

Help your patient *Save the Vein*

People with chronic kidney disease (CKD) or a disease like diabetes, hypertension, lupus, or polycystic kidney disease that can damage the kidneys could develop kidney failure requiring dialysis. It is important for at-risk patients to understand the importance of preserving their veins in the case they would require future hemodialysis access. We have free resources to promote this important message to your patients.

Enclosed are armbands to remind your patients to protect their blood vessels. The armband should be slipped onto the "Get it. Wear it. Save it." card; it explains to your patients the importance of preserving their veins, as well as steps to do so. The wallet card should be carried by the patient and given to healthcare providers to explain how and why to preserve the patient's veins in the arm identified by the armband.

Please give these resources to your patients and tell them to wear the armband on the arm that you have determined is best for vein preservation.

Also enclosed is a small SAVE THE VEIN poster for your exam rooms or bulletin boards.

If you would like to order additional armbands and wallet cards, please fax your order on the reverse side of this form.

Who are we? Why are we sending this?

Primaris is the Medicare Quality Improvement Organization (QIO) for Missouri, contracted through the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. Medicare has selected the state of Missouri as one of only ten states to receive free assistance to improve care for CKD patients and slow the progression of this disease.



The following resources from the Save the Vein campaign are available for order:

- 8.5"x11" Save the Vein poster
- Vein Preservation kit (includes educational armband card, armband and wallet card)

Save the Vein poster: _____
(quantity)

Vein Preservation kit: _____
(quantity)

Name: _____ Title: _____
Practice: _____ Email: _____
Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____
Phone: _____ Fax: _____

To order, fax this form to (573) 817-8322.

Additional CKD resources are available on our Web site:

www.primaris.org/professionals/qi_phys_ckd.asp → then click on "show resources"