



**“ Describe Your Facility Right Now!”**



Which of the sentences below best describes your dialysis facility <u>right now</u> ?	
Description	Suggestions
<p><b>Jubilation:</b>  <i>“Our facility is really making progress! We are above 60% AV fistulas!”</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spread the word and share your ideas!</li> <li>• Keep up the good work!</li> <li>• Continue to encourage new patients to have AVF.</li> <li>• Consider changing AV grafts over to secondary AV fistulas.</li> <li>• Get catheters out as soon as possible!</li> </ul>
<p><b>Innovation:</b>  <i>“We are trying new approaches at our facility and have raised our AVF% because of them!”</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Keep up the good work!</li> <li>• Involve the entire team in brainstorming new ideas.</li> <li>• Cultivate your relationship with the vascular access surgeon and interventional radiologist.</li> <li>• Share your ideas with others!</li> </ul>
<p><b>Frustration:</b>  <i>“We are trying to increase our AVF% but haven’t even made it to 40% yet!”</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consider changing AV grafts over to secondary AV fistulas.</li> <li>• Get catheters out as soon as possible!</li> <li>• Discuss the vascular access goals at the next CQI meeting!</li> <li>• Insist that suitable new patients have AVFs.</li> <li>• Complete a corrective action plan!</li> </ul>
<p><b>Depression:</b>  <i>“We have a lot of AVFs but they don’t work very well.”</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have the Medical Director speak with the surgeon.</li> <li>• Consider cannulation training for the staff members.</li> <li>• Ask the surgeon to join your CQI meetings.</li> <li>• Cultivate your relationship with the vascular access surgeon and interventional radiologist.</li> <li>• Consider referring patients to another surgeon.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Aggravation:</b>  <i>“My facility is at 20% AVF or below – I am pulling my hair out!”</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have a heart to heart talk with the Medical Director.</li> <li>• Review the Fistula First Change Concepts.</li> <li>• Discuss the vascular access goals at the next CQI meeting!</li> <li>• Complete a corrective action plan!</li> <li>• Read the DOQI Guidelines for vascular access.</li> <li>• Post the CMS and ESRD Network goals.</li> <li>• Visit the website: <a href="http://www.fistulafirst.org">www.fistulafirst.org</a></li> <li>• Contact the ESRD Network for 1:1 assistance.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Confusion:</b>  <i>“We don’t even understand why AVFs are better than other vascular accesses. “</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visit the website: <a href="http://www.fistulafirst.org">www.fistulafirst.org</a></li> <li>• Review the Fistula First Change Concepts.</li> <li>• Discuss the vascular access goals at the next CQI meeting!</li> <li>• Read the DOQI Guidelines regarding vascular access.</li> <li>• Contact the ESRD Network for 1:1 assistance.</li> </ul>

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**REMEMBER OUR GOALS!**

**Heartland Kidney Network goal by 3/07 = NW as whole 44.1% and Non-LDO 47.4%**

**CMS goal by 3/09 = 66% for everyone!**