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Abstract

In the local department, pre-pilot dialysis adequacy data was housed in a spreadsheet with manually entered, month-old data, inaccessible to clinic staff. The inoperability of the local QAPI workbook and EHR as well as data inaccessibility to staff resulted in missed opportunities to measure Kt/V. Based on the synthesis of evidence, dashboards have been utilized in a variety of interdisciplinary clinical settings with positive outcomes in addressing patient care gaps. The purpose of this pilot was to implement the Epic Dashboard that displays automated, real-time quality metric data to reduce missed opportunities to measure Kt/V in the outpatient HD setting. To evaluate dashboard efficacy, the proportion of missed opportunities to measure Kt/V three months pre-implementation was compared to the proportion of missed opportunities three months post-implementation; results did not show a statistically significant difference in missed opportunities to measure Kt/V. Counterbalance surveys to assess perceived impact by local staff yielded themes of sufficient education, dashboard ease of use, and enhanced ability to impact patient outcomes. The results of this QI pilot demonstrated the need for further research to better understand the development, utilization, and associated benefits of data dashboard integration in the clinical setting.

Key Words:

Data dashboard; Nursing; Completeness of care; Outpatient hemodialysis; Dialysis adequacy

Chronic kidney disease (CKD) is a worldwide public health concern, affecting
approximately 10% of the global population. This disease is progressive, resulting in subsequent
loss of renal function. Hemodialysis (HD) or renal replacement therapy is a life-sustaining
treatment often indicated in the late stages of CKD, especially the fifth stage known as EndStage Renal Disease (ESRD).¹ Unfortunately, the complexity of ESRD and this population's HD
dependency has resulted in poor morbidity and mortality outcomes as well as high associated
healthcare costs throughout the United States (U.S.).²

In response to the Affordable Care Act of 2010,² the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid 8 9 Services (CMS) implemented the ESRD Quality Incentive Program (QIP), introducing a payper-performance or value-based payment model.³ Clinical performance measures (CPMs) are 10 nationally accepted benchmarks adopted by CMS to evaluate an institution's in-center HD care 11 quality for public knowledge and institutional financial reimbursement. Using the pay-per-12 performance model, a healthcare institution's CMS reimbursement for services rendered is 13 directly related to their CPM outcomes³; a retrospective cohort study found that facilities with 14 higher QIP scores exhibited more favorable patient survival outcomes when compared to 15 facilities with lower QIP scores.⁴ In an effort to optimize outcomes and revenue, Quality 16 17 Assurance Performance Improvement (QAPI) is a systematic, all-encompassing, and evidencebased approach for institutions to improve performance and healthcare quality.⁵ 18 19 Dialysis adequacy is an intermediate ESRD CPM and is defined as the ability to rid the 20 blood of accumulated toxins.⁶ To calculate single pool dialysis adequacy using the Daugirdas II 21 Kt/V formula for thrice weekly dialysis sessions, the following data is required: pre- and post-22 dialysis weight and blood urea nitrogen (BUN), length of the HD treatment, and the amount of

23 volume removed. To calculate standardized Kt/V for patients dialyzing any frequency other than

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thrice weekly, additional data including 24-hour urine urea nitrogen, creatinine clearance, and 24 urine volume; interdialytic period; age; and sex are required. Kt/V is a numeric value where 25 single pool < 1.2 is inadequate and > 1.2 is adequate for patients dialyzing three times per week, 26 and standardized < 2.0 is inadequate, and > 2.0 is adequate for patients dialyzing any frequency 27 other than three times per week⁶. Research studies show that patients dialyzing three times 28 29 weekly whose single pool Kt/V is \geq 1.2 have better survival outcomes as compared to patients whose single pool Kt/V is < 1.2. There is an increased risk of mortality in patients with lower 30 $Kt/V.^{7}$ 31

The success of healthcare institutions conforming to the pay-per-performance model has 32 depended heavily on the validity of the defined quality metrics, as well as the infrastructure by 33 which system data is organized, tracked, and reported.⁸ The development of the electronic health 34 record (EHR) has afforded healthcare institutions the accessibility of largescale aggregate 35 clinical data. However, despite innovations in the EHR, gaps in the usability and completeness of 36 data remain an issue.⁹ Over the years of data collection and review, gaps in care have become 37 evident and presented opportunities for quality improvement (QI) to optimize outcomes and 38 institutional revenue.⁸ 39

The local pilot department was a 24-chair, in-center outpatient HD clinic part of a large Midwest-based healthcare enterprise. The clinic was staffed with 14 registered nurses (RNs) and 14 certified hemodialysis technicians (CHTs), as well as other interdisciplinary team members including physicians, nurse practitioners, pharmacists, dieticians, social workers, and nursing leadership. Each of the 24 chairs could accommodate two patients per day (one in the morning and one in the afternoon), making the maximum unit census 96 patients per week. However, unit census fluctuated depending on community HD needs, patient travel, hospitalizations, and deaths. The majority of patients underwent HD thrice weekly, on either Monday, Wednesday,
Friday, or Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday. However, some patients dialyzed routinely, only twice
or four times per week based on individualized needs.

The local department interdisciplinary leadership team comprised the medical director, 50 nurse practitioner, pharmacist, nurse manager, dietician, and social worker, engaged in monthly 51 52 unit-based QAPI review. However, the pre-pilot QAPI workbook was a spreadsheet that housed CPM data, was inaccessible to clinical staff, including the department of nursing, and inoperable 53 with the institution's EHR. Subsequently, hours of retrospective manual data entry were required 54 55 to record month-old data that was underutilized by nursing, resulting in missed opportunities to measure dialysis adequacy. The inoperability of the pre-pilot QAPI workbook and EHR in 56 conjunction with the workbook's inaccessibility proved to be barriers to use and resulted in 57 58 patient care gaps.

59 AVAILABLE KNOWLEDGE

In the setting of local gaps in patient care, a review of research evidence suggested that 60 implementing a data dashboard may mitigate shortcomings of the QAPI workbook and enhance 61 the completeness of care. A data dashboard is an electronic tool that augments the EHR by 62 displaying relevant clinical data to allow end-user analysis and usability.⁹ Wilbanks and 63 Langford¹⁰ more specifically define a data dashboard as "a data-driven clinical decision support 64 65 tool capable of querying multiple databases and providing a visual representation of key 66 performance indicators in a single report." According to the evidence, data dashboards add value 67 to data accessibility, use, and analysis to address gaps in care and inform clinical decisionmaking.9 68

A total of 16 research articles were reviewed and synthesized, including one clinical 69 guideline¹¹, three systematic reviews,^{10,12,13} two quasi-experimental studies,^{14,15} and ten 70 descriptive studies.^{2,8,9,16-22} Throughout the research literature, dashboards have been utilized in a 71 variety of clinical settings by interdisciplinary healthcare team members with positive outcomes. 72 ^{2,8-10,12-22} Of those reviewed, one study was conducted in the HD setting², and four included 73 nursing participation^{2,10,16,22}; these studies consistently echoed positive themes associated with 74 dashboard use in a variety of other settings and user disciplines. Common benefits of 75 implementing a dashboard include enhanced patient safety and quality of care, ^{2,8-10,12-22} 76 improved efficiency and communication,^{8-10,12-22} usability of the data,^{8,9,12-19,21,22} and the 77 applicability for interdisciplinary care coordination. ^{2,9,10, 12,14-19,21} While the existing research 78 evidence surrounding the use of a dashboard in the healthcare setting yielded promising results, 79 knowledge gaps remain. 80

There is limited high-quality evidence surrounding the use of a dashboard; further 81 82 research is warranted to examine the optimization of dashboard development and its use by an array of interdisciplinary users throughout a variety of specialty clinical settings. There is no 83 standardized guideline for dashboard development therefore, there is variation in dashboard 84 85 content, design, and display with the same principle conceptual characteristics defined by Wilbanks and Langford.¹⁰ Additionally, setting and participant heterogeneity of the research may 86 87 point to potential generalizability of findings across specialties and disciplines however, it does 88 impact the reliability of findings. Overall, research evidence supported the use of a dashboard 89 with the need for further investigation to optimize the development, utilization, and associated benefits of dashboard use in the clinical setting. 90

91 **RATIONALE**

The local department was selected by organizational leadership to pilot a data dashboard 92 within the organization's EHR (Epic) as it consists of a larger pool of patients than many other 93 94 in-center, outpatient HD clinics within the system and the nurse administrator volunteered for the department. Prior to this QI pilot, the dashboard was created by the Epic Systems Corporation 95 information technology and local nursing leadership teams. Therefore, it was out of the scope of 96 97 this QI pilot to design, develop, or change the Epic Dashboard. The data dashboard will be further referenced as the Epic Dashboard. The leadership team had identified four distinct gaps 98 with the use of the QAPI spreadsheet: (a) inaccessibility of quality data to nursing staff; (b) 99 inability to identify missed bloodwork, crucial for evaluating patient's care plan and dialysis 100 status; (c) inoperability within the current EHR; (d) time spent for manual data entry by the 101 quality specialist. Implementation of the Epic dashboard was assumed to have minimal 102 impedance on clinical workflow, as the dashboard could be quickly accessed, and data 103 interpreted at a glance. 104

105 The Nursing Role Effectiveness Model (NREM) provided a framework to conceptualize dashboard incorporation into the nursing role and its impact on patient outcomes.²³ NREM 106 delineates relationships between the structure, the nurse's role, and clinical outcomes to improve 107 108 the quality of nursing care and positively impact patient outcomes. It is based on the Donabedian Model of high-quality care with a strict focus on the role of a nurse. The structure consists of 109 110 three variables: the nurse's experience, knowledge, and skill set; the organizational environment 111 including staffing patterns, workload, workflow, and assignments; and the patient clinical status, 112 acuity, and morbidity. These multivariable factors impact the nurse's independent, dependent, and interdependent roles. This model guides QI for the multidimensional facets that influence the 113 114 ability of nurses to function efficiently in their various roles and subsequently impact outcomes.

For example, dashboard integration within the department of nursing workflow influenced
independent, dependent, and interdependent roles, influencing Kt/V measurement outcomes.

In addition to the NREM, the Iowa Model Revised: Evidence-Based Practice to Promote 117 Excellence in Healthcare guided the Epic Dashboard OI initiative.²⁴ This model outlined seven 118 clearly defined steps for evidence-based practice change implementation.²⁵ The DNP student 119 120 authors integrated this stepwise process throughout the Epic Dashboard pilot planning, implementation, and dissemination. Model feedback loops provided opportunities to reassess and 121 improve the process in a methodical manner throughout the project. The model also identified 122 final steps to sustain change and disseminate the results, facilitating effective handoff within the 123 local department and pursuing of professional dissemination opportunities following project 124 completion. The Iowa Model was used with permission from the University of Iowa Hospitals 125 and Clinics, copyright 2015. 126

127 SPECIFIC AIMS

128 The primary aim of this QI pilot was to implement the Epic Dashboard to provide accessible, real-time data for routine integration into the local department of clinical nursing 129 practice to aid decision-making and address gaps in patient care. The clinical question guiding 130 131 the QI pilot was: In the outpatient HD setting, does the implementation of a data dashboard with automated, real-time data accessible to the department of nursing, reduce the number of missed 132 133 dialysis adequacy values measured by Kt/V as compared to the current spreadsheet with 134 manually entered, month-old data? In pursuit of advancing the scientific community's 135 knowledge of dashboard intervention, the purpose of this report is to disseminate the background, evidence synthesis, methods, and results of this QI pilot. 136

137 METHODS

This QI initiative was deemed exempt from review by the Winona State University and local organization's Institutional Review Boards. The Squire 2.0 guidelines were followed to report the initiatives and findings.²⁶

141 Context

The local department nursing leadership team, comprised of the nurse administrator,
quality specialist, and nurse manager, was supportive of the Epic Dashboard and actively
involved in discussing its implementation. The implementation of this tool was an organizational
initiative and department priority to provide complete care for dialysis patients, thus wellsupported by the institution and its leadership team.

The project began by completing a broad assessment of the outpatient dialysis system 147 through shadowing interdisciplinary team members throughout their workday. These shadow 148 149 experiences aimed to enhance understanding of how various roles are integrated into the outpatient dialysis clinical practice and to become familiar with the day-to-day workflow. The 150 151 shadow experiences also provided insight into key stakeholders that would be integral for 152 implementation. It is important to differentiate that stakeholders who designed the dashboard 153 differed from the stakeholders who were involved with its implementation. This lack of local 154 stakeholder involvement was secondary to the Epic Systems Corporation initiating the dashboard design, and the department for the pilot phase was not yet known, and therefore not engaged. 155 156 The stakeholders involved in implementing the Epic Dashboard include the nurse administrator, 157 quality specialist, nurse manager, RNs, and CHTs. Through various shadow experiences, it was 158 identified that department of nursing roles desired to be provided with opportunities to voice their concerns and share their expertise. A volunteer unit champion was appointed to represent 159 160 their peers as it was not feasible to have every individual actively involved in meetings. The

161 champion's first-hand knowledge and clinical expertise ensured the implementation of the Epic162 Dashboard maintained workflow efficiency and added value to patient care.

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163 The benefits and the risks were critically appraised with the nursing leadership team, DNP student authors, and the volunteer champion to ensure the utility of the Epic Dashboard. 164 Identified benefits included providing timely, accessible data for nursing to use as a tool to 165 166 provide thorough, appropriate care for patients according to a standard guideline. An identified risk was the potential to overwhelm the RNs and CHTs with an additional task. It was identified 167 that appropriate education for the RNs and CHTs, and engagement from a volunteer champion 168 would reduce the risk. Therefore, the benefits of implementing the Epic Dashboard outweighed 169 the identified risks. 170

RNs and CHTs on the unit were engaged in improving patient care with a strong desire to 171 optimize patient outcomes, which supported a pilot of the Epic Dashboard. Per local department 172 of nursing anecdotal feedback (personal communication, October 2021), many RNs and CHTs 173 174 preferred discussing the Epic Dashboard face-to-face in addition to electronic communications, and the small pool of unit staff makes this style of education feasible. Educating RNs and CHTs 175 was neither time-consuming nor costly. The RNs and CHTs were educated on how to access the 176 177 dashboard through a multimodal approach including a face-to-face education session, recorded Zoom meeting, one-to-one Epic Dashboard coaching by DNP student authors, in addition to 178 179 written instructions provided via email, with physical copies placed at each nursing station. This 180 approach to communicating the implementation in various ways ensured individuals received the 181 appropriate information in a format understood best by each individual. Educating RNs and CHTs on using the Epic Dashboard provided no known risks with no foreseeable negative 182 impact on patients. 183

To ensure the Epic Dashboard accurately reflected the data, the local leadership team
cross-referenced the values in the manually entered data spreadsheet with the Epic Dashboard.
Any identified discrepancies were brought forward to the Epic Systems Corporation information
technology (IT) team to troubleshoot and rectify.

188 Intervention

189 Incorporating the Epic Dashboard into workflow did not require additional human or physical resources such as extra staff, extended hours, new equipment, or extra space within the 190 clinic. The expectation was for both RNs and CHTs to access the tool every Monday and 191 192 Tuesday, assessing missed opportunities to measure dialysis adequacy within their respective patient assignments. A missed opportunity was identified as either not obtaining Kt/V for the 193 month if the patient is dialyzed three or four times per week, Kt/V is not obtained once per 194 quarter for patients that are dialyzed twice per week, or the Kt/V for the respective timeframe 195 was inadequate as identified by CMS⁶ and was not rechecked a second time during that period. 196 197 The Dashboard Action Algorithm (Figure 1) was composed by DNP student authors and made available to staff to aid in clinical decision-making. If a missed opportunity to measure Kt/V was 198 identified, the individual would follow unit protocol by notifying the charge nurse and provider 199 200 team, obtain appropriate orders, fulfill as prescribed, and ensure documentation of steps taken. Once the staff was educated on the intervention, a pilot phase was trialed for one quarter, 201

during April, May, and June 2022. During the first month of implementation, DNP student
authors were present on Mondays and Tuesdays as a resource for staff. This presence allowed
DNP student authors to spend one-on-one time with RNs and CHTs answering questions,
reiterating the importance of the dashboard, and providing individualized discussion of the
workflow along with expectations. This also provided the DNP student authors opportunities to

implement Plan-Do-Study-Act (PDSA) cycles for rapid improvement changes as needed. During
the second month, the DNP student authors were present every other Monday to answer
lingering questions and for the third month, they were not physically present on the unit but
accessible via phone or email if questions or concerns arose; RNs or CHTs did not contact the
DNP students after the second month of the pilot.

212 Initially, the project team, comprised of the nursing leadership team and the DNP student authors, met twice monthly and then monthly to evaluate the Epic Dashboard implementation 213 and review staff feedback. Team discussion aided in the continued use of PDSA cycles. Some 214 PDSA cycles included: printing the dashboard to record actions taken to address missed 215 opportunities to measure Kt/V to prevent duplicate provider communications, clustering 216 dashboard communications to the provider, transitioning from staff assessing missed 217 opportunities to measure Kt/V for their patient assignment to one staff reviewing all cohort data, 218 reducing the frequency of dashboard access from Monday and Tuesday to only Monday. 219

220 **Study of the Intervention**

To identify any potential change in missed opportunities to measure Kt/V, the proportion 221 of missed opportunities pre-implementation was compared to the proportion of missed 222 223 opportunities post-implementation. First, the number of missed opportunities pre- and postimplementation were compared to the total number of opportunities to assess Kt/V for each 224 225 respective timeframe, resulting in a proportion for each. This dichotomous, categorical variable 226 was gathered from the reports. Any difference between the proportions pre- and post-227 implementation was then assessed using Pearson's chi-squared test, assessing statistical 228 significance. This statistical analysis strategy was reviewed with statistician Dr. S. Bergen and 229 his class of student statistician consultants (S. Bergen, personal communication, October 20,

2021). It was assumed that any difference between pre- and post-implementation was due to theEpic Dashboard as there were no other significant changes in the department.

An anonymous counterbalance survey was administered to stakeholders after three months of dashboard implementation to assess potential unintended negative effects of the Epic Dashboard. This survey was developed in conjunction with the champion and addressed the use of the dashboard, role impact, and perceived ability to impact patient outcomes. An anonymous survey was believed to elicit more accurate feedback; therefore, responses were deidentified. The RNs and CHTs were allotted two weeks to complete the survey, with an email reminder sent to all individuals after one week.

239 Measures

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The proportion of missed opportunities to measure Kt/V three months prior to 240 implementing the Epic Dashboard was statistically compared to the proportion of missed 241 opportunities to measure Kt/V three months post-implementation. Tracking the pre-242 243 implementation missed Kt/V values was completed using the QAPI spreadsheet. These missed opportunities were historically tracked for the three months of October, November, and 244 December 2021. Tracking post-intervention missed Kt/V values was completed using the Epic 245 246 Dashboard for the three months of April, May, and June 2022. The months of January, February, and March 2022 were omitted from data collection to avoid confounding as the RNs and CHTs 247 248 will be educated on the Epic Dashboard to address missed opportunities to measure Kt/V. 249 To maintain respondent anonymity, the survey was sent out via Microsoft Forms, which 250 was part of Microsoft Office 365, after completion of the pilot phase. The survey consisted of

252 disagree, disagree, strongly disagree). It also included an area for free-text feedback regarding

five questions with 5-point Likert scale responses (strongly agree, agree, neither agree nor

the Epic Dashboard and its use. This survey aided in gathering additional information regarding
aspects of the dashboard that were beneficial or burdensome and solicited constructive feedback.
While the counterbalance survey was not validated, it was based on questions posed by Tan et
al²² evaluating usage and satisfaction of a dashboard in nurses working at a hospital in
Singapore. For evaluation, the proportion of each response was assessed, including the number
of individuals that responded favorably versus the number of individuals who did not respond
favorably.

260 **RESULTS**

261 Missed Opportunities to measure Kt/V

Pre-implementation of the Epic Dashboard, 2.71% of the opportunities to measure Kt/V 262 were missed. Post-implementation of the Epic Dashboard, 4.87% of the opportunities to measure 263 Kt/V were missed. While there were more missed opportunities to measure Kt/V post-dashboard 264 implementation, there is no statistically significant difference (p < 0.05) between missed 265 266 opportunities to measure Kt/V pre-dashboard implementation and post-dashboard implementation (p = 0.1988). A review and comparison of the pre- and post-implementation 267 populations revealed that the post-implementation HD population consisted of more new patients 268 269 and more patient deaths than pre-implementation, which may have led to the findings.

270 Counterbalance Measures

Of the roughly 18% of staff who responded to the anonymous counterbalance survey, 100% agreed that adequate education was provided on Epic Dashboard use (see Figure 2). Forty percent of respondents agreed the dashboard was easy to use and enhanced the user's ability to impact patient outcomes. While only 20% agreed the Epic Dashboard was easy to incorporate into their workflow and enhanced efficiency in their role. One individual provided free-text 276 feedback without suggestions for improvement, but an acknowledgement that the unit was short-277 staffed and the Epic Dashboard was often forgotten about.

278 **DISCUSSION**

The QI pilot demonstrated the complex intricacies of implementing a dashboard to address missed Kt/V values. While post-implementation results showed a trend upwards of missed opportunities, these results were not statistically significant. The counterbalance survey results suggest that staff education was adequate and there were no negative responses for ease of dashboard use. However, the majority of respondents felt the dashboard did not enhance efficiency in their role.

While considerable efforts were made to reduce confounding factors, there were several 285 identified challenges for this QI pilot. During the pilot phase, the department spent considerable 286 time short-staffed during post-COVID-19 surges, resulting in insufficient time for RNs and 287 CHTs to access and act upon Epic Dashboard data. Limited free time could have also presented a 288 289 barrier for the counterbalance survey as RNs or CHTs may not have had extra time during their shift to complete it or did not complete it due to feelings of burnout. There was also nursing 290 turnover amongst the nursing leadership team as three of the four nursing leaders transferred 291 292 internally to another position within the institution during the QI project. It was also recognized that the HD patient population presented particular challenges. The post-implementation HD 293 294 patient population experienced frequent hospitalizations and turnover due to deaths. 295 Additionally, patients that dialyzed twice weekly needed to collect a 24-hour urine specimen on 296 the day which monthly labs were drawn to complete the standardized Kt/V calculation, which 297 presented a timing challenge.

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Identified limitations of the pilot include lack of ability to track who accessed the 298 dashboard and at what frequency it was accessed. During the pilot, it was also identified that the 299 300 dashboard was not as accurate as initially thought. There were months with duplicated patient data, the Kt/V did not display accurately, manually entered Kt/V data was omitted, and Kt/V 301 calculations for patients who dialyzed any frequency other than three times per week were 302 303 inaccurate. Dialysis adequacy calculations for patients dialyzing any frequency other than thrice 304 weekly ultimately needed to be calculated, and entered manually, causing a delay in standardized Kt/V results. 305

The strengths of this QI pilot include support from the local department, as well as the healthcare organization. In addition, there was favorable evaluation of dashboard education provided and identified benefit of impacting patient outcomes.

Future opportunities for improvement include close collaboration with dashboard developers for accurate use of calculations for single pool versus standardized Kt/V values. Key stakeholders and users of the Epic Dashboard should also be involved in future dashboard updates and modifications. It is also recommended that nursing leadership take an active role in role-modeling the Epic Dashboard, demonstrate presence during education sessions, and reverberate support of the implementation and QI initiative.

315 CONCLUSION

The implementation of a dashboard to decrease the number of missed opportunities to measure Kt/V in the outpatient HD setting was assessed in this QI pilot. According to the counterbalance survey, the dashboard was reportedly easy to use and enhanced perceived ability to impact patient outcomes. Results indicated a slight upward trend in missed opportunities to measure Kt/V; however, this QI pilot did not show a statistically significant difference in preand post-implementation data. Based on these results, opportunities for optimization of the
dashboard and QI within the local department were identified. The next steps include close
collaboration with dashboard developers to update and optimize the dashboard. Once these
limiting factors have been adjusted, another pilot phase may be pursued, but until then,
dashboard use is paused. Further research is needed to expand the scientific community's
knowledge of the dashboard's development, implementation, optimization, and utility in the
clinical setting.

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Figure 1

Dashboard Action Algorithm

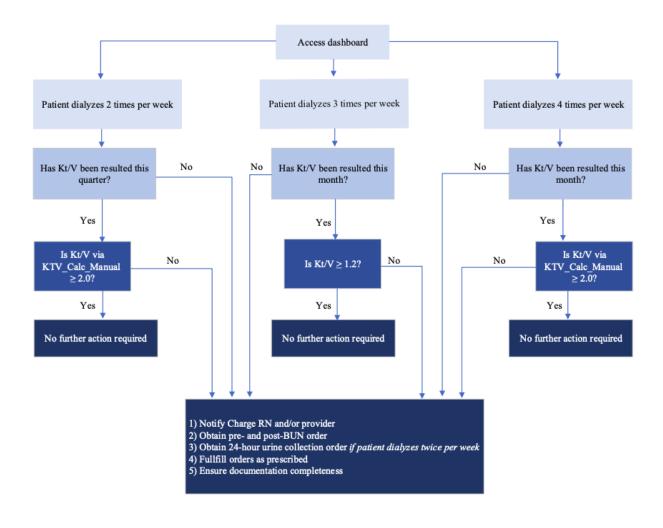


Figure 2

Counterbalance Survey Results

