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Session Title

The Coordination of care from the Vascular
Access Center Perspective

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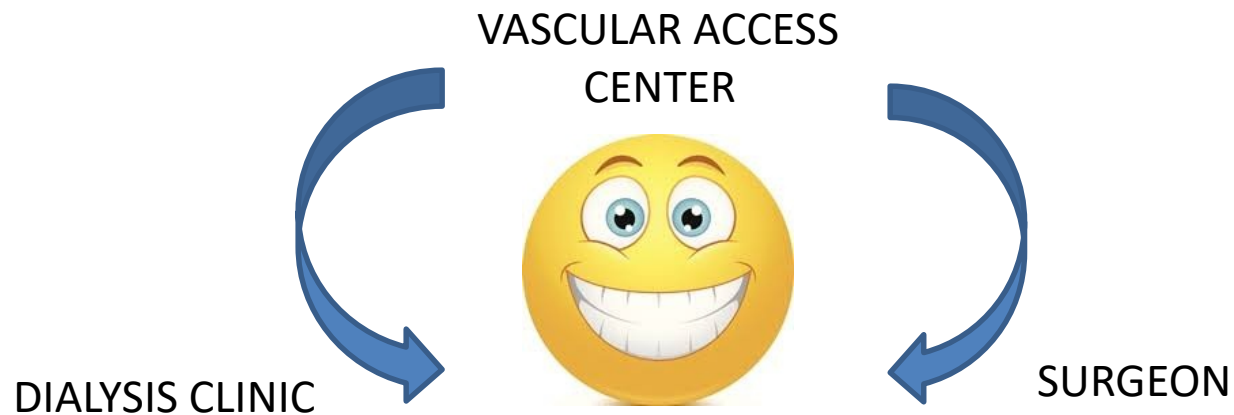
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Objective: To show how the Vascular Access Center (VAC) functions as an integral part of the care team for the renal patient with collaboration between the dialysis clinics and the surgical offices



A little history about our center.....

- *Opened in 2005 by Nephrology Associates in Middle TN*
- *VAC with a staff of nine and six Interventional Nephrologists (IN)*
- *Independently owned and operated*
- *Satellite location shared with a Vascular Surgical Group*

VAC serves as a resource to the Dialysis Clinics

- Access management
 - Access flow data
 - Monthly reports
 - Timely referral for evaluation & intervention
 - Access clinic
- Education
 - In-services
 - Staff Observation
 - “Hands on” training sessions
 - Lobby Days for patients

Why education is important....how NOT to secure your access!!



VAC coordination with Surgeons

There are several vascular surgeons in Middle TN and the surrounding areas

Not all of the relationships are peaches and cream, not everyone wants to play in the sandbox together, but we do need each other

- Referrals
 - Access Clinic
 - Follow –up for further interventions
 - Reverse referrals



In closing....

It takes a village to raise a child as defined by Wikipedia states, “it is a proverb which means that it takes an entire community of different people interacting with children in order for children to experience and grow in a safe environment.”

It can also be said “it takes a village to care for a renal patient”... ☺

Collaboration and coordination between the VAC, the dialysis clinic and surgeon is critical to provide optimal patient care to maintain the longevity of the patient’s lifeline...





This is our village!!

Thank you!!



Our new Vascular Access Coordinator

