



NETWORK #17 VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION SURVEY RESULTS 2006-2010

Western Pacific Renal Network (WPRN) strives to promote optimal care for individuals with end stage renal disease (ESRD). Optimal care includes quality, safety, and efforts to **improve patient independence, quality of life, and rehabilitation.**

WPRN collects data annually from each dialysis facility regarding vocational rehabilitation activities as mandated by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). Each facility is required to report the number of patients between the ages of 18 and 54 who are receiving vocational rehabilitation services, employed or going to school full or part-time and if the facility offers a dialysis shift beginning after 5:00 PM. The overall trend of facilities providing late dialysis shifts for patients who are employed is 29.5%.

The initiation of nocturnal dialysis could be the reason for the increase in shifts after 5 PM over the last five years since they were specifically designed for the employed.

The graph below illustrates survey results allowing comparison and suggesting trends in vocational rehabilitation. The number of patients receiving vocational rehabilitation has remained consistent during the five year period. For the patients attending school or employed, the five year trend shows stability, which also suggests room for support and improvement.

