



KCER - Kidney Community Emergency Response Coalition

Response Team Charter

The Kidney Community Emergency Response (KCER) Coalition is a national group of volunteers organized to ultimately assist CMS in meeting the goal to ensure the right care for every patient every time; and to promote the goals of the ESRD Network Program, including improving the quality and safety of dialysis-related services provided for individuals with end stage renal disease.

The goals of KCER are to:

- Raise public awareness of the critical needs of individuals with kidney failure and the providers who serve them, and the need to plan ahead to ensure that the life-saving dialysis services are available and obtainable in the event of an emergency and/or disaster;
- Promote and disseminate tools and resources so that these are available to individuals with kidney failure, dialysis facilities, and Federal, state, and emergency workers;
- Test and refine the national response strategy that has been put into place to assist Federal, state, and local efforts in the event of an emergency and/or disaster; and
- Plan for a possible flu pandemic.

In order to support this endeavor, the KCER currently has eight response teams to collaborate on comprehensive disaster plans.

The Pandemic Response Team

Goals: This group will develop and disseminate plans to help the Kidney Community maintain its ability to care for patients in the event of pandemic flu. The team will work with Federal, state and local agencies to assure that the KCER plan fits into the over-all Pandemic Preparedness plans. This committee is represented by ESRD patients, transplant recipients, kidney patient and dialysis provider organizations, governmental state and local representatives, the Centers for Disease Control, and physicians.

The Pandemic Response Team will:

- Collect, develop and post informational materials on pandemic preparedness at the KCER coalition's website.
- Offer education to dialysis providers, patients and family members, and health care workers about pandemic preparedness through meeting presentations and website information.

- Assist dialysis providers in developing company pandemic preparedness plans.
- Offer information to patients and health care workers about personal pandemic preparedness planning.

Response Teams will support KCER by performing these administrative duties:

- Meeting via teleconference every other month, or as needed and resources allow;
- Submitting meeting minutes for posting to the KCER website;
- Reviewing web materials and recommend documents for posting, to include changes, deletions or additions;
- Notifying FMQAI: The Florida ESRD Network of technical assistance support needed to conduct Response Team activities; and
- Submitting current team member contact information and updates as needed to FMQAI: The Florida ESRD Network (name, mobile/office telephone numbers, email address and alternate email address).

As a member of this Response Team, I will

- Participate in at least one teleconference or meeting annually;
- Contribute to the Response Team's activities through the Listserv;
- Volunteer for outreach activities, if possible;
- Uphold my own organization's rules while volunteering for the KCER Coalition;
- Act responsibly and professionally;
- Keep my contact information current; and
- Notify my Response Team Leader if I am no longer able to volunteer for the KCER Coalition.

I have read this Charter and understand my roles and responsibilities as a member of this Response Team.

Name

Organization

Signature

Date