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P363-Improving access to home haemodialysis for patients and education for in-centre Haemodialysis staff using a dialysis roadshow approach

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Introduction:

Our centre has a home -dialysis first approach and despite a growth in peritoneal dialysis; Home HD uptake has lagged. Taking a Multi-Disciplinary Team approach, we aimed to educate patients and dialysis unit staff on Home dialysis options especially HHD with the help of a dialysis 'roadshow' with no time barriers which are often present in a clinical setting. The roadshow was carried out in conjunction with industry partners and included information on home haemodialysis as well as shared dialysis care for those not wanting to consider a home dialysis just yet.

Methods

We invited Pre-Dialysis patients GFR <15 as well as all In-centre patients and their carers across the four sites and all renal ward and in-centre dialysis unit staff to partake of the information on all 4 sites served by our centre. Working collaboratively with peer educators on the day, we gave the target group an opportunity to see Home patients having their treatment in allocated mobile caravans and provided demonstrations of PD and HHD machines and the opportunity to talk to a multitude of HealthCare Professionals.

Results

The Road shows were a great success with over 320 contacts over the four-day event. The initiative brought team members from the MDT, patient advocates and industry partners to work collaboratively. It was evident that patients were not retaining information given in the pre-dialysis clinical setting leading up to the point of choosing dialysis modality. The event gave pre-dialysis patients exposure to In-centre dialysis and the options of Home Therapies and helped us provide reassurance of their concerns and support for home dialysis. Interest of HHD has improved in both in-centre and Pre-Dialysis patients alongside our successful Shared Care programme with a net increase in our HHD uptake.

Conclusion

As a direct result of the roadshows the uptake of shared care and home haemodialysis has increased. The event also pulled the team together and increased the morale of in-centre HD staff, which has increased the numbers of referrals to the Home dialysis team as staff now feel empowered to discuss home therapies with the in-centre patients. We would suggest having roadshows annually to increase the profile of home dialysis with centres; there is also the advantage of educating in-centre staff on the same and may lead to an increase in home dialysis uptake.