



Vision Statement

Lines Last Philosophy with emphasis on a functioning access at the time of dialysis initiation.

Mission Statement

The mission of the Canadian Hemodialysis Access Coordinators (CHAC) Network is to provide a forum to support networking and development of partnerships.

This collaborative team of experts will focus on identifying, developing and disseminating integrated standards of vascular access services for patients with kidney disease as guided by current evidence-based information.

CHAC Mission:

- Develop strategies to preserve veins.
- Develop key performance measures regarding AV fistula as the access of choice when deemed eligible. AVG for patients not eligible for a fistula and provisions for central line insertions when all other options are exhausted.
- Standardize education surrounding modality selection in parallel with access choice.
- Standardize outcome indicators for Vascular Access with strategies to utilize the data to develop best practice guidelines and support policy and procedure development.
- Develop continuing education programs to achieve and maintain expertise in cannulation facilitated by ongoing technical advancements such as portable ultrasound.
- Communicate and share outcomes of successful monitoring and surveillance programs related to dialysis adequacy and relevant clinical outcomes.
- Strive to embrace research opportunities related hemodialysis vascular access.
- Ensure timely integration of emerging scientific data into clinical practice guidelines.
- Proactively identify opportunities to support the Vascular Access Network and potential subcommittees.