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Teaching the Bigger AV Access Team

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Education in Vascular Access Care

- Teaching the **Bigger AV Access Team**: Ms. Deborah Brouwer-Maier
- Can You Really Teach **Surgeons/Nephrologists** About Vascular Access?: Dr. Ingemar Davidson
- What Do **Radiologists** Need to Know About Vascular Access?: Dr. Bart Dolmatch
- How do you Training **PAs/NPs** to be Access Providers: Mr. Shawn Gage
- Do we Need a **Surgical** Certificate of Qualification for Access Providers?: Dr. Thomas Huber
- How do **Interventional Nephrologists** Learn Their Craft?: Dr. Aris Urbanes

Definition of Teach



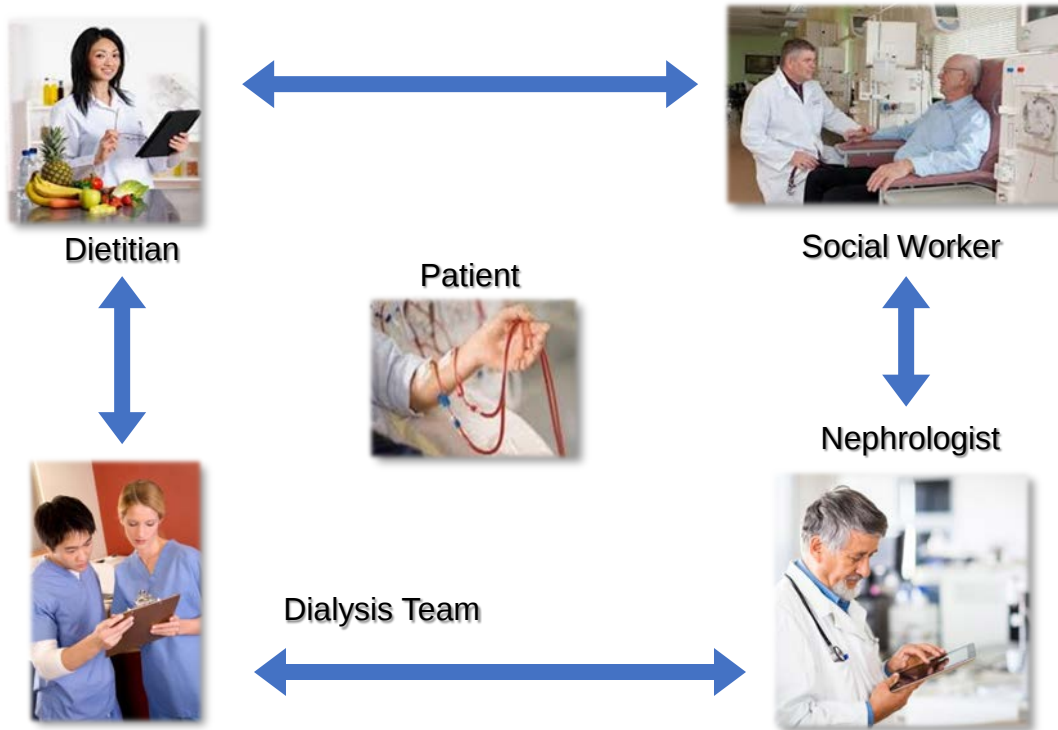
transitive verb

- 1 a : to cause to know something
- b : to cause to know how
- c : to accustom to some action or attitude
- d : to cause to know the disagreeable consequences of some action
- 2 : to guide the studies of
- 3 : to impart the knowledge of
- 4 a : to instruct by precept, example, or experience
- b : to make known and accepted
- 5 : to conduct instruction regularly

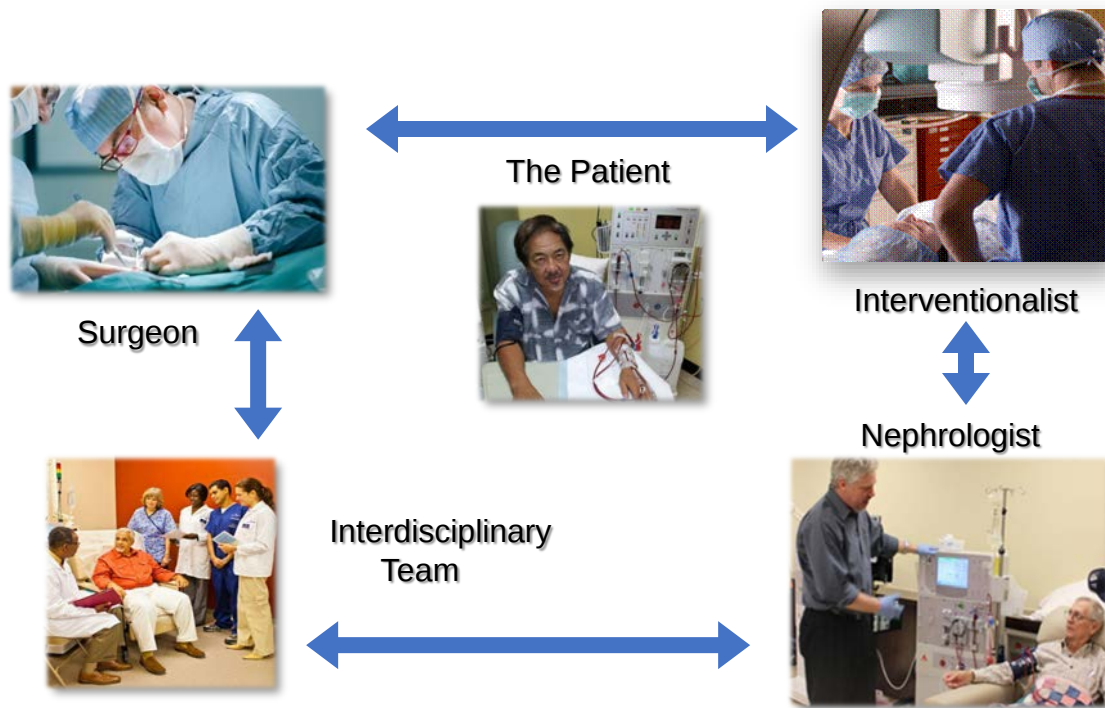
Who is the Bigger Access Team?



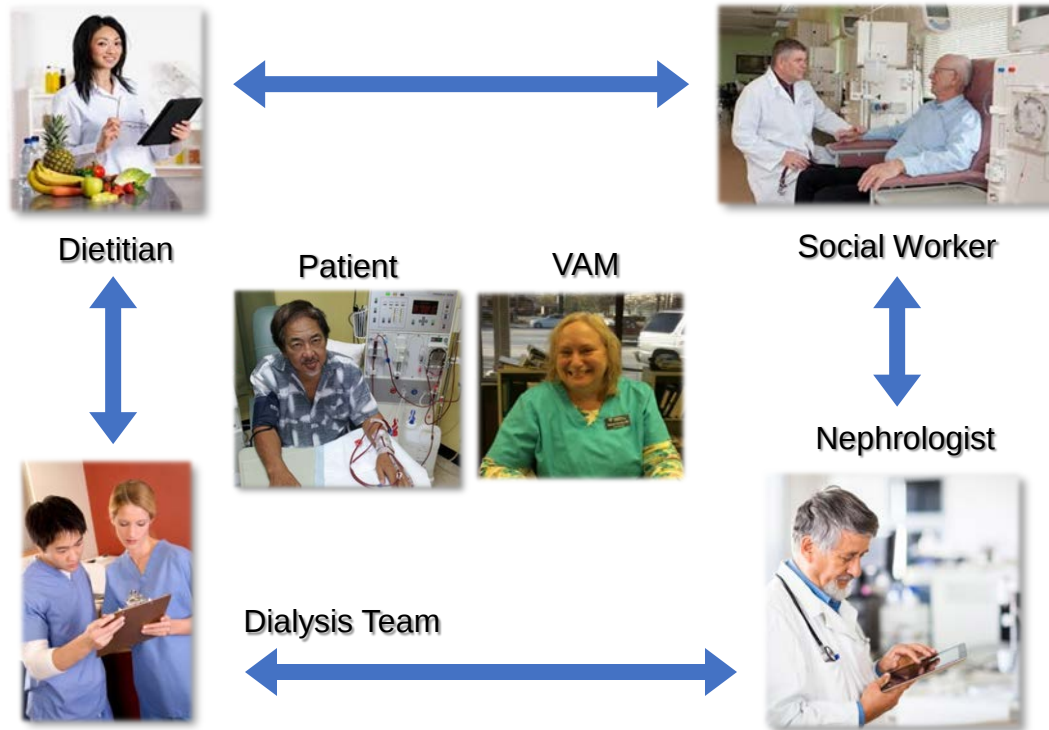
Interdisciplinary Team



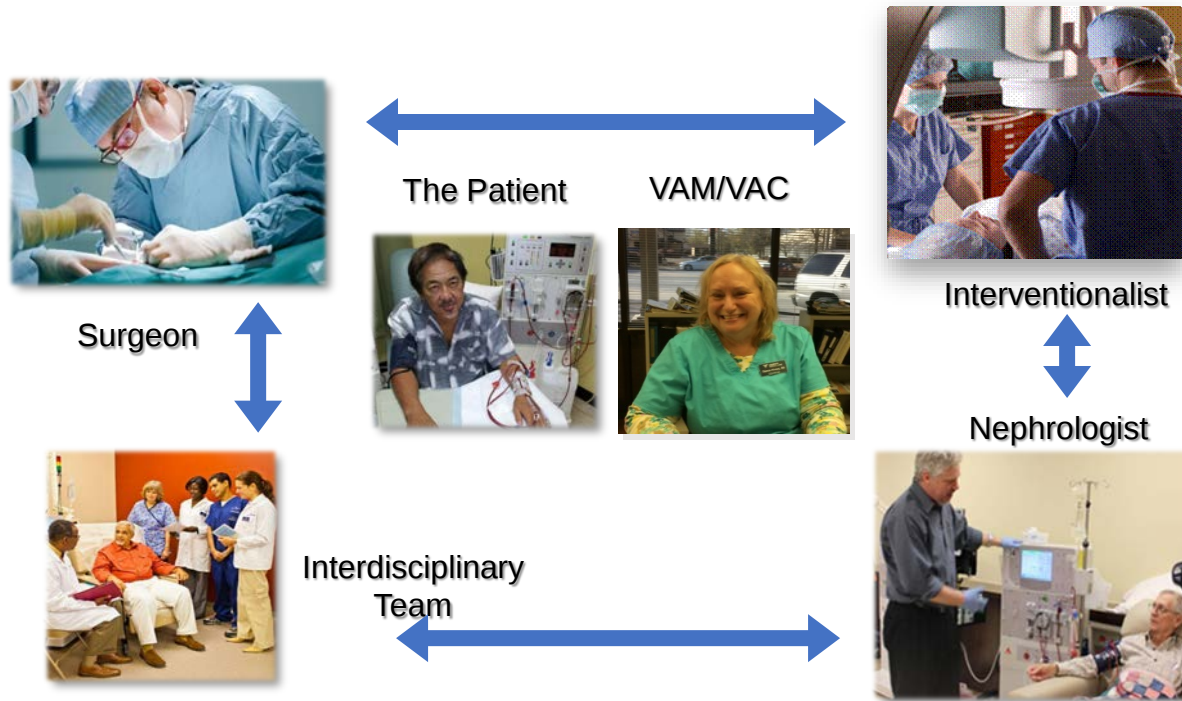
Dialysis Access Care Team (DACT)



Interdisciplinary Team + VAM



Dialysis Access Care Team + VAM/VAC



Bigger Access Team Members Also Include:



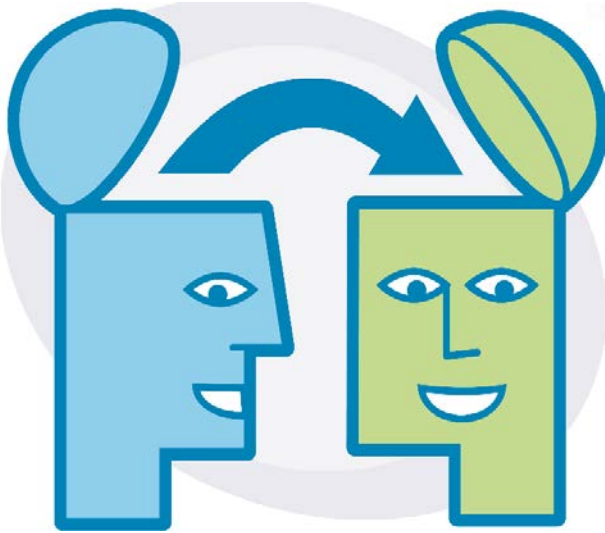
Family and Support System

Anyone that
Draws Blood or
Places an IV



Primary Care &
Other Healthcare Providers
(Hospitals, Nursing Homes &
Rehab Centers)

Tools to Teach the Bigger Access Team



Allied Health Pre-Course Teaching the Tools

- Allied Health Member Skills Survey after St. Louis May 2017
- 733 completed survey results
- Skills broken down into: Patient Assessment, Coordination of Patient Care, Quality, Education: Patient and Peers, Regulatory & Professional Development
- Survey Monkey current skills scoring <90% turned into learning objectives for the Pre-Course

Lifeline for a Lifetime:

Planning for Your Vascular Access



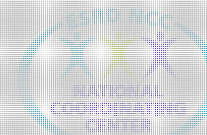
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Vascular Access Planning Guide for Professionals



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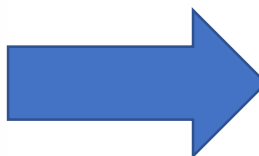
A Practitioner's Resource Guide To

Physical Examination of Dialysis Vascular Access

The ESRD Network of Texas, Inc., is proud to offer this excellent educational resource written by Gerald Beathard, MD for distribution to the nephrology & surgical community in support of the Fistula First Project.



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**It only takes a minute
to save your patient's lifeline.**



The skin over the access
is all **one color** and looks like
the skin around it.

Look



There is **redness**,
swelling or **drainage**.
There are skin bulges with
shiny, **bleeding**, or **peeling skin**.

Listen



Bruit - the hum or buzz should sound
like a "whoosh," or for some may sound
like a **drum beat**. The sound should be
the **same** along the access.

There is **no sound**, **decreased**
sound or a **change** in sound.
Sound is **different** from what a
normal **Bruit** should sound like.

Feel



Thrill: a vibration or buzz in the
full length of the access.

Pulse: slight beating like a heart-
beat. Fingers placed lightly on the
access should move slightly.

Pulsatile: The beat is **stronger** than
a **normal pulse**. Fingers placed
lightly on the access will **rise** and
fall with each beat.

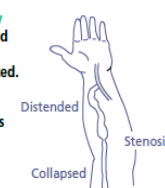
Upper Arm AVF

The AVF outflow vein **partially**
collapses when the arm is raised
above the level of the heart.
It may feel "flabby" when palpated.

Lower Arm AVF

The AVF outflow vein collapses
when arm is raised above
the level of the heart.

Arm Elevation



Upper Arm AVF

The AVF outflow vein **does not**
partially collapse or become "flabby"
after being raised above the level of
the heart. This finding should be
reported to an expert clinician.

Lower Arm AVF

The AVF outflow vein **does not**
collapse after being raised above the
level of the heart. This finding should
be reported to an expert clinician.

Dialysis Professional

"Ready, Set, Go" The Steps to Catheter Freedom Weeks 5-6: Fistula Maturity Check



- Perform fistula maturity check at each treatment or when patient reports a change.
 - Reinforce to patient the importance of daily fistula checks.
 - Listen to the patient.

Look



Listen



Feel



Arm Elevation test (AVF Only)



Were there any abnormal findings during the fistula maturity check?

No

Document that there were no abnormal findings.

Yes

Document findings and refer to expert clinician.

Continued..

Dialysis Professional

"Ready, Set, Go" The Steps to Catheter Freedom Weeks 5-6: Fistula Maturity Check



Look



The hand **looks the same** as it did before surgery.

The skin over the fistula is **uniform in appearance** and looks like the skin around it.

The arm is **bruised** and/or the hand is **not the normal color**.

There is **redness, swelling, or drainage**.

Listen



Bruit: Listen with a stethoscope over the anastomosis. This is where the artery is joined to the vein.

The bruit is **audible**, and can be heard along the cannulation segment.

The bruit sounds like a "whoosh," or for some, like a drum beat.

There is **no sound**, or the bruit is **not as loud** as the last time it was checked.

Sound is **different** from what a normal bruit should sound like.

Feel



You can **feel** the fistula and **identify** the cannulation segment.

The cannulation segment is long enough to use two needles placed two inches apart.

You **cannot** feel the fistula.

You **cannot** feel the cannulation segment.

Continued..

Dialysis Professional

"Ready, Set, Go" The Steps to Catheter Freedom Weeks 5-6: Fistula Maturity Check



Feel



Thrill: A vibration or buzz that can be felt most prominently over the anastomosis; it will diminish along the length of the fistula.

The thrill becomes stronger as the fistula matures.

Pulse: A slight beating that feels like a heartbeat. Fingers placed lightly on the fistula move slightly.

You **cannot** feel the thrill or it is **weaker** than the last time it was checked.

Pulsatile: The beat is **stronger than a normal pulse**. Fingers placed lightly on the fistula will **rise and fall** with each beat.

Arm Elevation



Lower Arm Fistula

The fistula outflow vein **collapses** when the arm is raised above the level of the heart.

Upper Arm Fistula

The fistula outflow vein will **collapse partially** when the arm is raised above the level of the heart. It may feel "flabby" when palpated.

Lower Arm Fistula

The fistula outflow vein **does not collapse** after the arm is raised above the level of the heart. This may mean there is a problem allowing the blood to flow from the fistula.

Upper Arm Fistula

The fistula outflow vein **does not collapse partially or become "flabby"** after being raised above the level of the heart. This may mean there is a problem allowing the blood to flow from the fistula.



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Medical Alert Tools- Vascular Access & Blood Draw/IV Instructions



American Nephrology Nurses Association

Save the Vein

In the event your kidneys stop working and you choose hemodialysis, it is important to protect the blood vessels in your arm. These veins provide access to your bloodstream should you need hemodialysis treatment for end-stage kidney disease.



Save The Vein



This is easy to do:

- Wear the *Save the Vein (STV)* wristband to alert health care providers that you are protecting the veins in your arm as determined by your nephrology and vascular surgery team.
- Do not let ANYONE take blood or use the veins for an IV in the protected arm, except in an emergency. Always use your hands first for vein access or blood draws.
- Inform ALL health care providers of your needs.
- Should you need to start hemodialysis, you can continue to use the STV wristband to protect your access arm.

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**Get it.
Wear it.
Save it.**



Chronic kidney disease (CKD) affects 26 million Americans. Unfortunately CKD can eventually progress to end-stage renal disease (ESRD), requiring dialysis or a transplant.

If you are receiving hemodialysis, you will likely need a fistula. A fistula is formed by surgically connecting an artery and a vein in your arm under the skin. It allows health care providers to perform dialysis. A fistula is known as a "lifeline" for a dialysis patient.

Protect Your Veins for the Future
Placing an IV or having your blood drawn can damage your veins, making it difficult to create a workable fistula.

It is important to understand your kidney disease and protect your veins just in case you need hemodialysis one day.

Wear your *Save the Veins - No IV/Lab Draws* wristband on the arm chosen by your provider to protect your access arm.

Ask your nephrology nurse for more information about CKD and protecting your veins, and how to alert others to the importance of "saving" your veins.

Becoming an active participant in your own health care is an essential part of staying healthy and empowering yourself to take charge of your disease.

Benefits of a Fistula:

- Less risk of infection than catheters or grafts
- Better cleaning of your blood on dialysis
- Fewer problems with clotting
- Much less costly

If you have CKD, we encourage you to see a vascular surgeon and plan for a fistula placement, preferably 6-12 months prior to the estimated need for hemodialysis. This allows time to conduct the surgery and for the fistula to mature.

For more information about fistulas and vein preservation, please contact:

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⇒ Resources
⇒ Fact Sheets
⇒ Vascular Access



Other resources about vein preservation and kidney disease:

- National Kidney Foundation (NKF)
www.kidney.org
- Fistula First
www.fistulafirst.org
- American Association of Kidney Patients (AAKP)
www.aakp.org

For information about ordering wristbands, visit www.annanurse.org/savethevein.

Save Your Vein- Surgeon Leading UK Project



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Big Tools for Teaching the Bigger AV Access Team



New Vascular
Access Guidelines
Currently In
Progress!!!



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