



## Dialysis Facility Compare July 2019 Refresh Q&A

### What is Dialysis Facility Compare?

[Dialysis Facility Compare](#) is a website that allows patients and health centers to view and compare quality data about dialysis facilities. CMS also uses these data, organized into a series of measures, to create a star rating system that can help patients make educated decisions about where to get their dialysis treatments.

### What is the July 2019 refresh?

The July refresh is one of a series updates made each year to the data featured on Dialysis Facility Compare. The last refresh was in May 2018. The new data will go live on July 24, 2019.

### What is changing in the July 2019 refresh?

With the July 2019 refresh, patients and facilities can now see the latest data from dialysis facilities on the [Dialysis Facility Compare website](#). The following measures on Dialysis Facility Compare were updated with new data:

- Adult and child patients who had enough waste removed from their blood during hemodialysis or peritoneal dialysis
- Adult patients who had too much calcium in their blood
- Hemoglobin management (Downloadable Data Only)
- Phosphorus concentrations in the blood (Downloadable Data Only)
- Adult patients who received treatment through an arteriovenous fistula
- Adult patients who had a catheter (tube) left in a vein for at least 3 consecutive complete months, for their regular hemodialysis treatments
- Measurement of the normalized protein catabolic rate (nPCR) for pediatric hemodialysis patients

The following measures will continue to be displayed from the May 2019 refresh:

- In-Center Hemodialysis Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (ICH CAHPS) survey of patients' experiences
- ICH CAHPS Overall survey of patients' experiences Star Rating

The following measures will continue to be displayed from the October 2018 refresh:

- Frequency of patient death, hospital admission, or readmission
- Rate of transfusions
- Preventing bloodstream infections: standardized infection ratio
- Quality of patient care star rating

### Who is affected by the refresh?

Dialysis Facility Compare displays ratings of the quality of care provided by dialysis facilities based on a series of quality measures. Facilities have had their individual measure scores updated based on the latest data for a number of these quality measures. Facilities had an opportunity to review the data and raise any concerns with CMS before the refresh goes live on July 24.