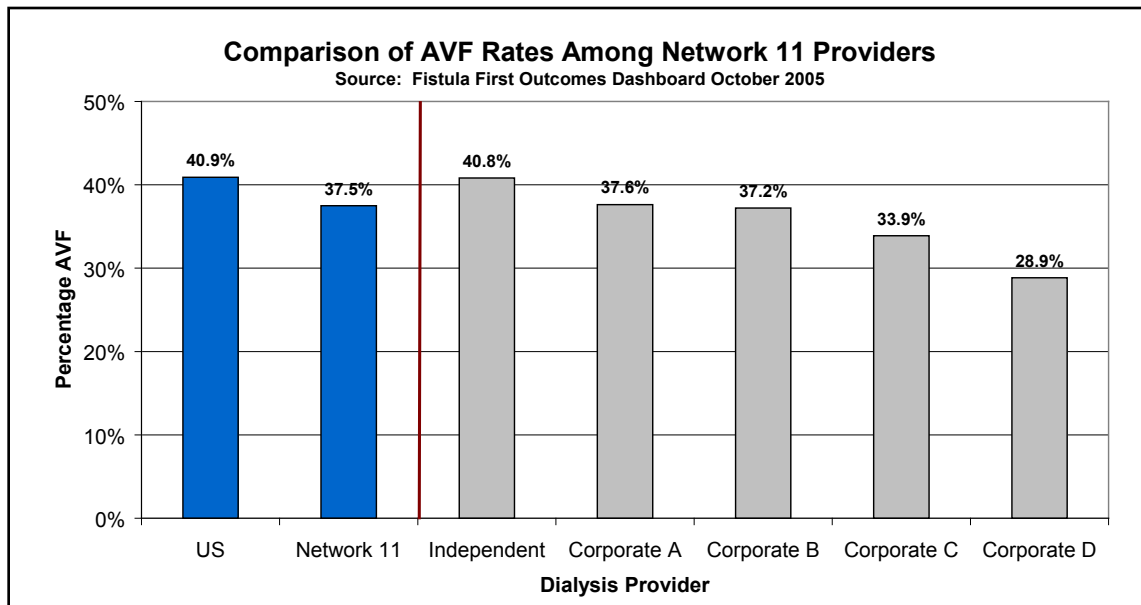


Renal Network 11

FISTULA FIRST NEWS

DECEMBER 2005
A Look at the data...



Best Practices

Awareness Week Action Plans Top Picks

During Fistula Awareness Week, all facilities were asked to complete an action plan to improve AVF.

These strategies received the highest votes:

- Facility Medical Director meeting with surgeons
- 'Sleeves Up' check for all AVG patients--check for natural developing fistula.
- All non-AVF evaluated monthly.
- Patient education--use patient video.
- Designate facility nurse as vascular access coordinator.
- Surgeon strategies: vein mapping, AVF only
- Develop facility task force for vascular access
- QI review--set up patient plan of care for access
- Education for primary care providers
- Cannulation training for staff
- Use of patient specific access algorithms

IT'S NOT TOO LATE--FAX YOUR QI ACTION PLAN TO
651-644-9853 OR FISTULAFIRST@NW11.ESRD.NET

Network 11 Goals

CMS Goal: 4% increase in AVF **ACHIEVED**
(31.3% December 2002 to 37.5% Oct 2005)

NW 11 Goal: 40% AVF by June 2006

Coming Up...

- Data to all NW 11 surgeons December 2005
- WI Surgeon Workshop March 2006
- WI ANNA Conference: Cannulation April 2006
- ND Cannulation Camp 2006

Resources

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