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*I am pleased to present the **2009 Annual Report for End-Stage Renal Disease Network 9 &10**, which outlines a year of Network activities, and is made possible by the coordinated effort among health care providers, patients, and Network staff.*

A total of 18 ESRD Networks throughout the country provide oversight of dialysis and transplant centers. The goal of the ESRD Networks is to assure appropriateness of dialysis care while fostering patient independence and well-being. ESRD Networks are funded through the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). The Renal Network, Inc., is an independent agency which holds the contracts for ESRD Network 9 (Indiana, Kentucky and Ohio) and ESRD Network 10 (Illinois). Together the Networks monitor the treatment of patients with end-stage renal disease in the four-state region.

The Renal Network, Inc., fosters and appreciates patient participation at all levels, extending from the Board of Trustees, the Medical Review Board, the Pediatric Renal Group, the Patient Leadership Committee and the Network Council to each individual dialysis unit.

Our committee members are volunteers who strive to improve the quality of care provided to patients receiving treatment for ESRD. Their contributions of time and expertise have enabled our Network to fulfill the requirements of our CMS contract to the fullest, to drive a progressive organization.

I wish to thank all the dedicated professionals, including those in each of our dialysis and transplant facilities and the Network office, without whose hard work and perseverance the Network accomplishments would not have been possible. I am proud of my association with The Renal Network, Inc., and I expect that the contributions of our stakeholders will continue to make our Network a model for others to emulate.

Sincerely,

George Aronoff, M.D.
President
