



Alliance Activities

Alliance Continues to Tackle Racial Disparities in Home Dialysis in Partnership with NAACP

In 2018, the Alliance continued its effective partnership with the NAACP to increase awareness of home dialysis in the African American community. African Americans are three times more likely to develop end stage renal disease (ESRD), but 35% less likely to use peritoneal dialysis (PD) and 16% less likely to use home hemodialysis (HHD). Remarkable grassroots leadership through the NAACP led to the hosting of 80 events by the project's completion on April 28th, and through March 17th the events have had nearly 1,200 attendees. Thank you to the Alliance members and local affiliates who have assisted in these townhalls and screenings! Alliance staff will update our members at the completion of the project.

Access and Innovation Working Group Call – May 24th

The Alliance for Home Dialysis will host the Access and Innovation Working Group Call on May 24th. The call will discuss Alliance members' engagement with the ESRD Networks. If you or your members have information on your contact with the Networks, feel free to invite other individuals to the call.

Follow the Alliance on Social Media

In an effort to boost the Alliance's reach to lawmakers, patients, and potential members, we are developing a stronger social media presence and strategy. Please follow the Alliance at the links below:

[Twitter](#)

[Facebook](#)

Legislative Update

Alliance Supports Increased Kidney Research Funding

The Alliance is cosigning an appropriations letter led by ASN that asks Congress to: 1) appropriate a \$2.2 billion increase over enacted FY 2018 levels for the NIH as outlined in omnibus, including a robust funding increase for NIDDK that is at least proportional and continues to urge Congress to 2) establish a Special Statutory Funding Program for Kidney Research at \$150 million per year over 10 years. The letter is attached to this email.

Home Dialysis in the News

CVS develops medical device to corner home dialysis market, FierceBioTech:
<https://www.fiercebiotech.com/medtech/cvs-develops-medical-device-to-corner-home-dialysis-market>

GOP Lawmakers Expected to Draft Bill to Expand Telehealth Services Under Medicare, Morning Consult:
<https://morningconsult.com/2018/04/11/gop-lawmakers-expected-draft-bill-expand-telehealth-services-under-medicare/>

Upcoming ESRD Network Events

Date: April 19th

Event: Exploring Patient Engagement in Plan of Care and Policy and Procedures

Network: 12 (IA, KS, MO, NE)

Link: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/#register/6711854771364540419>

Date: April 24th

Event: CMS Emergency Preparedness Final Rule Webinar

Network: 14 (TX)

Link: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/2575884554003962371>

Date: May 17th

Event: ESRD Network of New York 2018 Annual Meeting

Network: 2 (NY)

Link: <http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07ef5i4l1ea46a2645&llr=d5b744dab>

Date: May 19th

Event: Kidney Social Summit

Network: 14 (TX)

Link: <http://www.esrdnetwork.org/event/national-kidney-foundation-kidney-social-summit>

Date: May 23rd-24th

Event: ESRD Network of the South Atlantic Annual Meeting

Network: 6 (GA, NC, SC)

Link: <https://annanc.nursingnetwork.com/>

Date: May 24th

Event: Exploring Options and Development of Patient Groups

Network: 12 (IA, KS, MO, NE)

Link: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/2868846128007682049>

