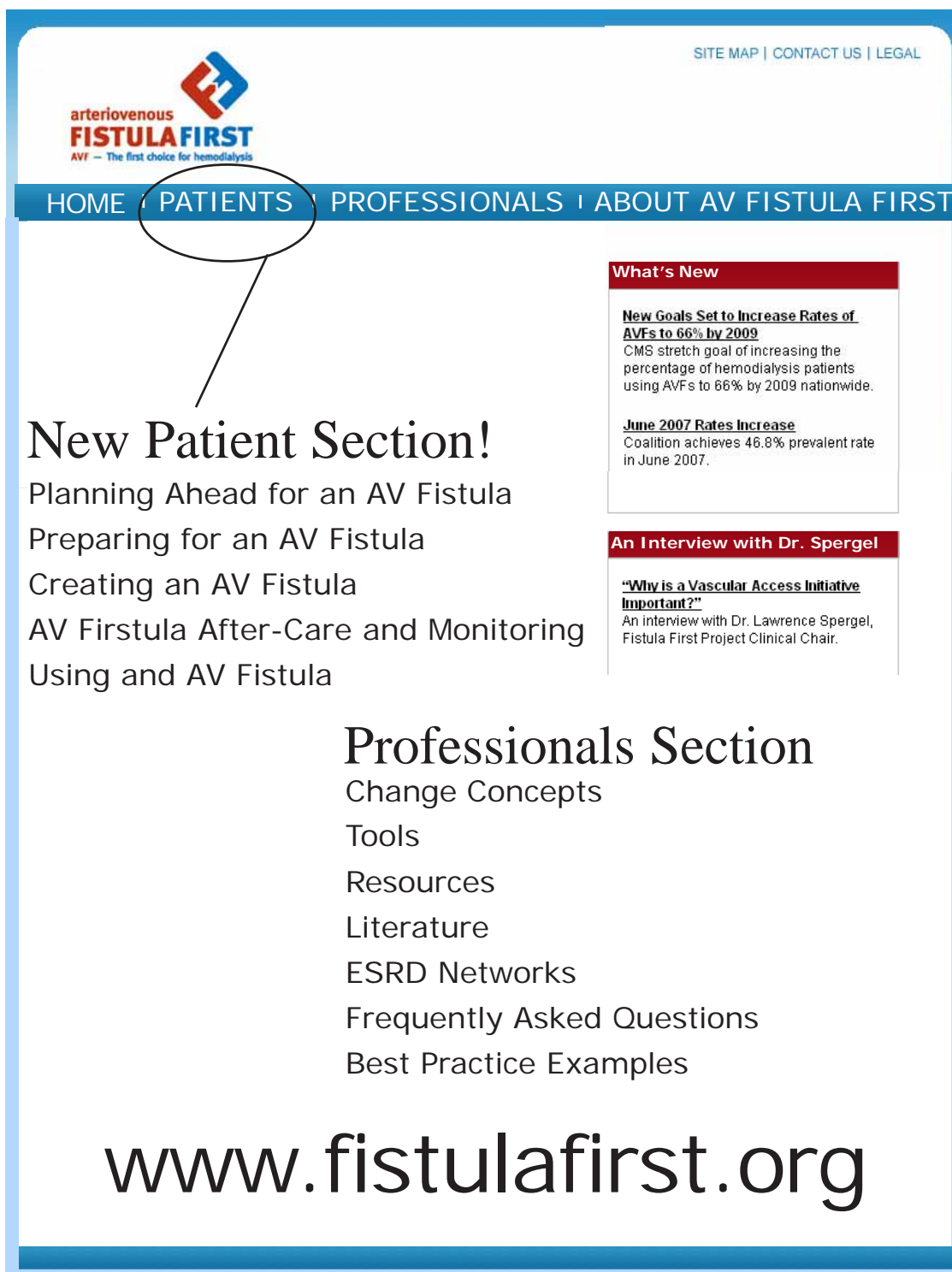


# Visit the NEW, Updated AV Fistula First Website!



The image shows a screenshot of the AV Fistula First website. At the top left is the logo for arteriovenous FISTULA FIRST, with the tagline "AVF - The first choice for hemodialysis". To the right of the logo are links for "SITE MAP | CONTACT US | LEGAL". Below the logo is a navigation bar with the following items: "HOME", "PATIENTS", "PROFESSIONALS", and "ABOUT AV FISTULA FIRST". A callout bubble points to the "PATIENTS" link. Below the navigation bar, the "New Patient Section!" is highlighted, listing several topics: "Planning Ahead for an AV Fistula", "Preparing for an AV Fistula", "Creating an AV Fistula", "AV Firstula After-Care and Monitoring", and "Using and AV Fistula". To the right of this section are two "What's New" boxes. The first box, titled "What's New", contains two items: "New Goals Set to Increase Rates of AVFs to 66% by 2009" and "June 2007 Rates Increase". The second box, titled "An Interview with Dr. Spergel", contains one item: "Why is a Vascular Access Initiative Important?". Below the "New Patient Section" is the "Professionals Section", which lists several topics: "Change Concepts", "Tools", "Resources", "Literature", "ESRD Networks", "Frequently Asked Questions", and "Best Practice Examples". At the bottom of the page is the website address "www.fistulafirst.org".

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## New Patient Section!

- Planning Ahead for an AV Fistula
- Preparing for an AV Fistula
- Creating an AV Fistula
- AV Firstula After-Care and Monitoring
- Using and AV Fistula

### What's New

**New Goals Set to Increase Rates of AVFs to 66% by 2009**  
CMS stretch goal of increasing the percentage of hemodialysis patients using AVFs to 66% by 2009 nationwide.

**June 2007 Rates Increase**  
Coalition achieves 46.8% prevalent rate in June 2007.

### An Interview with Dr. Spergel

**"Why is a Vascular Access Initiative Important?"**  
An interview with Dr. Lawrence Spergel, Fistula First Project Clinical Chair.

## Professionals Section

- Change Concepts
- Tools
- Resources
- Literature
- ESRD Networks
- Frequently Asked Questions
- Best Practice Examples

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