



Dialysis Facility Care Compare on Medicare.gov (DFCC) October Refresh

What is Dialysis Facility Care Compare on Medicare.gov (DFCC)?

[Dialysis Facility Care Compare on Medicare.gov](#), formerly known as [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 clinical measures will be updated in the October 2024 refresh?

With the October 2024 release, the following clinical care quality measures on Dialysis Facility Care Compare have been updated with data from Calendar Year (CY) 2023:

- 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
- Frequency of patient death, hospital admission, or readmission
- Frequency of transfusions
- Hemoglobin management (Downloadable Data Only)
- Phosphorus concentrations in the blood (Downloadable Data Only)
- Prevention of bloodstream infections
- 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 nPCR for pediatric hemodialysis patients
- Patients who were on the kidney or kidney-pancreas transplant waiting list
- Transplant waitlist within a year of dialysis initiation
- Emergency department encounters
- Emergency department encounters within 30 days of hospitalization
- Healthcare Personnel Vaccination

The Patient Quality of Care Star Ratings have been updated with this release, also based on CY 2023 data. Details about the methodology for calculating the star ratings can be found in the technical notes on [Dialysisdata.org](#).

What new measures will be added in the October 2024 refresh?

- Access to home dialysis for new patients

Why is reporting on home dialysis important?

The type of dialysis a patient gets can affect their health in other ways (like cardiovascular impacts and infections) and the overall experience of care. Measuring the number of patients who changed to home dialysis shows that the dialysis facility effectively educated the patient and facilitated shared decision making.

What individual measures and Star Ratings of ICH CAHPS (In-Center Hemodialysis Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems) Survey of Patients' Experiences have been updated with data in the October 2024 refresh?

- Kidney doctor's communication and caring
- Quality of dialysis center care and operations
- Providing information to patients



- Rating of kidney doctors
- Rating of dialysis center staff
- Rating of dialysis center

The Overall Star Rating of ICH CAHPS Survey of Patients' Experiences was also updated with this release.

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