

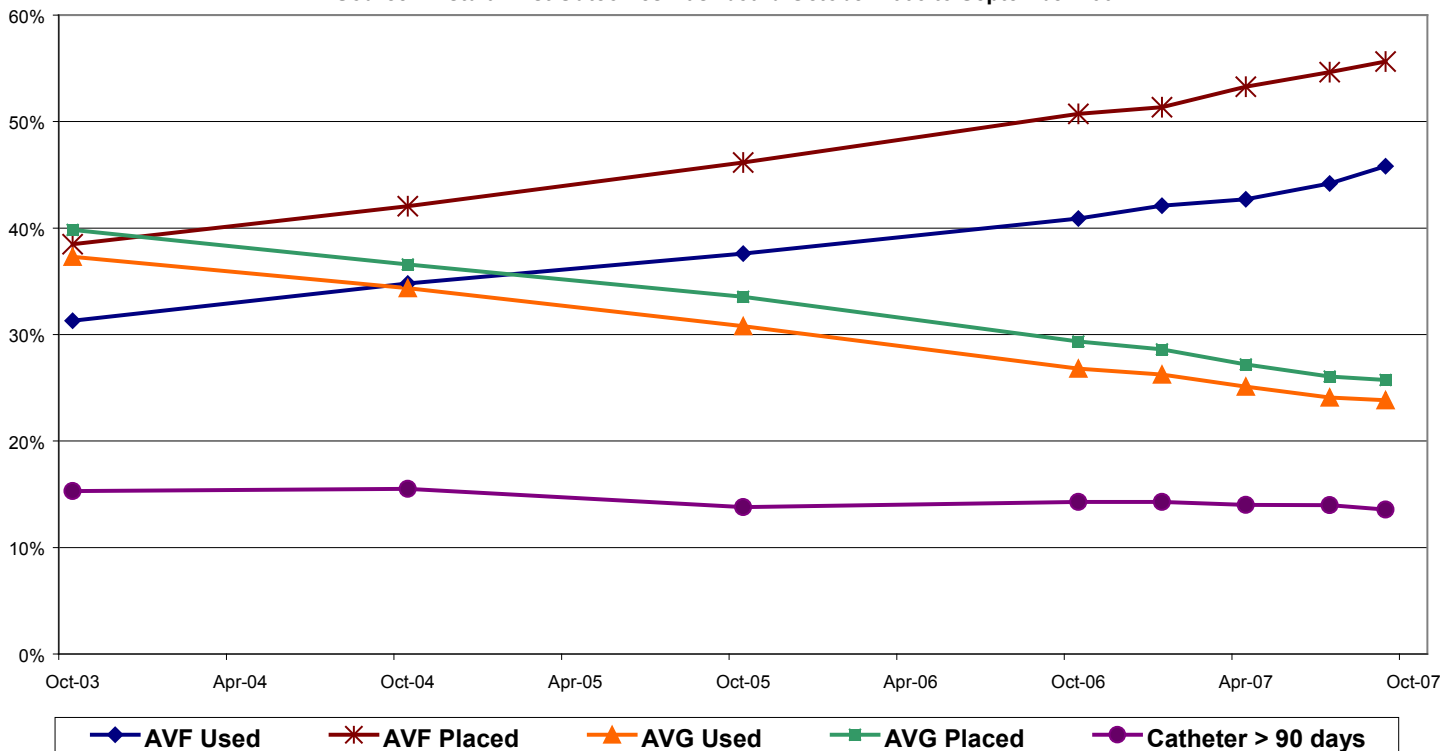
Renal Network 11

FISTULA FIRST NEWS

WINTER 2007

Comparison of AVG and AVF Placement in Netowrk 11

Source: Fistula First Outcomes Dashboard October 2003 to September 2007



Network 11 Goals

CMS National Goal: 66% AVF by June 2009

KDOQI Goal: 65% AVF prevalence

Network 11 Goal:

CMS NW 11 Goal: 47.0% AVF by March 2008

MRC NW 11 Recommended Goal: 50% AVF

MRC NW 11 Best Practice Goal: 65% AVF

Current AVF Rate is 46.1%
(October 2007)

Coming Up...

- **Data reports and facility ranking** to all NW 11 facilities February 2008.
- **Regional surgeon's workshop:** A regional surgeon workshop will be conducted in Chicago on May 15, 2008. Registration info coming soon!

Resources

www.fistulafirst.org

www.esrdnet11.org/quality/fistula_first.asp



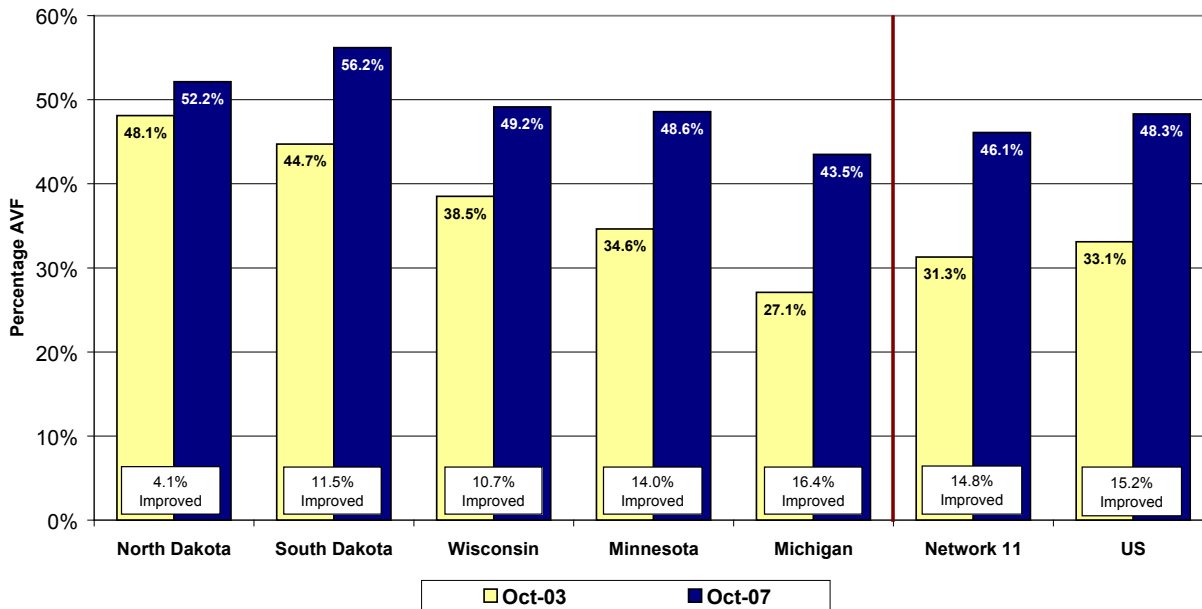
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Comparison of AVF Prevalence Improvement by State

Source: Fistula First Outcomes Data

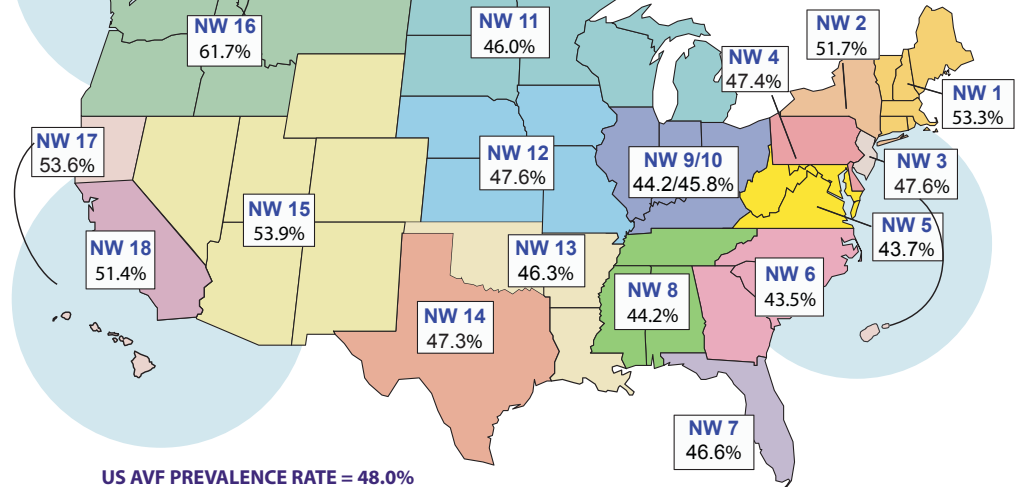


All states are making improvement in AVF prevalence. The state of Michigan ranks highest among Network 11's other states in overall improvement and improvement over baseline for AVF prevalence.

Network 11's current prevalent rate of 46.0% lags behind the national average and also places Network 11 in the bottom third when compared with other Networks. However, Network 11 has accelerated its rate of improvement and is currently a leader in AVF prevalence improvement over the past year.

Comparison of AVF Prevalence Among ESRD Networks

September 2007



UPPER MIDWEST FISTULA FIRST COALITION

Mission

Improve the care received by chronic kidney disease (CKD) patients by identifying and implementing system-level changes that will lead to an increase in patients receiving hemodialysis via a native arteriovenous fistula.

The Upper Midwest Fistula First Coalition was started in 2005 and includes partnerships with quality improvement organizations (QIOs), state survey agencies (SSAs), payers, providers, patients, and others. The coalition's three workgroups have made significant accomplishments in initiating strategies to improve AVF within Network 11:

- **Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) Management Workgroup:** Developed and conducted 3 workshops to target nephrologists and physician extenders to incorporate vascular access components into a CKD clinic model. Resources available at Network 11 website. This goal of this group has now extended to developing strategies for acute dialysis nurses.
- **Early Referral Workgroup:** Developed educational resources for primary care physicians to provide CKD education and early referral; also working with national and local labs to report and stratify eGFR on all reports measuring creatinine.
- **ESRD Workgroup:** Developed provider tools to help facilities educate staff and patients to assist in improving AVF rates in Network 11 facilities. Provider tool, patient education guide among the group's products.

All coalition materials available at www.esrdnet11.org.