Instructions for using the following tools:

"Stop Poster" for patients with a dialysis vascular access:

- Purpose is to alert all levels of staff who provide care that the patient has a hemodialysis vascular access
- May need to obtain approval from hospital policy and procedure committee prior to using this tool
- Intended for use in the hospital setting /and can be used in Nursing homes
- Can be posted in the patient's room
- Sends the message about "Vein Preservation"

"Alert Tool" for patients who have a temporary catheter:

- Can be used by both hospitals and dialysis facilities
- Intended to be a communication tool to alert the practitioner that the patient needs a referral for vessel mapping and an appointment with the surgeon for access placement
- Can be placed in a communication book or on the patient's chart
- May be printed on a label that can be attached to the chart for easy reference
- Acute unit staff can update the dialysis clinic access manager on what has been done/ scheduled for access placement

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