

News from the NHSN Help Desk

NEW and IMPROVED Monthly Reporting Plans!

Several outpatient dialysis users noticed changes to the Dialysis Monthly Reporting Plan after the launch of the Dialysis Component in August 2014.

Take a look at some of the improvements we have made!



We have streamlined the Dialysis Monthly Reporting Plan to include dialysis-relevant options only:

NHSN Home | Logged into Dialysis Test Facility 5 (ID 10877) as HIZ4.
Facility Dialysis Test Facility 5 (ID 10877) is following the DIAL component.

Add Monthly Reporting Plan

No data found for August, 2014

Mandatory fields marked with *

*Facility ID: Dialysis Test Facility 5 (ID 10877)

*Month: August

*Year: 2014

No NHSN Reporting this Month

Events HELP

Locations	DE	CLIP
<input type="text" value="LOCATION — LOCATION"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Prevention Process Measures HELP

Locations	Hand Hygiene
<input type="text" value="LOCATION — LOCATION"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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Patient Vaccination HELP

FLUVAXDP - Influenza Vaccination Dialysis Patient

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In-plan reporting of "DE" is required for meeting ESRD QIP criteria. If a location is chosen, then the DE checkbox will automatically be selected.

Facilities interested in in-plan reporting of Central Line Insertion Practices should select the checkbox.

If a location is chosen, then the checkbox for Hand Hygiene will automatically be selected, allowing the facility to report in-plan.

Facilities interested in tracking Dialysis Patient Influenza Vaccinations should select the checkbox to report in-plan.

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'Q' from the Queue:

What is a Monthly Reporting Plan anyway?

A Monthly Reporting Plan allows NHSN users to select the types of surveillance they will conduct according to CDC-defined protocols. This is called "in-plan" reporting. In-plan reporting of Dialysis Events is required to meet CMS ESRD QIP criteria.

Filling out a reporting plan also ensures that users will receive reminders (aka "Alerts") if they have not reported all in-plan data for a month. The reporting plan will also trigger warnings to prompt users to correct potential errors and address any missing fields.

Therefore, the reporting plan helps users report completely and correctly, in accordance with the protocol.

1. **HAND HYGIENE:** Users now have the option of reporting audits of "Hand Hygiene" under "Prevention Process Measures." The training and instructions for monitoring and reporting hand hygiene data have been posted to the NHSN website:

<http://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/dialysis/prevention-process-measures.html>.

If your facility decides to perform hand hygiene surveillance, select your location under "Prevention Process Measures" on the reporting plan and start reporting! You will receive reminders and alerts from the system when hand hygiene data is due for a given month. In 2015, additional prevention process measures will be added to this section, so keep an eye out for our new resources!

2. **INFLUENZA VACCINATION:** Users can now track patient influenza vaccinations by reporting to the "FLUVAXDP—Influenza Vaccination Dialysis Patient" module! We have not yet posted our dialysis patient influenza vaccination instructions to the web, but please stay tuned! New resources will be posted here:

<http://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/dialysis/patient-flu-vacc/index.html>.

3. **CLIP EVENTS:** Users can report Central Line Insertion Practices (CLIP) events in NHSN! Reporting is optional; however, if your facility chooses to report CLIP events, detailed guidance can be found here: <http://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/dialysis/clip/index.html>.

Note: If your facility is interested in reporting data to a module "off-plan," you can do so by verifying that the checkbox next to the corresponding surveillance module is not checked on the monthly reporting plan for the given month(s) before reporting your data.

Have more questions? Contact us at nhsn@cdc.gov with "Dialysis" in the subject line and we will respond to your inquiry within 5 business days.



Thank you for your continued support of NHSN Dialysis!