

Helpful Web Sites for ESRD Surveyors

Organization	Address
Email-ESRD Survey Mailbox –surveyors/community questions	ESRDSurvey@cms.hhs.gov (not a Web site)
Email-ESRD Life Safety Code Survey Mailbox –surveyors/community questions	ESRD_LSCSurvey@cms.hhs.gov (not a Web site)
Find Surveyor Tools online - CMS S&C Guidance to Laws & Regulations Dialysis	www.cms.gov/GuidanceforLawsAndRegulations/05_dialysis.asp (CMS Web site)
DATA	
Dialysis Facility Compare (DFC) - database of dialysis facilities' services, outcomes	www.medicare.gov/dialysis
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 Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. No password is required to access: List of Master Account Holders (under “FAQs”) Samples of <i>Dialysis Facility Reports</i> ; <i>State/Region Profiles</i> (under “Methodology”) <i>Guides to Dialysis Facility Reports, State/Region Profiles</i> (under “Methodology”) A password is required to access actual data in the following: <i>Dialysis Facility Report</i> <i>Outcomes List</i> <i>State/Region Profiles</i> To access sections of the www.dialysisreports.org Web site that require a password: 1. Click on “Secure Log-in.” 2. Enter your username (work email address). 3. Enter the password you created at first login. 4. Forgot your password? Click on “Forget your Password?” and a new one will be emailed to you. 5. Don't have a password? Contact the Master Account Holder for your State/Region to create a password for you if you are an “authorized user.”	www.dialysisreports.org FAQs, includes link to Master Account Holder list: www.dialysisreports.org/FAQ.aspx or click the link to FAQs at the top of the page General questions about Dialysis Facility Reports, comments, or to notify that Master Account Holder is no longer employed: University of Michigan Kidney Epidemiology and Cost Center Email: keccdf@umich.edu 734-998-9823 Questions about Profiles: Email: keccprofiles@umich.edu 734-998-9823 Technical questions about Web site: Arbor Research Collaborative for Health Email: ESRDWeb@ArborResearch.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
ESRD Network Coordinating Center Buttons to About Us, For Networks, For Patients, For Providers, Resources Map and links to ESRD Network Web site	www.esrdncc.org
STAR	
STAR Project Collaboration Site *password required* Alpine Technology Group maintains the Star Collaboration Site and provides a way for STAR surveyors to find and share information about the program and their survey experiences. Here you can ask questions, share information with other surveyors and access documents such as user manuals, training materials and Job Aids.	www.alpinetg.com/star Questions? Check Job Aids and User Guide Call STAR Help Desk 888-477-7876 (6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mountain Time)
CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES	
CMS Clinical Performance Measures	www.cms.gov/cpmproject/
CMS ESRD & Clinical Labs Open Door Forum - info & link to sign up for mailing list	www.cms.gov/OpenDoorForums/15_ODF_ESRD.asp
CMS ESRD Center	www.cms.gov/center/esrd.asp
CMS ESRD Facility Providers Certification & Compliance	www.cms.gov/CertificationandCompliance/05_DialysisProviders.asp
CMS ESRD Program Interpretive Guidance Version 1.1	www.cms.gov/SurveyCertificationGenInfo/downloads/SCletter09-01.pdf
CMS ESRD Related Central Office Staff	www.cms.gov/ESRDNetworkOrganizations/Downloads/centralofficecontacts.pdf
CMS Manuals – list includes SOM, Medicare reimbursement, other policies	www.cms.gov/Manuals/IOM/list.asp
CMS Policy & Memos to States & Regions - search for word “ESRD”	www.cms.gov/SurveyCertificationGenInfo/PMSR/list.asp

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STANDARDS/PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS	
American Kidney Fund	www.kidneyfund.org
American Nephrology Nurses' Association	www.annanurse.org
Association for the Advancement of Medical Instrumentation - dialysis publications	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	www.fistulafirst.org
Food & Drug Administration	www.fda.gov
KDOQI Guidelines (National Kidney Foundation)	www.kdoqi.org
Keeping Kidney Patients Safe (Renal Physicians Assoc/Forum of ESRD Networks)	www.kidneypatientsafety.org
National Association of Nephrology Technicians/Technologists	www.dialysistech.net
National Fire Protection Association (Life Safety Code)	www.nfpa.org
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	
Decreasing Dialysis Patient/Provider Conflict - report and toolkit of materials	www.esrdncc.org/index/decreasing-dialysis-patient-provider-conflict
Home Dialysis Central - education, facility database, message boards	www.homedialysis.org
Kidney Community Emergency Response Coalition	www.kcercoalition.com
Kidney End-of-Life Coalition - patient and professional resources, presentations	www.kidneyeol.org
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.nephronline.com
PubMed - database of research abstracts, articles	www.pubmed.gov
RenalWEB - news, research, and more	www.renalweb.com
S&C Emergency Preparedness for Every Emergency - State Survey Agency/provider	www.cms.gov/SurveyCertEmergPrep
ASSESSMENTS, SURVEYS & SERVICES	
CAHPS In-Center Hemodialysis Survey & Reporting Kit - patient experience of care	www.cahps.ahrq.gov/cahpskit/ICH/ICHchooseQX.asp
Dialysis Patient Satisfaction Survey - English/Spanish surveys (HD & PD)	www.rand.org/health/surveys_tools/dpss/index.html
Dialysis Survey - experience of care/satisfaction ((HD & PD) - Appendix, page 5	http://cjasn.asnjournals.org/content/1/6/1191.full.pdf
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
Kidney Disease Quality of Life Working Group Website - print survey, Excel scoring template, multiple translations of KDQOL-36 survey of physical & mental functioning	www.gim.med.ucla.edu/kdqol
Method to Assess Treatment Choices for Home Dialysis - MATCH-D tool	www.homedialysis.org/match-d