

Network 8 – Data Definitions for Fistula First Data Manual Collection

Provided is a list of definitions that will be useful in completing the data collection form.

Data Fields (Definitions)

1a. Prevalent patients (for this project only): Non-transient patients receiving hemodialysis (home and in-center) as of the last treatment day of the calendar month. Incident patients are included in the prevalent patient data.

1b. Incident patients (for this project only): A subset of the prevalent patients – Non-transient hemodialysis patients (including home and in-center) receiving first ever ESRD treatment during the calendar month for which this data is being reported.

Transient patient (for this project only): The patient is “transient” if that patient seeks services at the dialysis facility for less than 30 days, and is regularly a patient at another unit. These patients should not be included in the vascular access data sent to the Network.

2a & b – 9a & b. Patient Vascular Access Type: The type of vascular access that was used for the patient’s last hemodialysis treatment of the calendar month.

2a & b. AVF: Arteriovenous fistula was used for treatment.

3a & b. AVG only: Arteriovenous graft was used for treatment and no AVF has been placed.

4a & b. AVG with AVF maturing: Arteriovenous graft was used for treatment and patient has an AVF in place for future use.

5a & b. Catheter only < 90 days: Catheter was used for treatment and has been in place for fewer than 90 days prior to treatment. Patient does not have an AVF or AVG in place. Catheter is only access.

6a & b. Catheter only ≥ 90 days: Catheter was used for treatment and has been in place for 90 days or more prior to treatment. Patient does not have an AVF or AVG in place. Catheter is only access. In aggregate incident patient calculation, this should be zero.

7a & b. Catheter with AVF: Catheter was used for treatment and patient has an AVF in place for future use. (This is to include a maturing AVF or an AVF that is temporarily not being used.)

8a & b. Catheter with AVG: Catheter was used for treatment and patient has an AVG in place for future use. (This is to include a maturing AVG or an AVG that is temporarily not being used.)

9a & b. Other: Indicates that the patient is a hemodialysis patient, but the vascular access data is unknown or type other than described.

***Note: Port Access Devices, tunneled, cuffed and uncuffed catheters are all reported as catheters for this project.**