

Conservative Kidney Management

CKM Pathway

The Kidney Health Strategic Clinical Network™ is developing a provincial, Conservative Care Pathway for patients unlikely to benefit from dialysis.

CKM patients do *not* stop receiving care. These patients have complex needs that range from symptom management to advance care planning and preparing for end of life. Together with patients and providers from a variety of healthcare settings, we are:

- developing guidelines and tools to provide consistent, high quality CKM care.
- creating a publically accessible, interactive pathway for providers and patients, to be launched Sept 2016.

Get Involved!

Do you work with end-stage renal patients?

We are looking for **acute care providers** to participate in a series of Quality Improvement workshops. You will work with 4 Kidney Clinics in Edmonton and Red Deer to pilot the pathway and assess the impact on quality care over 18 months.

Participants will join a **series of workshops* in Edmonton**

Thu, Sep 29, 2016

Thu, Apr 6, 2017

Thu, Sep 21, 2017

**eligible participants will receive a meeting stipend as per Provincial Medical Affairs*

What is CKM?

Conservative Kidney Management (CKM) is a treatment option that some kidney disease patients choose as an alternative to dialysis.

For older patients who have higher levels of co-morbidity and poorer functional status, there may be no survival or quality of life advantage to dialysis. Older, frailer patients tend to experience functional and cognitive decline after starting dialysis. The last months of their lives are often characterized by high rates of hospitalization, ICU admissions, and intensive procedures. In contrast, frail, elderly patients with multiple co-morbidities *may* preserve their functional status, maintain a better overall quality of life, and have fewer hospital admissions while being treated with CKM.



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