



TeleNephrology Services for Critical Access Hospitals' Swing Bed Programs

Through its teleNephrology program, Access TeleCare supports Critical Access Hospitals in caring for swing bed patients with common renal diagnoses.

Our teleNephrologists collaborate with hospitals' local case managers, physicians, nurses, and other clinical staff to manage the post-acute hospitalization of patients needing kidney care in addition to rehabilitation services. With Access TeleCare's teleNephrology team, CAHs can accept more patients into their swing bed programs.

WHO IT'S FOR

The teleNephrology model supports CAHs in caring for swing bed patients with kidney conditions, reducing the need for patients to transition to a skilled nursing facility or urban rehabilitation facility after a hospitalization.

"Access to local post-hospitalization swing bed care is vital for rural residents and Critical Access Hospitals alike. We provide teleNephrology support so that more hospitals can keep more of their swing bed patients and deliver on their promise to ease the transition from hospitalization to home."

Saurin Patel, M.D.
Chief of Hospitalist Medicine
and Emerging Service Lines

BENEFITS

- Care for more swing bed patients
- Reduce complications, such as electrolyte instability and unmanaged fluid overload, that commonly cause swing bed patients to deteriorate and require hospitalization
- Optimize swing bed length of stay
- Support overall cost recovery and ability to serve the local community

HOW IT WORKS

Access TeleCare's teleNephrology program provides **consistent clinical nephrology oversight from a board-certified nephrologist, protocol management, and multidisciplinary coordination** to ensure patient safety and optimal outcomes.

+ Medical Direction and Clinical Governance

+ Clinical Staff Education and Support

+ Program Development and Implementation

+ Low-Cost, High-Quality Dialysis Technology

+ Dialysis Protocol Management

+ Regulatory Compliance and Performance Improvement Alignment

IMPACT



Serve Swing Bed Patients With Kidney Conditions

Provide nephrology oversight and management for swing bed patients needing kidney care in addition to post-acute rehabilitation or skilled nursing services.



Strengthen Clinical Oversight

Structured nephrology supervision ensures dialysis protocols, patient management, and safety standards are consistently maintained.



Improve Operational Efficiency

Nephrology services can be delivered within the facility's existing clinical infrastructure, minimizing logistical complexity and using cost-effective yet high-quality dialysis technology.



Enhance Continuity of Care

Patients receive coordinated renal care alongside their post-acute rehabilitation plan within the same clinical environment.



Contact Access TeleCare to learn how teleNephrology can support your hospital's swing bed program.

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