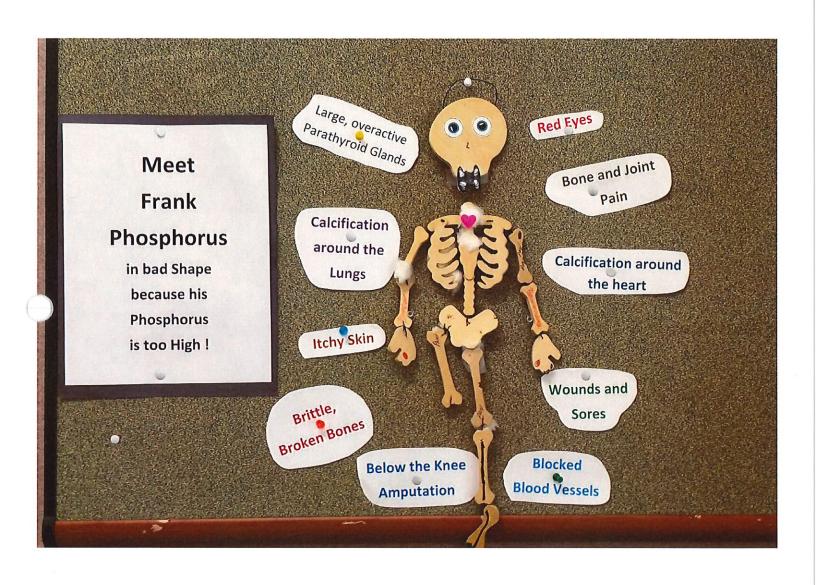
Have family remind me to take my binders

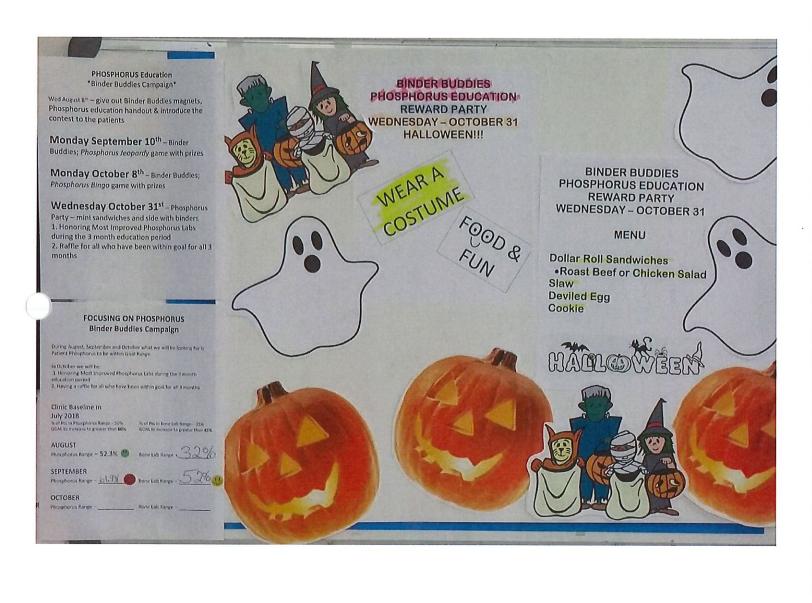
Keep binders visible: on table, counter, by TV, etc.

Come to all treatments and stay the full prescribed time









## FKC O'Fallon Dialysis Center

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# **MOST IMPROVED PHOSPHORUS**

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