

Introduction

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Hi, my name is Chris and I've been a member of DialysisEthics since 2000 and I help coordinate the activities of this patient advocacy organization. The website has been down for awhile but we believe this has been an excellent time to bring it back.

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DialysisEthics has always been a leader in improving patient care through advocacy: sometimes using legislative and legal means to improve overall conditions, sometimes doing individual patient advocacy. We aim to continue that tradition

We were there when no one else was advocating for nonviolent dismissed patients - not the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services, not the Renal Networks, and not the National Kidney Foundation. We also have consistently pointed out the problems we saw with kidney dialysis. The following is a list of our accomplishments over the years:

*2000 US Senate hearings - after the hearing President Clinton allocated more money for dialysis center inspections and dialysis workers became part of the inspection teams

*Verified statistics now back up the information on Medicare's "Dialysis Facility Compare"

*Doctors have to review charts before they can be reimbursed

*Responsible for getting reports started by the Office of Inspector General (OIG) in 2000 and 2003 on the conditions in dialysis

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*Many current members of DialysisEthics were responsible for starting and helping push through a bill for the certification of hemodialysis technicians in Colorado in 2007

*There have been many nonviolent dismissed patients returned to their clinics or placed in other clinics or hospitals over the years - as recently as this year

We are entering a new chapter of DialysisEthics. In the past we have advocated and brought many of the problems in this field of medicine to light. The problems are well-documented and in the hands of many of the right people. We have a long ways to go, but we believe things are getting better and will continue to get better. We now want to be part of the solutions we see coming.

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