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## **MEI to Host World Kidney Day Webinars for Patients, Dialysis Clinic Staff** *Webinars will highlight the importance of patient-professional communication*

Madison, Wisconsin — March is National Kidney Month, and the non-profit [Medical Education Institute \(MEI\)](http://Medical Education Institute (MEI)) is pleased to announce collaboration with investigative journalist Carrie Arnold (2022 National Fellow, Center for Health Journalism) on two free online events on **Thursday March 9th**, in honor of [World Kidney Day](http://World Kidney Day). Carrie has spent the last year exploring issues in dialysis for [Mother Jones](http://Mother Jones magazine) magazine.

The first event is a webinar for **dialysis patients**, entitled "[How to Work Well with Your Dialysis Care Team](#)." The **4pm EST** webinar will focus on tips for effective communication to avoid conflicts and receive the best possible care. Investigative journalist Carrie Arnold will host, and patient advocates and community members will discuss how to prevent involuntary discharge. **Patients can register here:** [https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_4RJl3xOTpWJce61k\\_F0pQ](https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_4RJl3xOTpWJce61k_F0pQ)

The second event, an online townhall meeting for **dialysis staff**, is entitled "[Reframing Difficult Patient Behaviors](#)." The **8pm EST** meeting will focus on rethinking how to approach challenging situations with patients. Investigative journalist Carrie Arnold will host, and guests will discuss **identifying and reframing** factors that may contribute to involuntary discharge. **Dialysis staff can register here:** [https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_EIJtFq3MSceXL7Xcc-Brig](https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_EIJtFq3MSceXL7Xcc-Brig)

**For both events, dialysis patients and staff will have opportunity to participate anonymously.**

MEI Executive Director Dori Schatell, MS commented, "*We are excited to offer these important webinars on World Kidney Day. Our goal is to provide practical guidance for both dialysis patients and professionals to foster better communication and relationships. Attendees will come away with new skills and perspectives that will help them improve outcomes and save lives.*"

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