



Instructions for the Denominators for Dialysis Event Surveillance Form (CDC 57.503)

* = required field when reporting in-plan

^ = conditionally required field when reporting in-plan

Data Field	Instructions for Data Collection
Facility ID #	The NHSN-assigned facility ID will auto-populate in this field.
*Location code	Required. Select the location code for the outpatient hemodialysis clinic location from which you will collect data about dialysis events.
*Month	Required. Select the month during which the data were collected for this location from the dropdown menu.
*Year	Required. Select the 4-digit year during which the data were collected for this location from the dropdown menu.
*Number of Hemodialysis Outpatients by Vascular Access Type	<p>Required. For each vascular access type listed, report the number of outpatients, including transient patients, who received in-center hemodialysis at this location on the first two working days of the month. The first two “working days” of the month are treatment days that provide the opportunity to capture all regularly scheduled hemodialysis shifts in the denominator count. A patient must be physically present for in-center hemodialysis on one of these two days to be counted on this form (exclude patients who are hospitalized).</p> <p>Count each patient only once. If a patient has more than one vascular access, count that patient by their access type with the highest risk for infection, using the following hierarchy:</p> <p>Lower Risk</p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fistula Graft Other Vascular Access Device (e.g., catheter-graft hybrid access) Tunneled Central Line Nontunneled Central Line </div> <p>Higher Risk</p> <p>When categorizing a patient with multiple vascular accesses, consider all vascular accesses the patient has, even if they are not used for dialysis and even if they are abandoned and/or are non-functional. For example, if a patient has a fistula and a tunneled central line, count this patient under the category of tunneled central line. If the patient has a fistula and a “jump graft” record the patient as having a graft. If the patient has only a catheter-graft hybrid or a port, record as “other vascular access device.”</p> <p>If there are no patients in a given vascular access category, enter 0.</p>
^Number of these Fistula Patients who undergo Buttonhole Cannulation	Conditionally required. Out of the fistula patients counted above, report the number of patients who are primarily cannulated with buttonhole cannulation technique, where a blunt needle (cannula) is inserted into the fistula at the same location each time using an established track.



*Total patients	Required. The sum of all patients listed above will auto-populate in this field.
Number of these patients for whom dialyzers are reused	Optional. Of the "Total patients" counted above, count the number of those patients whose dialyzers are reprocessed for reuse. If dialyzers are not reused, enter 0.
Custom fields	Optional. Add up to 50 alphanumeric, numeric, and/or date fields to this form for local use. NOTE: Each custom field must be added in advance. Within NHSN, select "Facility," then "Customize Forms," and then follow on-screen instructions. The Form Type is "CDC-Defined – DIAL – Summary Data" and form is "DIAL – Denominators for Dialysis Event Surveillance form."
Comments	Optional. Use this field to add any additional information that would help you to interpret your surveillance data. CDC typically does not analyze these data.