



VAC News

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Bimonthly Newsletter for Network 9/10 Vascular Access Coordinators

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Important

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On the QAPI Team



TIPS FOR TOOLS

NEW! Vascular Access Change Concepts #12 & #13



Change Concept #12

Modify hospital systems to detect CKD and promote AV fistula planning and placement. *Click on link below to review & download tools.*

<http://www.fistulafirst.org/HealthcareProfessionals/FFBIChangeConcepts/ChangeConcept12.aspx>



Change Concept # 13

Support patient efforts to live the best possible quality of life through self management. *Click on link below to review & download tools.*

<http://www.fistulafirst.org/HealthcareProfessionals/FFBIChangeConcepts/ChangeConcept13.aspx>

QAPI-QUALITY ASSESSMENT & PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT

Definitions

Quality Assessment: A process of measuring health outcomes by tracking and analyzing quality indicators on an ongoing basis. Analyze facility processes to identify barriers to achieving desired outcomes.

Performance Improvement: Development and initiation of facility processes of care and operations that include elements that must positively affect the desired outcomes.