ProCKD

Employment, Employability and Entrepreneurship for people with Chronic Kidney Disease or End Stage Renal Disease

1st Training Activity in Aegina, GREECE
28 – 30 September 2021

The ProCKD project will focus on the needs and problems of patients from Spain, Turkey, Greece, and the Netherlands, regarding how can the employed patients be assured to stay in the workforce after initiation of dialysis, how being convinced to continue training and education, and how unemployed patients can be helped to join the workforce. Understanding the factors influencing employment rates, the obstacles for a person who wish to have a fulfilling professional life.

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Patients with CKD (Chronic Kidney Disease) or ESRD (End Stage Renal Disease) face many barriers to remaining in or joining the workforce. Especially, after starting dialysis treatment. These include poor employment opportunities because of disadvantaged socioeconomic status, fatigue and other symptoms of renal failure, depression and feelings of social isolation, comorbid diseases, transportation issues, potential loss of disability and/or medical assistance benefits with employment, scheduling conflicts with dialysis, and the assumption by some employers that patients on dialysis are too sick or undependable to work. This societal perception that patients with ESRD are unable to work completes a vicious cycle of low expectations for employment. For employment-preserving strategies to succeed, there must be a fundamental change in the way that health care is delivered to vulnerable populations, with improved disease management and funding for the social services required to overcome the employment disincentives. Improving access to medical care, including early evaluation by a nephrologist; availability of home dialysis modalities; proper patient preparation, including integrated pre-dialysis education models; and encouraging vocational rehabilitation are possible interventions to assist patients in rejoining or remaining in the workforce.

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Info

This learning activity will be a chance to show a direct practice in integrating patients with Chronic Kidney Disease as peer leaders. The training will directly strengthen competences of patients with Chronic Kidney Disease and their family to be able to council and mentor other patients with Chronic Kidney Disease for employability and entrepreneurship opportunities, and to motivate them to engage in further professional development.

Project Title:

Exchanging good practices for the **PRO**fessional integration of adults with **C**hronic **K**idney **D**isease

Project number: 2020-1-ES01-KA204-082015

1st LTT WITH PHYSICAL PRESENCE AND VIRTUALLY

"Employment, Employability and Entrepreneurship for people with Chronic Kidney Disease or End Stage Renal Disease"

Venue: Danae Hotel

Nikou Kazantzaki, Aegina, PC 18010

28, 29 & 30 September 2021

ZOOM LINK: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81179678462

Agenda of the Training

Tuesday, 28.09.2021

Morning Sessions

10:15 - 10:45 CET **The working reality for people with disabilities / chronic diseases**
Speaker: *Mrs. Doxa Papakonstantinou, LL.M., Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Department of Educational and Social Policy, University of Macedonia*

11:00 - 11:35 CET **Peritoneal Dialysis' benefits for patients who wish to remain in the workforce**
Speaker: *Mr. Vassilios Liakopoulos, MD, PhD Associate Professor of Nephrology, Medical School of Aristotle University of Thessaloniki*

11:45 - 12:15 CET **Employment and Education during ESRD: review from a kidney patient**
Speaker: *Mr. Antonios Chatzisavvas, Entrepreneur and President of the athletic association for patients with ESRD named SAN*

12:15 - 12:35 CET **Reflections on Training**

Wednesday, 29.09.2021

Morning Sessions

10:45 – 11:15 CET **Employment for people with disabilities**
Speaker: *Mr. Eduardo Jiménez Serrano , Education and Employment Technician, Spanish Confederation of People with Physical and Organic Disabilities*

11:30 - 12:00 CET **Entrepreurnship for people with disabilities**
Speaker: *Mr. Vasilis Bouronikos, Content & Communication Manager at iED*

12:15 - 12:35 CET **Current situation for Kidney Patients in the field of employment**
Speaker: *Mrs. ASHIFA KARIVELIPARAMBIL, University of Istanbul*

12:45 - 13:10 CET **Reflections on Training**

Evening Session

17:15- 17:45 CET **The employment status of persons with disabilities in Greece**
Speaker: *Mr. Konstantinos Xortis, Deputy General Secretary of the Panhellenic Federation of People with Disabilities* ESAMEA

Thursday, 30.09.2021

Morning Sessions

10:15 - 10:45 CET **Presentation of the European Kidney Patients Federation (EKPF) and the European Kidney Health Alliance (EKHA)**
Speaker: *Mr. Daniel Callego Zurro, President of EKPF*

11:00 - 11:30 CET **Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs**
Speaker: *Mrs. Aliki Anagnosti, Academy of Entrepreneurship Partnerships*

11:40 - 12:00 CET **Reflections on Training**

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