



## Wave 2 Project Updates

Now in Wave 2 of the study, the team has chosen to trial the following 2 solutions that each address several of the Top 10 Challenges to Hemodialysis Care that were identified in Wave 1.

**1. "Hubs of Care":** By bringing healthcare providers into the hemodialysis unit who are traditionally seen in their own clinics such as primary care providers, and foot and diabetes care specialists, the aims of the Hubs of Care project are to:

- a. Decrease the time and costs associated with attending medical appointments for patients.
- b. Improve communication between healthcare providers.

In the first step of this project, we will roll out a survey for patients and healthcare providers to determine the need and desire for different healthcare providers in HD units across Canada. The survey will ask questions about the healthcare providers currently working in the unit and which additional providers may be useful to have access to in the HD unit.

**2. Web-App 2.0:** Web-App 1.0 was a Triple I pilot project which is now completed. Web-App 1.0 is an interface that provides an opportunity for HD patients to communicate their concerns to nephrologists outside of dialysis times. Its aim was to improve interaction during rounds so physicians know what patients are concerned about, and patients can record any questions they have in the app as they think of them. With Web-App 2.0, we will aim to integrate feedback we received during the initial trial and potentially integrate additional solutions such as an educational platform where patients can individually choose which information they would like to receive, mental health resources, and much more.

**Further Exploration:** Priscila Ferreira da Silva, Research Assistant from the Triple I Winnipeg site, successfully defended her Masters thesis proposal on December 6, 2019. Her thesis examines Indigenous patients' barriers and challenges to HD care on the face of the persistent systemic inequities. She is investigating ways to improve the well-being and quality of life of Indigenous patients on HD through storytelling. Congratulations Priscila!

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**Happy New year from the Triple I team! We wish you all the best in the year to come.**

**Can-SOLVE 2019 Annual Review:**  
We recently received a very positive Can-SOLVE research operations committee review for 2019. In 2020, we hope to build on the productive year we had last year by focusing on positioning ourselves for grant renewal with Can-SOLVE 2.0, and concentrating on producing outputs such as publications and Wave 2 project pilot data.



Thank you for your involvement.

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