

# Renal Network 11

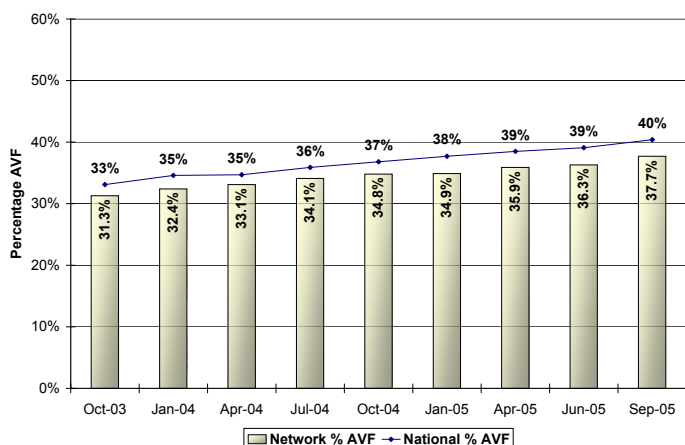
# FISTULA FIRST NEWS

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## A Look at the data...

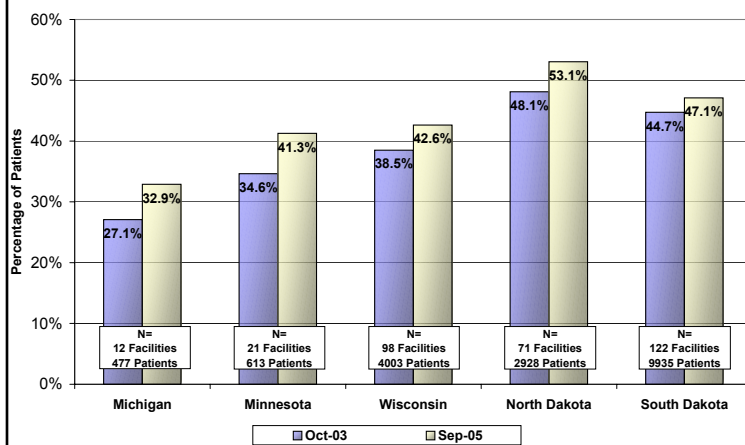
**Fistula First Prevalence Rates: NW 11 & National**

Source: Fistula First Outcomes Dashboard



**Comparison of AV Fistula Rate Growth by State**

Source: Fistula First Outcomes Data September 2005



## Best Practices

### Regional Dialysis - Midland, MI

Increasing their facility AV fistula rate from 28.1% in October 2003 to 39.8% in September, 2005, Regional Dialysis in Midland, MI has made outstanding progress in AVF improvement. How did they do it? Their focus has been patient education and follow-up, as well as collaboration with the facility, nephrologist, and the surgeon. They plan to continue their efforts in improving their AVF rates through regular meetings with their nephrologists and participating surgeons.



Gearing up for Fistula Awareness Week October 24-28, 2005  
Regional Dialysis, Michigan.

## Network 11 Goals

**CMS Goal:** 4% increase in AVF **ACHIEVED**  
(31.3% December 2002 to 37.7% Sep 2005)

**NW 11 Goal:** 40% AVF by June 2006

## Coming Up...

- Facility comparative data November 2005
- Data to all NW 11 surgeons December 2005
- MN ANNA Collaborative: Cannulation Dec 2005
- MI Cannulation Camp February 2006
- WI Surgeon Workshop March 2006
- WI ANNA Conference: Cannulation April 2006

## Resources

[www.fistulafirst.org](http://www.fistulafirst.org)  
[www.esrdnet11.org/fistulafirst](http://www.esrdnet11.org/fistulafirst)

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