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Mike,

Although the BSR is positive we are planning on giving an educational presentation to explain the Transitional Care Unit (TCU) program. The facility currently has 8 in-center stations. 6 of them operate on the traditional 3 treatment per week/6 shift in-center hemodialysis schedule. The remaining 2 are also in-center hemodialysis stations but treat patients on a 4/5 treatment per week schedule and use the compact NxStage home hemodialysis machine, which is smaller and includes its own water treatment system. As many new ESRD patients as possible are being placed in the TCU station and dialyzing on hemodialysis 4/5 times per week for up to 30 days while they receive an increased level of education on ESRD and treatment options of traditional in-center hemodialysis, home hemodialysis, peritoneal dialysis and transplant. This eases them into dialysis and helps them make the most informed decision on their treatment plan. We have found that approximately half will then choose to be on some type of home dialysis, which has many advantages for the patient. If any time during the 30 days they decide on a modality they will can be moved to that treatment choice. The patients do not remain in the TCU station more than 30 days. The current 2 TCU stations can accommodate only 4 patients at a time on two shifts.

The home therapies program at Mount Prospect is growing rapidly through the use of TCU and the 6 traditional in-center stations are full, so we are requesting the additional 8 stations. 6 will be operated on the traditional in-center schedule and 2 will be used as TCU stations. As time goes on, and based on patient demand we could decide to turn more of the stations into TCU and operate them on the TCU schedule or we could see that the demand for TCU is not as great and switch a TCU station back to the traditional schedule. Its all based on what the need becomes as time goes on.

After the addition there will be 12 traditional 3 times per week in-center hemodialysis stations and 4 TCU (also in-center stations) all on the in-center hemodialysis treatment floor. These are not home dialysis stations as they provide in-center treatments and do not provide home dialysis training. If a patient chooses home dialysis they transfer to our home therapies program. If the patient wants to remain in-center they will switch to the traditional in-center scheduled stations. The clinic staff are dually trained in all modalities.

An added benefit of the TCU on the treatment floor is that we have current in-center patients who gain further exposure to other treatment modalities and can go through a two-week trial in the TCU station dialyzing 4-5 times per week. This two week period is long enough for the patient to feel the difference that more frequent dialysis makes and some will then choose to train for home dialysis.

We have implemented this program in the St. Louis area and have one physician group that has 50% of their patients on home dialysis now. We have plans to convert a couple of stations in some of our underutilized clinics to TCU in order to introduce more patients to home therapies as well and in the

future may be adding new stations to use as TCU in others. I don't think you will be seeing many new dialysis clinic applications coming up.

Hope this helps a little and we will be prepared to introduce this at the meeting.

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Lori at the meeting can you folks provide an explanation to the board of what you are proposing and why. This is the first time they have seen a project of this type. And are all the 8-stations going to be home-dialysis stations.

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