

Make a Difference!

COME AND BE A PART OF THE ACTION!

Are you a dialysis or transplant patient or a caregiver/family member of a patient? Have you ever felt like your concerns were not heard, especially when you knew you could do something that would change things for the better? Have you ever had an idea, but felt reserved about sharing it or didn't know how to go about it? **Well, here is an opportunity!**

We invite you to join Network 16's Patient Advisory Committee (PAC) and share your knowledge and expertise. **YES!** You have unique skills and a unique understanding of the dialysis experience that no one else can impart. We need your expertise to fulfill at least two different roles; one as a direct member of the Network Governance structure (PAC) and/or as a Subject Matter Expert (SME) working directly on various quality improvement projects. As a PAC member or a SME, you are the link to promoting patient and family-centered care throughout the Network Area. What do PAC members and SMEs do? Ultimately you help Network staff understand what is important to patients, share useful ideas and experiences and represent the Network at your own dialysis facility. Your voice will count where it matters most in the care you receive or the care your loved one receives! You are the link to promoting patient-and family-centered care throughout our Network 16 region.

Here's what current members have to say.....

"Serving on the PAC fulfills my mission to help people with kidney disease in a new way."

-Patty Danielson, PAC Member, Network 16

"My experience has been awesome. I like understanding more about the Network activities, and I enjoy interacting with other patients." -Jay Jacinto, PAC Member, Network 16

"I enjoy participating on patient panels at conferences, sharing my experiences with a staff audience, and hearing other patients' stories." -Judy Clark, PAC Member, Network 16

"I have been living with kidney disease since 1959, and I started dialysis in 1966. My work with the Network allows me to give back to society at least as much as I have been given."

-Nancy Hewitt Spaeth, PAC Member, Network 16

You have unique skills and experiences that you can share with others. Take time to share your talents and ideas with other PAC members and SMEs and learn more about the things that are happening in the region to empower dialysis patients. To learn more about these roles, simply call the Network at 800-262-1514.

You can decide to make a difference!

If you are interested in joining Network 16's PAC, please complete the attached application. Please fax it to 206-23-0716, email it or Lisa Hall at LHall@nw16.esrd.net or mail it to the Network at 4702 42nd Avenue SW, Seattle, WA 98116