



Spring 2015

Welcome to the first issue of the Think Kidneys quarterly update.

Our aim is to give you a snapshot of what we're doing on the programme and signpost you to the latest information on our website - www.thinkkidneys.nhs.uk

As this is our first update we'd be very pleased to receive your feedback and comments on how we might improve it to make it more relevant to you. Please forward this email to your colleagues and encourage them to sign up.

Comments please to anniemaylor331@gmail.com

AKI Alert, Detection Algorithm

Trust labs are busy implementing the new software in the path lab systems. We are now entering an exciting phase of data collection which means that for the first time we will have information about the size and scale of the challenge AKI presents. Read more about the Patient Safety Alert which generated the changes [here](#). In support Think Kidneys has published practical guidance on [Transmitting AKI Warning Stage Data to the UK Renal Registry](#) which can be downloaded.

Primary Care & Commissioning AKI Workshop 24 March 2015

Designed to help increase our knowledge of levels of understanding of AKI in primary care 60+ delegates comprising GPs, commissioners and improvement experts participated to help determine the strategy that will develop the primary care solutions for acute kidney injury that focus on the pathway. Suggestions regarding what the national programme can provide to support the community were captured. A full account of the outputs for the day will be on the website shortly – in the meantime see the slides slideshare.net

Coming in the next quarter.....

The Think Kidneys team is currently working on the following publications and resources – if you are registered with us we will send you a link as soon as they are available

- Communities at Risk of AKI
- Commissioning Guidance and Levers for AKI
- Medicines Management Toolkit for Secondary Care
- Secondary Care Minimum Care Bundle and Guidance for AKI
- Education on AKI – locally developed training resources validated by NICE

AKI Associated Events

Think Kidneys will be at the following events over the next 3 months – sometimes with a stand, so come and chat to us, and sometimes with a speaking session. Detailed info is [here](#) on our website or see links below to the organisers' sites

- 28-31 May [ERA EDTA](#) – The Association of European Kidney Specialists
- 30 June–2 July [British Renal Society Annual Conference](#)
- 15 June- Care of Older People in Hospital, [Royal College of Physicians](#)
- 8-10 July - [Society for Academic Primary Care, Oxford](#)

We would be pleased to add your local AKI events to our calendar – just send us the details

For a monthly **one-page overview** of Think Kidneys activity click [here](#)

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