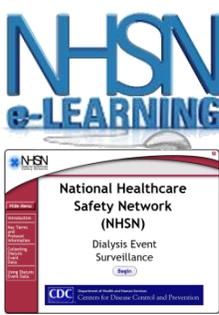


# News from the Dialysis NHSN Helpdesk

## Annual NHSN Requirements –Training and Survey

It's that time of year again! Complete the annual Outpatient Dialysis Center Practices Survey and brush up on your Dialysis Event Surveillance training!



**Dialysis Event Surveillance Training and FREE Continuing Education Credits!**

Annual training is required for facilities and users who participate in Dialysis Event Surveillance. You can meet this requirement with the [online, self-paced NHSN Dialysis Event Surveillance training](#). Complete the training and pass the post-test and you're eligible for 1.5 CME or 1.3 CNE credits, or 0.1 CEUs!

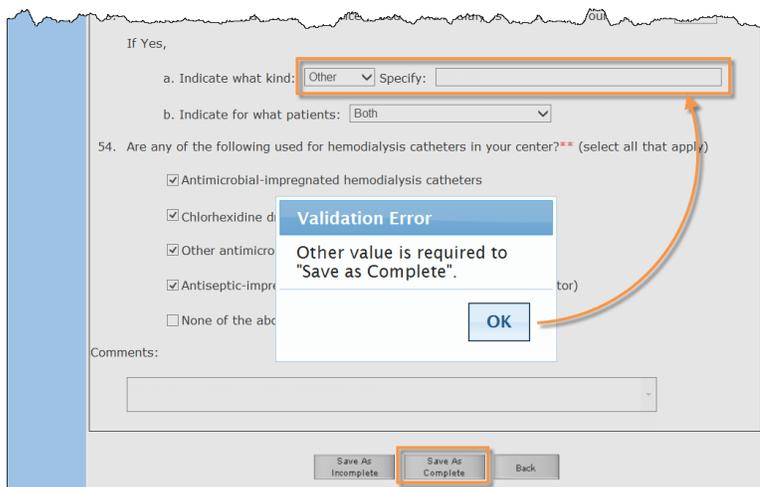
Training includes reading the [NHSN Dialysis Event Surveillance Protocol](#).

### Annual Outpatient Dialysis Center Practices Survey

The 2015 survey is now available on the [NHSN Dialysis Event Surveillance homepage](#). The electronic version of the survey will be available in NHSN beginning February 1, 2015.

### 2015 Survey updates and reminders:

- Collect staff and patient information **during the first week of February 2015**. Several survey questions pertain to the patients and staff who are present during the first week of February (e.g., counts, vaccinations, etc.). Even if you don't report the data to NHSN immediately, it is easier to collect during this week than searching records retrospectively.
- **New! Enter your End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Network number on the survey.**
- **Having "Save as Complete" difficulties?** If you try to submit your survey, but it is incomplete, an error message will prompt you to provide an answer to the missing question. Click "OK" and the screen will move to the applicable section: missing drop-down fields will be highlighted in blue and empty text fields will show a blinking cursor (e.g., if "Other" has yet to be specified). Enter the missing data and then try "Save As Complete" again.



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