Vascular Access Definitions Page

In the effort to better assist the facilities with understanding the reporting process, the Network has defined a few of the terms used. Use these terms to help properly report access in use for your facility.

- **Reporting Count**: the reporting count is the number of "in-center" /prevalent patients treated the for the month; entered into CROWNWeb
- **Reporting Rate**: the reporting rate is the reporting count divided by the patient census
  - Example: Reporting count: 25, patient census: 30 =0.83333 multiplied by 100. The Reporting rate is 83.3% (see *** below)

- **AVF (Arteriovenous Fistula) Count**: the AVF count is the number of "in-center"/prevalent patients using two needles in their fistula for treatment for *the patient's* last treatment of the month; based on data entered into CROWNWeb.
- **AVF (Arteriovenous Fistula) Rate**: the AVF rate is the AVF count divided by the reported count
  - Example: AVF count: 16 divided by the reporting count: 25 = 0.64 multiplied by 100. The AVF rate is 64%

- **LTC (Long Term Catheter greater than 90 days (>90)) Count**: The LTC count is the number of patients with catheters in place and in use for greater than 90 days from insertion, regardless of if this has been replaced (not first date in clinic); based on data entered in CROWNWeb.
- **LTC (Long Term Catheter greater than 90 days (>90)) Rate**: The LTC rate is the LTC count divided by the reporting count
  - Example: LTC count: 3 divided by the reporting count: 25 = 0.12 multiplied by 100. The LTC rate is 12%

- **AVG (Arteriovenous Graft) Count**: the AVG count is the number of "in-center"/prevalent patients using two needles in the graft for treatment for *the patient's* last treatment of the month; based on entered in CROWNWeb.
- **AVF (Arteriovenous Graft) Rate**: the AVG rate is the AVG count divided by the reported count
  - Example: AVG count: 6 divided by the reporting count: 25 = 0.24 multiplied by 100. The AVG rate is 24%

*** **Please note**, for all access types, rate is calculated based on reported count, not census. For any transient or hospitalized patients - if access type is not available, "N/A" is available as an option in CROWNWeb. Without the use of N/A, the reporting rate will be less than 100% as this rate is based on reported count divided by census count. **Be sure to enter all available access types or use N/A for those unavailable to receive credit for 100% reporting in CROWNWeb.** Additionally the facility AVF/LTC/AVG rates would be inaccurate, as these rates will be calculated based on reported count.

  - Example: Census is 50, reported count is 48-Reported Rate will be 96% (missing 2 patients); or AVF rate, with a reported AVF count of 40 and only 48 reported accesses, the AVF rate would be falsely inflated at 83% when in fact it is actually 80%.