Dialysis Community Response Network (DCRN)

Several leading providers in the kidney care community, including DaVita, Fresenius Kidney Care, U.S. Renal Care, American Renal Associates, and Satellite Healthcare are collaborating to provide adequate capacity for the temporary treatment of outpatient hemodialysis patients who are, or who are suspected to be, COVID-19 positive (isolation patients). Across their combined network, these providers aim to act as a safety network for any provider that cannot provide enough isolation treatments in its own clinics (DCRN or Network). The goal is to treat as many patients as possible in the outpatient setting, thus reducing the burden on hospitals and other emergency providers.

Due to the fluid nature of the availability of stations, staff and PPE, all placements must continue to be initiated through the Central Admissions processes of each respective provider. Providers will coordinate among each other to ensure placement of isolation patients as quickly as possible.

Process to place an isolation patient:

1. **New isolation patients** with no existing home clinic should be referred to the dialysis clinic or provider of their choice, using the Central Admissions Numbers below.

2. **All existing dialysis patients** should be referred back to their “home” dialysis clinic for treatment, using the Central Admissions Numbers below. This is vital to ensure continuity of care for prevalent patients, including those who have been diagnosed as COVID-19 positive. All providers participating in this collaboration are committed to providing adequate isolation treatment capacity for their existing patients as their first priority and preference. If the patient’s home dialysis clinic cannot provide an adequate isolation setting, the home clinic provider will work with other providers in the Network to coordinate an “under arrangement” placement through DCRN. Providers who are already part of the Network will coordinate this process among one another. Other providers will need to become part of the Network to participate.

To join the Network:

A provider seeking to become part of the Network must sign the Network agreement. In addition, the provider must commit to providing isolation treatments to its own existing patients as long as possible and to accept other providers’ patients in emergency situations and subject to the terms of the Network agreement.
To join the Network, contact Ken.Nelson@fmc-na.com or Kapil.Vashistha@davita.com. The DCRN team will provide details on the Network agreement, insurance requirements, placement process and other operational details.

**Central Admission Numbers:**

American Renal Associates: 1-855-556-6556
DaVita: 1-866-475-7757
Fresenius Kidney Care: 1-844-347-1001
Satellite Healthcare: 1-888-267-5888
U.S. Renal Care: 1-888-269-6793

If a discharge or transfer does not go through this process, it will disrupt caregivers from screening and treating patients and could result in delay in the ultimate placement of the patient. In all events, requests will be directed to Central Admissions teams.