

➡ **Entrance Conference:** ▲

Purpose - To communicate with facility administrative personnel and determine the data-driven focus areas of the survey for patient care/management and QAPI review, based on facility DFR and current facility outcomes data

Explain purpose and timeline for the survey

Ask the administrative person the facility-specific questions from the “Entrance Conference Questions” worksheet.

Obtain documentation of current patient-specific and facility clinical outcomes data from the *Entrance Conference Materials List*.

Review and discuss with the administrative person the current patient outcomes data submitted.

Compare the current facility outcome averages listed in the “% **Met Goal**” column from the *Clinical Outcomes Tables* to the applicable “**Threshold for % Met Goal**” on the *Clinical Outcomes Thresholds Table 1* in the “*ESRD Core Survey Data Tool*” for the current fiscal year. **Ask** about actions being taken for improvement in the areas where these thresholds are not currently achieved.

Determine the data-driven focus areas for the survey (clinical areas for review): The data-driven focus areas for the survey should be the clinical areas where improvement is currently needed.

*Discuss the selection of the data-driven focus areas for the survey with the administrative person, to engage them in the process. Note if the survey team selected an area as a preliminary data-driven focus, based on the DFR information, but the facility has attained improvements and are currently meeting the thresholds listed in the *Clinical Outcomes Thresholds Table 1* for that area, DO NOT include that as a data-driven focus area for review.*

