



# CKD Quality Initiative

# CKD UPDATE

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## June is National Men's Health Month!

June is not only a time to celebrate summer, but also a time to increase the awareness of preventable health problems and encourage early detection and treatment of disease among men and boys. In Georgia, men have a higher rate of mortality of CKD than women. Early detection and treatment are the keys. You can encourage the men in your community to be proactive in their health care by:

- Reminding them to make and keep prevention physician visits
- Assisting them in adopting healthy lifestyles such as increased physical activity, smoking cessation, and eating a healthy diet
- Managing stress

If a male you know has diabetes, he should be screened for CKD on an annual basis and his blood pressure should be monitored to determine if medication is needed.

## It's Not too Late to Join the Partnership for Patients

On April 12, HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius and CMS Administrator Donald Berwick launched the Partnership for Patients. The Partnership for Patients is a new public-private partnership that brings together leaders or major hospitals, employers, health plans, physicians, nurses, and patient advocates along with state and federal governments in a shared effort to make hospital care safer, more reliable and less costly. The two goals of the campaign are to:

- Keep hospital patients from getting injured or sicker. By the end of 2013, the goal is to decrease instances of patients acquiring preventable

conditions while in hospitals by 40 percent compared to 2010.

- Help patients heal without complication. By the end of 2013, the goal is to decrease preventable complications during a transition from one care setting to another, so that the number of patients who must be re-admitted to the hospital is reduced by 20 percent, compared to 2010.

These efforts could save 60,000 U.S. lives and reduce millions of preventable injuries and complications in patient care while saving as much as \$35 billion to the health care system.

GMCF has pledged its commitment to this campaign, and we hope you will, too. Click below for more information and to sign up today.



## CKD Quality Initiative Coming to an End

On July 31, 2011, the CKD Quality Initiative will end. Stay tuned to next month's newsletter for highlights from the last three years of this work and how to sustain the gains you have made.