

Community Dialysis of Harvey



**“Where we rise early to ensure
our patients come first”**



When did Community Dialysis come on the scene?



- Opened January 2008
- Offering over 200 years of clinical, administrative and business experience
- Dedicated to a different approach of patient care, family involvement, and dialysis outcomes

How we get it done?

- Weekly huddles are held to discuss the patients accesses, which ensures a team approach to access replacement
- Social Worker sees patients in the hospital prior to admission
- Appointments are made with a Vascular Access Surgeon within the first week of admission
- Group effort along with key members of family including POA, not just the vascular access coordinator.

How do we get it done?

- Educate the patient with visual aids and verbal conversation regarding the critical need to remove the catheter
- Explain to the patient how his/her body works, not just dialysis, how catheter may hamper their treatment
- We include in the patient's dietary monthly reports, their monthly Kt/V and what that means based on their access

The outcome!!!

Community's fistula rate
went from 24% to
75%!!!

Take Aways

- Involve the patient's family whenever possible and soon as possible
- Build relationships with the Interventional Radiology departments, they help with the continuity of care
- Build relationships with the staff of the vascular surgeons

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