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### ***Success to Patient Safety- A 5 Diamond Approach***

IPRO ESRD Network of New York announces a program, ***Success to Patient Safety- A 5 Diamond Approach*** to assist dialysis facilities with the improvement of both staff and patient awareness of specific patient safety areas. The program was developed with the collaboration of the Mid-Atlantic Renal Coalition (Network 5) and the ESRD Network of New England (Network 1).

#### **Goals:**

- ◆ To build patient safety culture in every dialysis unit
- ◆ To promote patient safety values
- ◆ To create an awareness of patient safety issues
- ◆ To help dialysis units learn more about specific areas of patient safety

**Overview:** ***Success to Patient Safety- A 5 Diamond Approach*** consists of education modules, which include the tools and resources necessary for implementation of each patient safety concept. Facilities may complete any of the modules, with only one module, *Patient Safety Principles*, being mandatory. The module options are as follows:

- ◆ Patient Safety Principles
- ◆ Decreasing Dialysis Patient-Provider Conflict
- ◆ Emergency Preparedness
- ◆ Hand Washing (Infection Control)
- ◆ Health Literacy
- ◆ Influenza Vaccination
- ◆ Medication Reconciliation
- ◆ Missed Treatments
- ◆ Sharps Safety
- ◆ Slips, Trips, & Falls
- ◆ Stenosis Surveillance
- ◆ Patient Self Managed Care

**Recognition:** For each module successfully completed the facility is awarded a “diamond” culminating in special recognition for the 5-Diamond facilities. Each Network has established a recognition rewards for their area, which are posted on their websites. Please visit us online at [www.ipro.org/index/esrd-quality-improvement](http://www.ipro.org/index/esrd-quality-improvement) .