



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.