MEI Releases New PATH-D Tools for Partner Communication Around Home Dialysis Tasks

Madison, WI – People with kidney failure and their care partners have new tools to help sort out who will do which of the tasks associated with peritoneal dialysis (PD) or home hemodialysis (HD) treatments. Developed by the non-profit Medical Education Institute (MEI) for its Home Dialysis Central website, PDF drafts of the new Partner Agreement on Tasks for Home Dialysis (PATH-D) Tools can be downloaded from the most recent KidneyViews blog post on the topic.

Doing dialysis at home means integrating a number of new tasks and responsibilities into daily life. The PATH-D tools were designed to help people anticipate and discuss their expectations for who will do which tasks.

“We want to help people picture what their lives might look like with home treatments and communicate their expectations,” said Dori Schatell, MS, MEI Executive Director. “People on dialysis and their partners will need to consider how they will face day-to-day challenges of doing treatments at home. We welcome your comments to improve these draft tools.”

About MEI: Founded in 1993, MEI is a national 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to helping people with chronic diseases learn to manage and improve their health. MEI fulfills its mission by conducting research, developing evidence-based educational materials for consumers and health professionals, and advocating for patient-centered policies. MEI is funded through corporate sponsorships, fee-for-service contracts, product sales, and donations. Tax-deductible contributions can be made through MEI’s website, www.meiresearch.org.

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