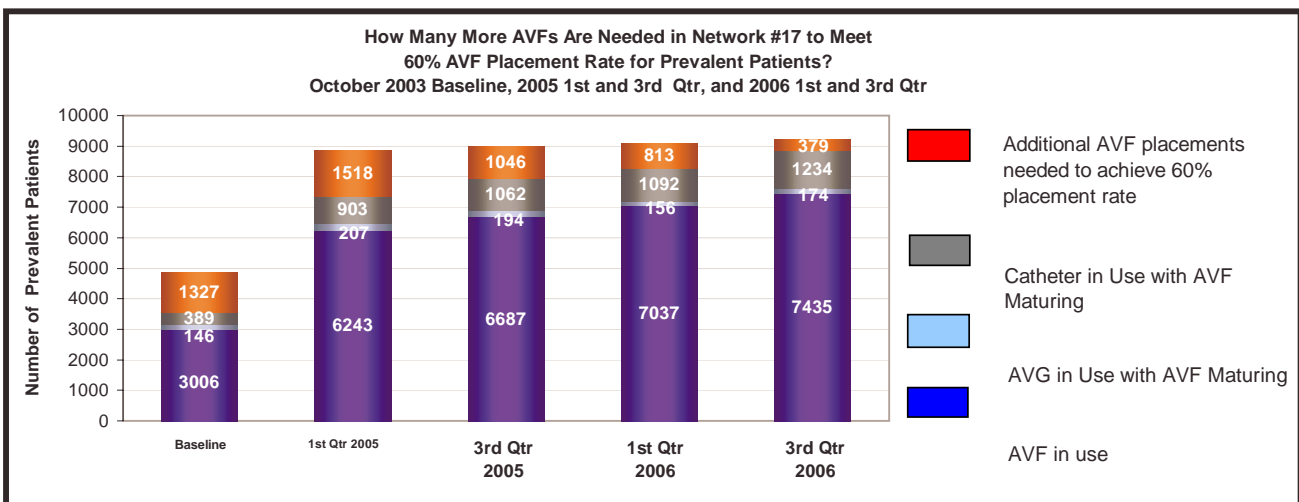
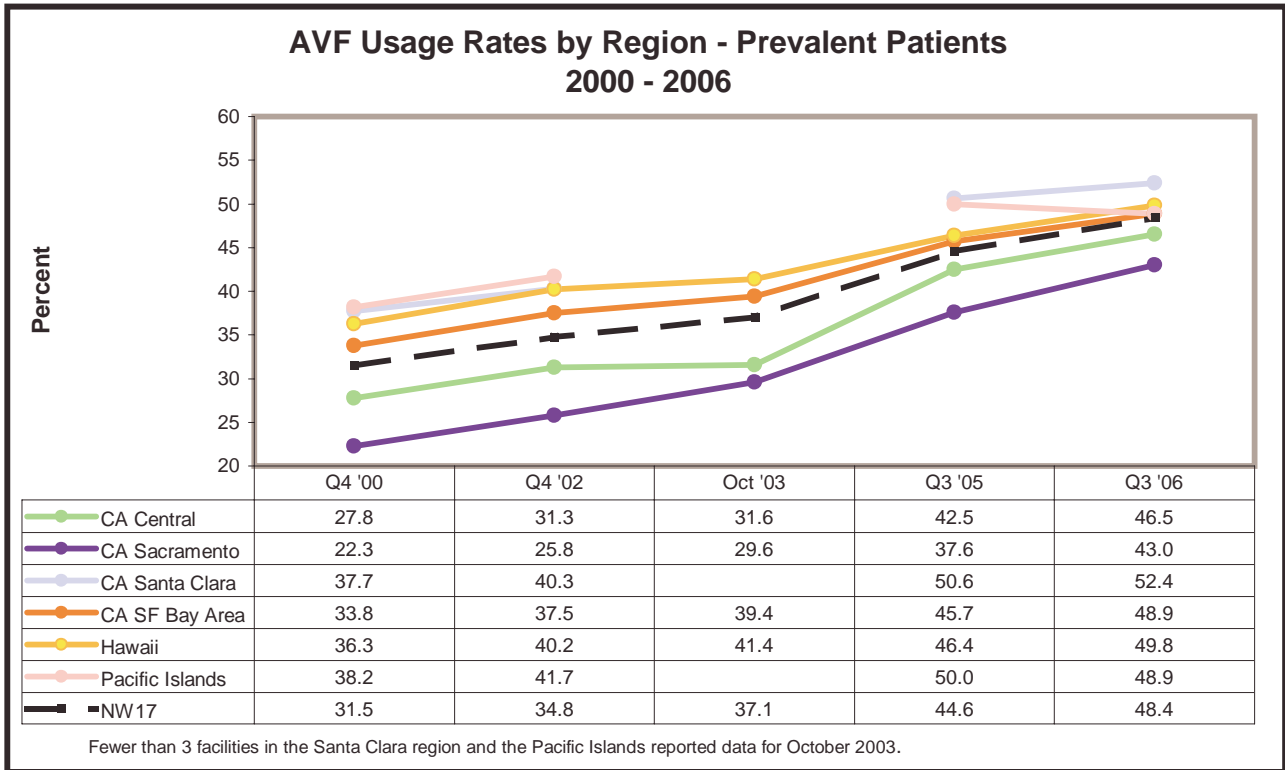


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Fistula First Supplemental Feedback Report
October 2003 and January 2005 - September 2006**

The Fistula First National Vascular Access Improvement Initiative is a national campaign to increase AV Fistula (AVF) rates at every dialysis facility. The Network #17 Medical Review Board (MRB) has set a goal of 53% AVF use rate for prevalent¹ patients by March of 2007. The Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has set a national goal of 66% AVF use rate for prevalent patients by 2009. AVF placement rates for new (incident²) patients should be at least 50%. Please use the information provided in these charts and tables to help you with your continuing improvement efforts.

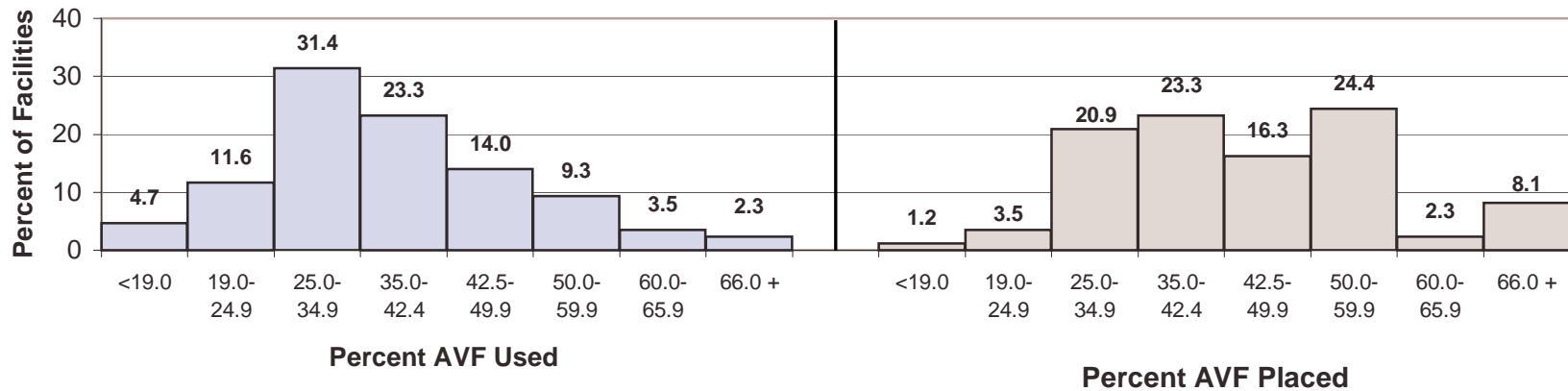


¹ Prevalent patients are all patients belonging on the facility patient census at the end of the month.

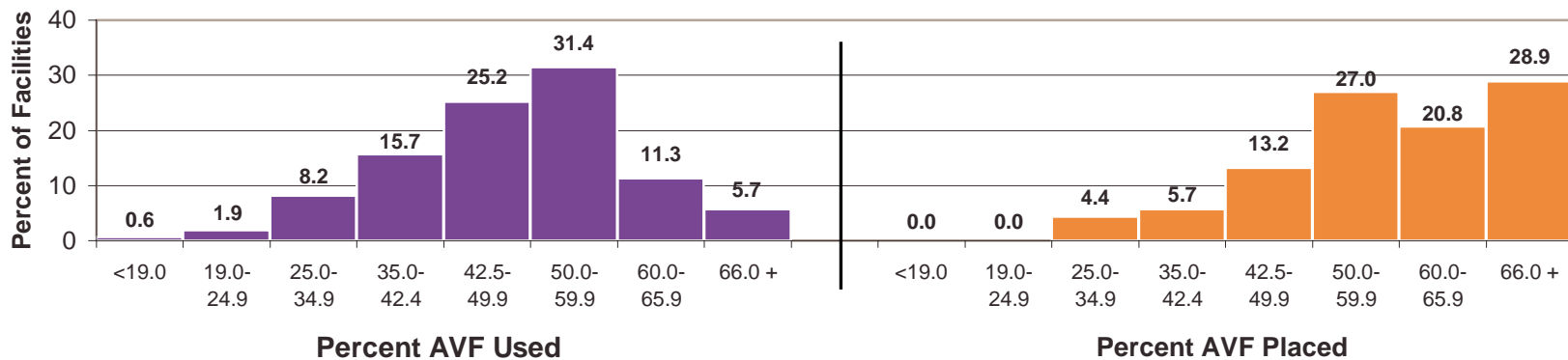
² Incident patients are patients beginning dialysis for the first time ever during a reporting period.

* Quarterly data reflect an average of monthly data reported.

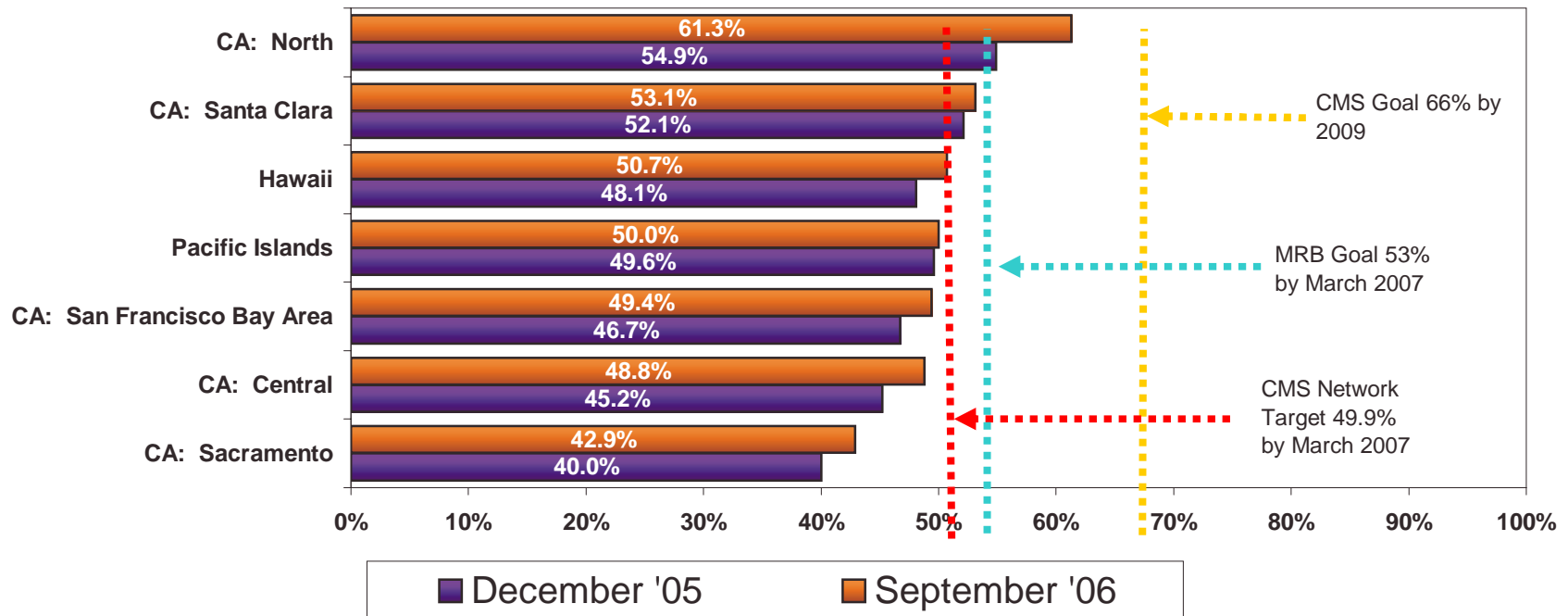
**Percent AVF Used / Placed
October 2003 (86 Facilities, Prevalent Patients)
Network #17**



**Percent AVF Used / Placed
3rd Quarter 2006 (159 Facilities, Prevalent Patients)
Network #17**



Comparison of Prevalent AVF Usage Rates by Region in Rank Order



CA: North includes dialysis facilities in Butte, Colusa, Lake, Mendocino, Napa, and Shasta Counties.

CA: Santa Clara includes facilities in Monterey, Santa Clara, and Santa Cruz Counties.

CA: San Francisco Bay Area includes facilities in Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, San Francisco, and San Mateo Counties.

CA: Central includes facilities in Fresno, Merced, Stanislaus, and Tuolumne Counties.

CA: Sacramento includes facilities in El Dorado, Nevada, Placer, Sacramento, San Joaquin, Solano, Sonoma, Sutter, Yolo, and Yuba Counties.

2000-2002 Data Source: National CDC Survey.

2003-2006 Data Source:

LDO data from electronic database for the Fistula First project.

Non-LDO facility data collected individually from each facility.

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