

**LDO Monthly Meeting**  
**May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2004**  
**2:00-3:00 EST**  
**Toll Free Dial In Number: (866-249-5325)**  
**Participant Code: 804767**

**I. Roll Call**

Name of Organization	Attendee Name	Name of Organization	Attendee Name
DaVita	N/A	eSOURCE	Cammie Dunnagan
DCI	Chris Lovell		Shannon Wright
FMCNA	Alexis Porras		Crystal Henderson
	Nancy Lew	CMS	Jefferson Rowland
	Roger Theriault		Diane Frankenfield
	Dr. Lazarus		Matthew Leipold
Gambro	N/A		Terry Conner
	N/A		Pam Frederick
RCG	Scott Burchfield		Victoria Schlining
	Diane Thierauf		Brady Augustine
	John Levy		Ida Sarsitis
NNA	Tammy Bickimer		

**I. LDO Topics: No agenda topics from LDO's**

**II. General Topics**

- CMS requested that the LDO's consider expanding their representation on this monthly LDO conference call to cover clinical, IT and possibly management. If LDO's would like to have additional members notified of the call they should send their contact information to Shannon Wright @ eSOURCE: [swright@esrdsources.net](mailto:swright@esrdsources.net) The current distribution list consists of those at the top of this agenda.
- The LDO **primary** contact list updated with the following. These people are considered the primary corporate contacts.

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**III. LDO Site Visit Schedule:**

Site	Location	Date of Visit
DCI	Nashville	09/24/2003
FMCNA	Boston	03/18/2004
RCG/NNA	Nashville	05/05/2004
Gambro	Nashville	05/06/2004
DaVita	DeLand	06/02/2004

- LDO site visits continue to go well. CMS and eSOURCE visited Gambro and RCG this past month. The Davita site visit is scheduled for June 2, 2004.

#### IV. Vascular Access (Shannon)

- CCDSVU – Fistula First Validation: (Shannon)
  - ESOURCE began using the CCDSVU to validate files and provided the LDO's with a failed file. The average fail rate was 3%. Information will be loaded for this month and eSOURCE will work with both the LDO's and Networks to continue to improve data. These remaining issues will be investigated from both sides to determine the discrepancies. The Networks will be contacting the LDO primary contacts directly to work out the issues.
- Vascular Access Categorization Guide – feedback from LDO's – your experience using the guide and categorizing their patients
  - LDO's voiced concern that the 14 access scenarios are condensed into 6 categories which could lead to data being lost. CMS response is that the projects primary focus is to improve the AVF use rate and not to monitor the other categories. They are also focusing on identifying and changing what is considered an eligible patient.
  - CMS requests that categorization guide and core reports be sent to clinical representatives from each of the LDO's for review and comment. Primary contacts, please forward this to the appropriate persons in your organization. A current copy of this guide can be found at [http://www.simsproject.com/cds\\_QI.asp](http://www.simsproject.com/cds_QI.asp) under the FF data collection tool and User guide – on page 15 of the FistulaFirstDataCollectionForm Instructions.
- New Reports available to the Networks to provide facility feedback – Three new standard reports have been created for the Networks to send to facilities have been released. These reports are Prevalence Rates for Use of Fistulas, Catheters and Grafts, Fistula Use and Placement for Incident patients, Fistula Prevalence Comparison Report (facility , network, national comparisons by facility).
  - DCI commented that the Incident definition was confusing to facilities and seemed useless because of the small percent of patients entering the facilities monthly. CMS reposed that historical Network reports have been removed and the current incident reports should be less confusing. Please review the Fistula Use and Placement Rate in Incident Patients
  - FMCNA asked if there would be reports in the future by surgeon or UPIN number that would reflect the increase of fistula use by the physicians. They felt that the facilities could not truly control the increase of fistula rates. CMS responded by saying that education of facility staff can affect the behavior of physicians. The Network challenge is to bring information forward across all interested parties including facilities, physicians and surgeons.
- LDO's requested that CMS provide a table of Non-LDO data being collected similar to the LDO table historically on the agenda.
  - There is currently a dashboard report in development that will provide this information and will be sent by JR once completed

**V. CPM File Specification Update (Crystal)**

- Review of CPM timeline and address any questions
  - LDO “best test” files have been received and have been processed. Esource had forwarded lists of “unmatchable” patients to affected LDOs for investigation. CMS has been reviewing CPM data and they are happy with the comparisons. CMS feels that the CPM electronic data will be accepted. None of the LDO’s we able to provide 100% of the CPM elements electronically, but the forms will be populated with the data that is submitted. CMS may request that some of the elements be suppressed and these may be different for each of the LDO’s. A conference call will be scheduled with each LDO to review the results for both the 820 and 821. LDO’s would like the opportunity to review each of the specific elements and identify if they can make the corrections to submit the data electronically prior to the final file submission.
  - Final report of the analysis of LDO data and of the case review/validation of selected LDO patients turned over to CMS on 5/11.

**Please Note: The entire CPM Timeline can be viewed at: [http://www.esrdsources.net/cpm\\_main.asp](http://www.esrdsources.net/cpm_main.asp)**

**VI. Elab Update (Shannon)**

- Approval from CMS to release Elab data obtained on 5/6/04. eSOURCE will release to Networks next week who will be sending to facilities.

**VII. Patient Events (Shannon)**

- LDO Review of Standardized Patient Events Definitions and Business Rules, Patient Activity Report, Patient Activity Report Instructions. (see attached documents)
  - Opportunity for LDO’s to review the New Event categories and Collection Tool and make comments for consideration in the next revised version. Please send any comments to Shannon Wright

**Comments Received:**

DaVita	
DCI	
FMCNA	04/02/04
Gambro	
RCG/NNA	

**VIII. Quality Net Conference Update (Matthew)**

- If interested in doing a presentation at the Qnet conference in September contact Matthew Leipold at MLeipold@cms.hhs.gov