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What to Do When You Have No Events to Report During the Month



Confused about reporting to NHSN **when you don't have any dialysis events to report?** **DO NOT select the "No NHSN Reporting This Month" checkbox** on the Dialysis Monthly Reporting Plan?

Outpatient dialysis users often email us wondering why they don't meet QIP criteria during months when they have no events to report. So, we are here to provide some clarification!



By selecting the "No NHSN Reporting This Month" checkbox on the Monthly Reporting Plan (shown below), you are saying that your facility is not conducting dialysis event surveillance for that month. As a result, your ESRD QIP Line Listing Report will indicate that your facility does not meet QIP criteria for that month and your QIP score will reflect this!

Edit Monthly Reporting Plan

Mandatory fields marked with *

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*Facility ID: Dialysis Test Facility 5 (ID 10877)
*Month: June
*Year: 2014

No NHSN Reporting this Month

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

Add Row Clear All Rows Copy from Previous Month

Prevention Process Measures [HELP](#)

Locations	Hand Hygiene
	<input type="checkbox"/>

Add Row Clear All Rows Copy from Previous Month

Patient Vaccination [HELP](#)

FLUVAXDP - Influenza Vaccination Dialysis Patient

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A facility should only check this box in a few, rare instances:

1. when the facility is closed or non-operational for a given month (see example below);
2. when the individual in charge of dialysis event surveillance is out of the office for a given month and no surveillance can be conducted; or
3. when the facility will not be adhering to the Dialysis Event Protocol for a given month.

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Month: June

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This Dialysis Facility was closed or non-operational in June 2014!

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Rather than selecting the “No NHSN Reporting this Month” checkbox on the monthly reporting plan when no antimicrobial starts, positive blood cultures, or pus, redness, or increased swelling events occurred during the month, you should select the appropriate “Report No Events” checkbox for each corresponding dialysis event type. Easy!

Add Denominators for Outpatient Dialysis - Census Form

Mandatory fields marked with *

Facility ID*: Dialysis Test Facility 5 (10877)

Location Code*: LOCATION - LOCATION

Month*: June

Year*: 2014

Report No Events

No IV antimicrobial start events:

No Positive blood culture events:

No Pus, redness or increased swelling at vascular access site events:

Able to check off these boxes since no PBC or PRS events occurred in the month of June!

Vascular Access Type	Number of Maintenance Hemodialysis Patients
Fistula*	10
Graft*	6
Tunneled Central Line*	2
Nontunneled Central Line*	1
Other Access Device (e.g., hybrid access)*	1
Total Patients*	20

Number of these Fistula Patients who undergo Buttonhole Cannulation: 1

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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!