

Helpful Web Sites for ESRD Surveyors

ORGANIZATION	ADDRESS
Find Surveyor Tools online – CMS S&C Guidance to Laws & Regulations Dialysis Web Site	www.cms.gov/Medicare/Provider-Enrollment-and-Certification/GuidanceforLawsAndRegulations/Dialysis.html
CMS MAILBOXES	
Email-ESRD Questions Mailboxes	ESRDCoreSurvey@cms.hhs.gov (surveyors); ESRDQuestions@cms.hhs.gov (stakeholders)
ESRD Prospective Payment System Facility Questions Mailbox	ESRDPPSFacilityQuestions@cms.hhs.gov (not a Web site)
ESRD Quality Incentive Program Questions Mailbox	ESRDQIP@cms.hhs.gov (not a Web site)
DATA SOURCES	
<p>Dialysis Facility Reports (DFR), State/Regional Profiles & Outcomes Lists – produced by the University of Michigan Kidney Epidemiology and Cost Center (UM-KECC) under contract to the CMS. No password is required to access:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> List of Master Account Holders (under "FAQ") Samples/Guides: <i>Dialysis Facility Reports; State/Region Profiles</i> (under "Methodology") Sample/Guide: <i>ESRD QIP Performance Score Report</i> (under "Methodology") <p>A password is required to access actual data in the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Dialysis Facility Report</i> <i>Outcomes List</i> <i>State/Region Profiles</i> <p>To access sections of the www.DialysisData.org Web site that require a password:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Click on "LOGIN." 2. Enter your email address or Network/State/Region Username. 3. Enter the password you created (Master Account Holders, enter the password provided to you). 4. If needed, click on "Request new password" and a new one will be emailed to you. 5. Contact your State/Region's Master Account Holder to create password if you're an "authorized user." 	<p>www.DialysisData.org</p> <p>FAQs, includes link to Master Account Holder list: https://DialysisData.org/content/faq or click the link to FAQs at the top of the page</p> <p>Help Desk: University of Michigan Kidney Epidemiology and Cost Center Email: DialysisData@umich.edu Please contact UM-KECC at 855-764-2885</p>
Dialysis Facility Compare (DFC) - database of dialysis facilities' services, outcomes	www.medicare.gov/dialysis/
Dialysis Outcomes Practice Patterns (DOPPS) Practice Monitor -data on HD practices/outcomes in US	www.dopps.org/DPM/Default.aspx
ESRD Network Coordinating Center – Menus: About Us, For Networks, For Patients, For Providers, Resources: map and links to ESRD Network Web site	www.esrdncc.org
Providing Data Quickly (PDQ) - data on ESRD surveys *password required*	https://pdq.cms.hhs.gov/index_new.jsp
United States Renal Data System - data on chronic kidney disease, dialysis, transplant in text and tables; RenDER allows user queries for common data	www.usrds.org
STAR	
<p>STAR Project Collaboration Site *password required*</p> <p>Alpine Technology Group maintains the Star Collaboration Site. You can ask questions, share information with other surveyors and access documents such as user manuals, training materials and Job Aids.</p>	<p>www.alpinetg.com/star</p> <p>Questions? Check Job Aids and User Guide Call STAR Help Desk at 800-659-4626 (6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mountain Time)</p>
CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES	
CMS Clinical Performance Measures	www.cms.hhs.gov/Medicare/End-Stage-Renal-Disease/CPMProject/index.html
CMS ESRD & Clinical Labs Open Door Forum - info & link to sign up for mailing list	www.cms.hhs.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Outreach/OpenDoorForums/ODF_ESRD.html
CMS ESRD Center	www.cms.hhs.gov/Center/Special-Topic/End-Stage-Renal-Disease-ESRD-Center.html
CMS ESRD Network Organizations – statement of work, quality improvement resource	www.cms.hhs.gov/Medicare/End-Stage-Renal-Disease/ESRDNetworkOrganizations/index.html
CMS ESRD Payment – educational resources, FAQs, comorbidity index, regs, prospective payment, etc.	www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/ESRDpayment/index.html
CMS ESRD Quality Incentive program information	www.cms.gov/Medicare/End-Stage-Renal-Disease/ESRDQualityImprovement/index.html?redirect=/ESRDQualityImproveInit
CMS Manuals – Medicare reimbursement, claims processing, other policies	www.cms.hhs.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Manuals/Internet-Only-Manuals-IOMs.html
CMS Partnership for Patients	http://partnershipforpatients.cms.gov/
CMS S&C Emergency Preparedness for Every Emergency - State Survey Agency/provider	www.cms.gov/SurveyCertEmergPrep

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PATIENT SAFETY	
5 Diamond Patient Safety Program (ESRD Network of New England & Mid-Atlantic Renal Coalition)	www.5diamondpatientsafety.org/Home.aspx
Keeping Kidney Patients Safe (Renal Physicians Association & Forum of ESRD Networks collaboration)	www.kidneypatientsafety.org
STANDARDS/PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS	
American Kidney Fund	www.kidneyfund.org
American Nephrology Nurses' Association	www.annanurse.org
Association for the Advancement of Medical Instrumentation - Dialysis Standards Collection	www.aami.org/publications/standards/dialysis.html
Association of Social Work Boards – social work licensing requirements by state	www.aswb.org
Centers for Disease Control & Prevention	www.cdc.gov
Commission on Dietetic Registration - database of registered dietitians	www.cdrnet.org
Fistula First	http://esrdncc.org/ffcl/
Forum of ESRD Networks	www.esrdnetworks.org
KDIGO Guidelines	www.kdigo.org
KDOQI Guidelines (National Kidney Foundation)	www.kdoqi.org
National Association of Nephrology Technicians/Technologists	www.dialysistech.net
National Kidney Foundation	www.kidney.org
National Renal Administrators Association	www.nraa.org
Renal Physicians Association	www.renalmd.org
PATIENT ORGANIZATIONS	
American Association of Kidney Patients	www.aakp.org
Dialysis Patient Citizens	www.dialysispatients.org
NKF Patient & Family Council	www.kidney.org/patients/pfc
Renal Support Network	www.rsnhope.org
EDUCATION/NEWS	
Coalition for Supportive Care of Kidney Patients - patient and professional resources, presentations	www.kidneysupportivecare.org/Home.aspx
Decreasing Dialysis Patient/Provider Conflict - report and toolkit of materials	www.esrdnetworks.org/special-projects/copy_of_DPPCProviderManual.pdf
Home Dialysis Central - education, facility database, message boards	www.homedialysis.org
Kidney Community Emergency Response Coalition	www.kcercoalition.com
Kidney School - 16 topics of interactive education and PDFs	www.kidneyschool.org
Life Options - education on living with kidney disease, message boards	www.lifeoptions.org
Medical Education Institute - <i>Core Curriculum for the Dialysis Technician</i> and more	www.meiresearch.org
Medscape Nephrology - news about kidney disease (free registration to read articles)	www.medscape.com/nephrology
<i>Nephrology News & Issues</i> - online magazine	www.nephrologynews.com
PubMed - database of research abstracts, articles	www.pubmed.gov
RenalWEB - news, research, and more	www.renalweb.com
ASSESSMENTS, SURVEYS & SERVICES	
In-center Hemodialysis CAHPS Survey - patient experience of care	https://ichcahps.org/
Dialysis Patient Satisfaction Survey - English/Spanish surveys (HD & PD)	www.rand.org/health/surveys_tools/dpss/index.html
KDQOL COMPLETE - subscription service to score & interpret, patient report & facility report of aggregate scores on KDQOL-36 survey of physical & mental functioning	www.kdqol-complete.org
KDQOL-36 - survey, Excel scoring template, translations of survey of physical & mental functioning	www.rand.org/health/surveys_tools/kdqol.html
Method to Assess Treatment Choices for Home Dialysis - MATCH-D tool	www.homedialysis.org/match-d