Ideas for Quality Improvement Projects for Fellows

Dialysis Unit
1. Serum phosphorus control
2. BP control
3. Communication between hospital and dialysis unit
4. Communication between dialysis unit and hospital
5. Vascular access maintenance
6. Referral for transplantation evaluation

Clinic/Office
1. Follow up on laboratory work and other studies
   a. Achievement of target Hgb; use of Fe; achievement of transferrin saturation
      [guidelines --DOQI or other]
2. Communication between hospital and clinic
3. Communication between clinic and hospital
4. Timely referral for vascular access
5. Timely referral for transplantation
6. Development of patient education package for CKD
7. Development of patient education package for dialysis
8. Development of patient education package for transplantation

Hospital
1. Timely discharge planning
2. Timely dictations (H&Ps, consults, discharge summaries)
3. Protocols for initiation of acute HD, SLED, or CRRT
4. Nutrition orders: what is usual “renal diet” and what renal diets should be available to order if computerized ordering has order sets

Education
1. Development of list of useful annotated ancillary web sites for
   a. Renal Pathology
   b. Renal Physiology
   c. Renal Radiology
   d. Dialysis
   e. Transplantation
2. Development of list of useful annotated ancillary reading material for nephrology
3. Development of list of annotated “landmark” articles for fellows
4. Development of useful annotated ancillary websites and reading material for statistical methodology

Administration
1. Development of new fellow guide, list of useful numbers, etc.
   a. Biopsy protocol
2. Development of centralized list of research projects and mentors available for fellows with annotated description of fellow responsibilities