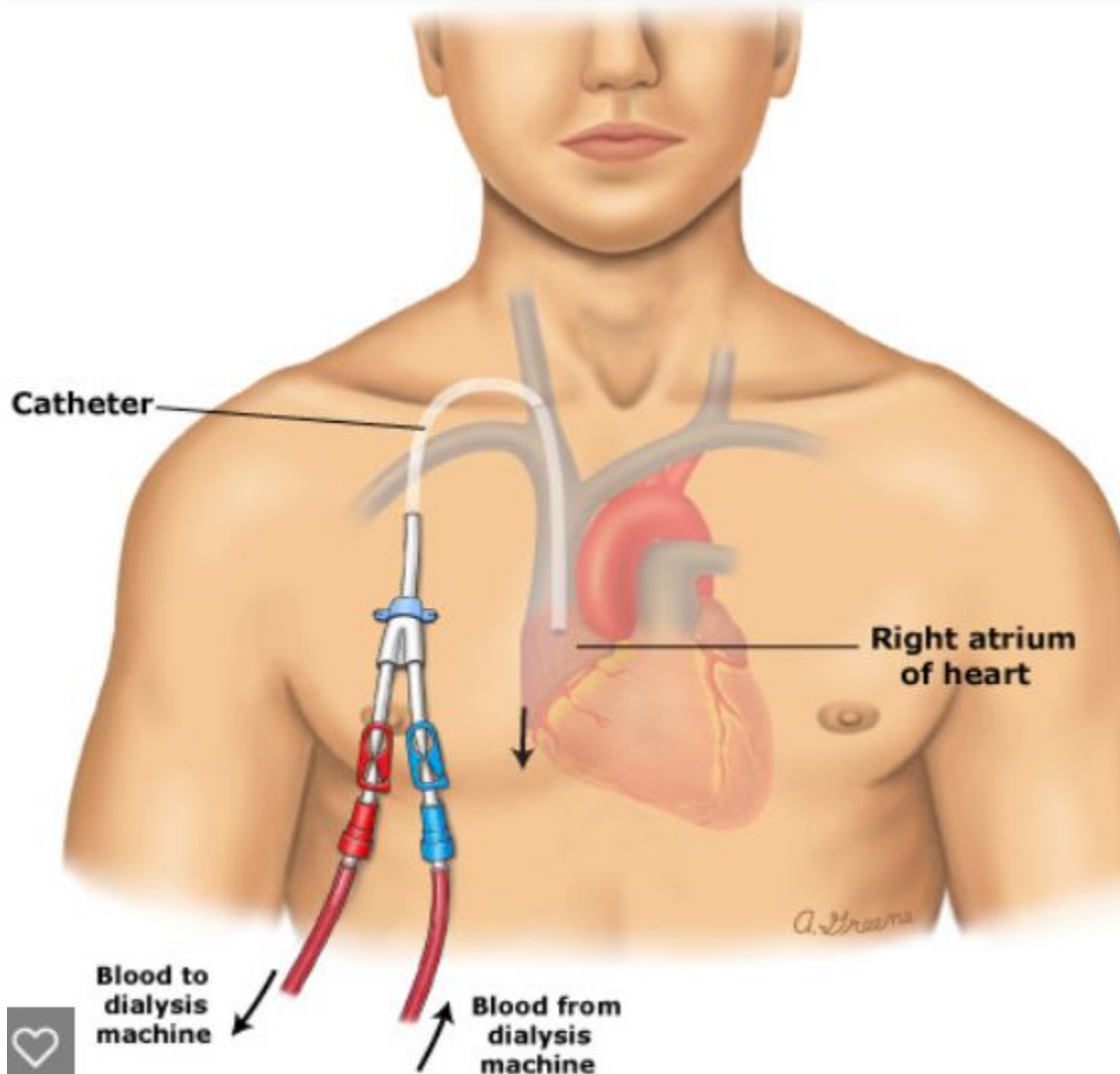


The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) have asked The Renal Network to work with you and your dialysis unit in reducing the usage of dialysis catheters for dialysis treatment. This survey is anonymous and we will use the results to help you and all dialysis patients to have the best possible care.

This survey is voluntary and if you do not take the survey it will not affect your care. Please return this survey to your dialysis units Project Coordinator.

Thank you!

Description: This is an illustration of a patient with a dialysis catheter.





Project Coordinator: _____

Provider # and Facility Name: _____

Brainstorming

Why do you think dialysis patients do not have their dialysis catheters removed?

Strategies to improve long term dialysis catheter removal

How long have you used a dialysis catheter for your dialysis treatment?

Less than 3 Months

3 to 6 months

6 months to 1 year

1 to 2 years

More than 2 years

Who has talked to you about removing your dialysis catheter and having a fistula or graft placed? (please check all that apply)

Your Doctor

Your Nurse

Your Dialysis Staff

Another Patient

A Family Member

A Friend

No One

Other (please specify): _____

Who do you trust a lot when they talk to you about having a fistula or graft placed?

Your Doctor

Your Nurse

Your Dialysis Staff

Another Patient

A Family Member

A Friend

No One

Other (please specify): _____



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When you are thinking about having a fistula or graft placed, how concerned are you about the following:

	Very Concerned	Somewhat Concerned	Not Very Concerned	Not at All Concerned
Getting Stuck with Needles				
Body Image (scars, looking different, etc.)				
Bleeding after dialysis treatment				
Dialysis staff being able to stick your fistula or graft				
Having the surgery for the fistula or graft				
A previous bad surgical experience				
Stories you have heard from other patients about their fistula or graft				
You did not have enough information to decide what was best for you				
You did not want to have additional appointments to have your fistula or graft placed				

How important to you are these reasons to have your catheter removed and have a fistula or graft placed?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not Very Important	Not at All Important
My catheter is more likely to get infected than a fistula or graft				
My dialysis doctor recommends a fistula or graft				
Having a fistula or graft will help keep me out of the hospital due to catheter problems				
My dialysis staff recommended me to have a fistula or graft				
I will have a better dialysis with a fistula or graft				
My life may be shortened by using a catheter for dialysis				



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Are there any reasons that you would not consider changing from a catheter to a fistula or graft? (please check all that apply)

My doctor told me I was not a candidate for a fistula or graft

I was told I could use my dialysis catheter forever

Other:

Patients sometimes find it helpful to talk to other patients. Would you like to talk to another patient who used to have a catheter but now has a fistula or graft? They could share with you how they are doing with their own fistula or graft.

Yes

I'm not sure

No

Does your dialysis staff educate patients about the risk of dialysis catheter usage?

Yes

No

Thank you for completing this survey.
Again, please return this to your Project Coordinator for the 2017 Long Term Catheter Reduction Project.