

**FORUM OF ESRD NETWORKS  
KIDNEY PATIENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (KPAC)  
FREQUENTLY USED ACRONYMS**



2728 ESRD Medical Evidence Report  
2744 Annual Facility Survey Form  
2746 Death Notification Form

**A**

AAKP American Association of Kidney Patients  
AAMI Association for the Advancement of Medical Instrumentation  
ACO Accountable Care Organizations  
AHCPR Agency of Health Care Policy and Research  
AHRQ Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality  
AHQA American Health Quality Association (QIOs)  
AJKD American Journal of Kidney Disease  
AKF American Kidney Fund  
AKI Acute Kidney Injury / Acute Renal Failure  
AMA American Medical Association  
ANNA American Nephrology Nurses' Association  
ARF Acute Renal Failure  
ASN American Society of Nephrology  
AV Arteriovenous  
AVF Arteriovenous Fistulae  
AVG Arteriovenous Graft

**B**

BAC Beneficiary Advisory Council (Forum)  
BFR Blood Flow Rate  
BIC Beneficiary Identification Code  
BIPA Benefits Improvement and Protection Act  
BUN Blood Urea Nitrogen  
BOD Board of Directors  
BSA Body Surface Area  
BSN Bachelor of Science in Nursing  
BSW Bachelor of Social Work  
BUN Blood Urea Nitrogen  
BV Blood Volume

**C**

CAD Cadaveric Donor  
CAHPS Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems  
CAN Chronic Allograft Nephrology  
CAPD Continuous Ambulatory Peritoneal Dialysis  
CCHT Certified Clinical Hemodialysis Technician  
CCI Creatinine Clearance  
CCPD Continuous Cycling Peritoneal Dialysis

CCSQ	Centers for Clinical Standards & Quality (CMS)
CCT	Controlled Clinical Trial
CDC	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
CDE	Certified Diabetes Educator
CDN	Certified Dialysis Nurse
CDS	Core Data Set
CEU	Continuing Education Unit
CfC	Conditions for Coverage
CHT	Certified Hemodialysis Technician
CKD	Chronic Kidney Disease
CME	Continuing Medical Education
CMHCB	Care Management for High Cost Beneficiaries
CMMI	Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (CMS)
CMO	Chief Medical Officer
CMS	Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
CMSDC	CMS Data Center
CMSW	Certified Master of Social Work
CNN	Certified Nephrology Nurse
CNSW	Council of Nephrology Social Workers
CO	Central Office (CMS)
COB	Coordination of Benefits
COI	Conflict of Interest
COPs	Conditions of Participation
CPHQ	Certified Professional in Healthcare Quality
CPM	Clinical Performance Measures
CQI	Continuous Quality Improvement
CQISCO	Consortium for Quality Improvement & S & C Operations (CMS, Regional Offices)
CRI	Chronic Renal Insufficiency
CROWN	Consolidated Renal Operations in a Web-enabled Network
CRRT	Continuous Renal Replacement Therapy
CSC	Computer Sciences Corporation
CV	Curriculum Vitae

## **D**

DEPCH	Division of ESRD, Population and Community Health (CMS)
DFC	Dialysis Facility Compare
DHHS	Department of Health and Human Services
DHIT	Division of Health Information Technology (CMS)
DHR	Department of Human Resources
DM	Data Manager
DOPPS	Dialysis Outcomes Practice Patterns Study
DON	Director of Nursing
DOQI	Dialysis Outcomes Quality Initiative
DPC	Decreasing Dialysis Patient/Provider Conflict
DPMCE	Division of Program, Management, Communication and Evaluation (CMS)
DQIIMT	Division of Quality Improvement Innovations Model Testing (CMS)
DQM	Division of Quality Measurement (CMS)

DRG Diagnosis Related Group  
 DTCP Division of Transforming Clinical Practices (CMS)  
 DVA Department of Veteran's Affairs  
 DVIQR Division of Value, Incentives & Quality Reporting (CMS)  
 DW Dry Weight

**E**

EC Executive Committee of the Network  
 ED Executive Director  
 EDAC Executive Director Advisory Council (Forum)  
 EDEES ESRD Data Entry and Editing System  
 eGFR Estimated Glomerular Filtration  
 EGHP Employer Group Health Plan  
 EHR Electronic Health Record  
 ELAB Electronic collection of lab data  
 eKt/V Equilibrated Kt/V (See Kt/V)  
 EOB Explanation of Benefits  
 EPO Epogen or Erythropoietin  
 ESCO ESRD Seamless Care Organizations  
 ESRD End Stage Renal Disease  
 eSOURCE ESRD Software for our Users in Renal Care Environments

**F**

FDA Food & Drug Administration  
 FF Fistula First  
 FFBI Fistula First Breakthrough Initiative  
 FFS Fee For Service  
 FI Fiscal Intermediary  
 FMQAI Florida Medical Quality Assurance, Inc (QIO)  
 FNP Family Nurse Practitioner  
 FORUM Forum of ESRD Networks  
 FPR Final Project Report  
 FY Fiscal Year

**G**

GAO General Accounting Office  
 GFR Glomerular Filtration Rate  
 GTL Government Task Leader (CMS)

**H**

HAI Healthcare-Associated Infections  
 HbsAb Hepatitis B surface antibody  
 HbsAg Hepatitis B surface antigen  
 HBV Hepatitis B Virus  
 HCFA Health Care Financing Administration (Now CMS)  
 HCQIP Health Care Quality Improvement Program  
 HCT Hematocrit  
 HD Hemodialysis  
 HENs Hospital Engagement Networks

HGB	Hemoglobin
HHA	Home Health Agency
HHD	Home Hemodialysis
HHS	Department of Health and Human Services
HIC	Health Insurance Claim
HIE	Health Information Exchange
HIPAA	Health Information Portability and Accountability Act
HIT	Health Information Technology
HMO	Health Maintenance Organization
Hx	History

**I**

ICD-9-CM	International Classification of Disease, 9 <sup>th</sup> Revision, Clinical Modification
ICH CAHPS	In-Center Hemodialysis CAHPS
IHI	Institute for Healthcare Improvement
IM	Information Management
IOM	Institute of Medicine
IPD	Intermittent Peritoneal Dialysis
IPRO	Island Peer Review Organization (QIO)
IPP	Innovation Pilot Project
ISHD	International Society of Hemodialysis
IT	Information Technology
IV	Intravenous
IVD	Involuntary Discharge
IVT	Involuntary Transfer

**J**

JAMA	Journal of the American Medical Association
JASN	Journal of the American Society of Nephrology
JCAHO	Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations

**K**

Kt/V	A method to measure adequacy of dialysis. K = the dialyzer clearance, t = time on dialysis, and V = volume of water in the patient's body.
KCER	Kidney Community Emergency Response
KCP	Kidney Care Partners
KCQA	Kidney Care Quality Alliance (part of KCP)
KDIGO	Kidney Disease: Inspiring Global Outcomes
KDOQI	Kidney Disease Outcomes Quality Initiative
KEEP	Kidney Early Evaluation Program
KPAC	Kidney Patient Advisory Council (KPAC)

**L**

LAN	Learning & Action Network
LCSW	Licensed Clinical Social Worker
LDO	Large Dialysis Organization
LISW	Licensed Independent Social Worker
LMSW	Licensed Master of Social Work
LORAC	Life Options Rehabilitation Advisory Council

LPN Licensed Practical Nurse  
LRD Living Related Donor  
LRD Licensed Registered Dietician  
LTFU Lost to Follow-Up  
LURD Living Unrelated Donor

## **M**

M+C Medicare + Choice  
MAC Medical Advisory Council (Forum)  
MCO Managed Care Organization  
MD Medical Doctor'  
MDH Medicare Dependent Hospital  
MDO Medium Dialysis Unit  
MedPAC Medicare Payment Advisory Commission  
MEI Medical Education Institute  
MPH Master of Public Health  
MRB Medical Review Board  
MSN Master of Science in Nursing  
MSW Master of Social Work  
MU Meaningful Use

## **N**

NANT National Association of Nephrology Technicians/Technologists  
NC Network Council  
NCC Network Coordinating Council  
NCQA National Committee for Quality Assurance  
NEJM New England Journal of Medicine  
NEPOP New ESRD Patient Orientation Packet  
NHHD Nocturnal Home Hemodialysis  
NHSN National Healthcare Safety Network  
NIDDK National Institute for Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases  
NIH National Institutes of Health  
NIP National Improvement Plan  
NIPD Nocturnal Intermittent Peritoneal Dialysis  
NKDEP National Kidney Disease Education Program  
NKF National Kidney Foundation  
NKR National Kidney Registry  
NN&I Nephrology News & Issues  
NPP Narrative Project Plan  
NPSF National Patient Safety Foundation  
nPCR Normalized Protein Catabolic Rate  
NQF National Quality Forum  
NQS National Quality Strategies (CMS)  
NRAA National Renal Administrators Association  
NVAII National Vascular Access Improvement Initiative

## **O**

OAGM Office of Acquisition & Grants Management (CMS)

OCSQ	Office of Clinical Standards and Quality
ODIE	Online Data Input and Edit
OGC	Office of General Council (CMS)
OHRP	Office of Human Research Protection
OIC	Opportunity to Improve Care
OIG	Office of Inspector General (CMS)
ONC	Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology
OPO	Organ Procurement Organization
OPTN	Organ Procurement and Transplant Network
ORD	Office of Research and Demonstrations
ORS	Office of Regulatory Services
OSCAR	Online Survey Certification Reporting
OSHA	Occupational Safety and Health Administration
OY	Option Year

## **P**

PA	Physician's Assistant
PAR	Patient Activity Report
PCP	Primary Care Physician
PCT	Patient Care Technician
PCU	Patient Contact Utility
PD	Peritoneal Dialysis
PFCC	Patient & Family Centered Care
PfP	Pay for Performance
PfP	Private for Profit
PFPP	Priority Focus Process
PhD	Philosophy Doctorate
PHIPP	Population Health Innovation Pilot Project
PID	Project Idea Document
PIP	Performance Improvement Plan
PKCI	Peer Kidney Care Initiative
PKD	Polycystic Kidney Disease
PMMIS	Program Management and Medical Information System
PO	Project Officer (CMS)
PPS	Prospective Payment System
PRO	Peer Review Organization (Now called QIO)
PSC	Patient Services Coordinator
PSD	Patient Services Director

## **Q**

QA	Quality Assurance
QAPI	Quality Assurance and Performance Improvement
QCPC	Quality Conference Planning Committee (Forum)
QI	Quality Improvement
QID	Quality Improvement Director
QIG	Quality Improvement Group (CMS)
QIIG	Quality Improvement and Innovation Group (CMS)

QIO Quality Improvement Organization (Formerly PRO)  
 QIP Quality Improvement Project  
 QIS Quality Improvement Specialist  
 QMHAG Quality Measurement & Health Assessment Group (CMS)  
 QMVG Quality Measurement & Value-Based Incentive Group (CMS)  
 QNET Quality Net (Exchange vs. Conference)

**R**

RD Registered Dietician  
 REBUS Renal Beneficiary Utilization System  
 REMIS Renal Management Information System  
 RHIT Registered Health Information Technician  
 RN Registered Nurse  
 RO Regional Office (CMS)  
 ROPO Regional Office Project Officer  
 RPA Renal Physicians' Association  
 RSN Renal Support Network

**S**

SA State Agency/ State Survey Agency  
 SC Subcutaneous  
 SIMS Standard Information Management System  
 SKF Skilled Nursing Facility  
 SLE Systemic Lupus Erythematosus  
 SME Subject Matter Expert  
 SOD Statement of Deliverables  
 SOW Statement of Work  
 SSA Social Security Administration  
 SSN Social Security Number

**T**

TCPI Transforming Clinical Practice Initiative (CMS)  
 TCV Total Cell Volume  
 TEP Technical Expert Panel  
 TQE Total Quality Environment  
 T<sub>sat</sub> Transferring Saturation  
 TX Transplant

**U**

UKM Urea Kinetic Modeling  
 UNOS United Network of Organ Sharing  
 UPI Unique Patient Identifier  
 UPIN Unique Physician Identification Number  
 URR Urea Reduction Ratio  
 USRDS United States Renal Data System  
 USAT Unit Self-Assessment Tool

**V**

VA Veteran's Administration or Veteran's Affairs  
 VHA Veteran's Health Administration

VISION Vital Information System to Improve Outcomes in Nephrology  
VR Vocational Rehabilitation  
**W X Y Z**  
WHO World Health Organization

## **ADDITIONAL ACRONYM AND GLOSSARY RESOURCES**

Baxter Renal Glossary of Terms Associated with Kidney Disease  
<http://www.renalinfo.com/us/resources/glossary/index.html>

NKF Glossary of Terms  
<http://www.nkfi.org/education/glossary-of-terms#.VXByf2fbKUk>

FMC Glossary  
<http://www.ultracare-dialysis.com/Footer/Glossary.aspx>

National Center for Biotechnology Information Acronyms and Abbreviations  
<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK84563/>

Renal Support Network  
<http://www.rsnhope.org/programs/kidneytimes-library/article-index/renal-acronyms/>