

Benefits of Peer Mentorship

Communication

Enhanced interaction among patients, care advocates, providers, and ESRD Network communities improves patient satisfaction.

Leadership

Patients take ownership and champion important activities within their facilities and local ESRD Network.

Coaching

Learning from one another, patients seek and share experiences, spreading information and knowledge.

Connections

Patients are able to develop relationships with individuals who have “walked in their shoes.”

Empowerment

As they become more engaged in and educated about their disease, patients feel able to actively participate in their own plan of care and to help others.

Support

An encouraging environment without fear of judgment allows patients to ask questions comfortably and freely.

Inclusion

Mentors serve as a bridge for overcoming language/cultural barriers, helping patients to feel they are a part of the facility’s community.