

# News from the NHSN Help Desk

When to Answer “Yes” or “No” to the Dialysis Event Form Question: “Was the patient admitted/readmitted to the dialysis facility on this dialysis event date?”

The purpose of this question is to help identify events that might be unrelated to care provided in your facility.




Before answering the question, “Was the patient admitted/readmitted to the dialysis facility on this dialysis event date?” ask yourself...

**What is the dialysis event date? On what date was the patient admitted to my facility? Are they the same date?**

The table below describes how to select the event date for each event type:

Event Type	Date of Event
IV Antimicrobial Start	Date of first outpatient dose of an antimicrobial
Positive Blood Culture	Date of specimen collection
Pus, Redness, Swelling	Date of onset



Dear NHSN Helpdesk,


One of our patients routinely receives hemodialysis from our in-center outpatient unit. After going on a two-week vacation abroad, she presented to our clinic with chills and a fever. She had not received any hemodialysis treatment at our dialysis unit since her return to the U.S. We sent her to the ER where a positive blood culture was drawn.

Since her last hemodialysis treatment before this dialysis event was not provided at our facility, how should I answer, the “admit/readmit” question on the DE form?

Thank you,  
Renaldo Calyx, RN

How should Nurse Renaldo respond to the “admit/readmit” question? Nurse Renaldo should answer... **YES!**

...because the dialysis event date and the date of readmission to the facility are the same date.



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