

Clinical Performance Measures Quality Improvement Project - Decreasing Catheters
 Network 8 utilizes vascular access data from the 2728 form and the Fistula First data collection to select nephrologists and facilities to participate in the quality improvement project to reduce central venous catheter use. [2728 data analysis](#) (add link to chart below) revealed that >60% of Network 8 patients initiated dialysis with catheter as only access in recent years, and Fistula First data indicate 16% have catheter as only access.

Project goal: Nephrologists, hospitals and dialysis providers will utilize practices to ensure timely permanent access placement. The Network provides support to project participants through methods such as:

- Communication/educational efforts with primary care providers
- Communication with hospital administrators
- Patient and staff education
- Involvement of acute dialysis nurses and discharge planners in vascular access planning
- Surgeon education
- Development of quality assessment and performance improvement (QAPI) plans to decrease catheters
- Development of policies and procedures for dialysis providers

2728 Form – Vascular Access Data Analysis (June 1, 2007 – May 31, 2008)
 Analysis includes data from nephrologists submitting 10 or more 2728 forms.

