



ATTENTION: Nurse Managers and Administrators

With the wildfires in the Texas panhandle there is a possibility that you may need to evacuate your facility or your patients may need to evacuate their homes. The ESRD Network of Texas recommends that you review evacuation procedures with your dialysis patients and staff and begin preparing for possible evacuation.

Below is a quick emergency preparedness checklist you can use to help prepare your patients and staff for a potential evacuation.

1. Identify specific back-up clinic(s) where your patients would be able to receive dialysis “just in case” your facility has to evacuate or your patients have to leave their homes. *Ask your patients where they would go if they were evacuated from their homes. For example, do they have family or friends in another city.*
2. After identifying back-up clinics, contact them to see if they could accept your patient(s) in the event of an emergency evacuation. You can find a list of Texas dialysis facilities on our website at www.esrdnetwork.org → Professionals → Facility Information → Locate Dialysis Clinics → Texas Dialysis Clinics “Printable List”.
3. Encourage your patients to refill any medicines that need to be refilled.
4. Peritoneal dialysis patients should prepare an emergency box of supplies including dialysate bags, tubing, caps, etc.
5. Prepare “emergency packets” in zip-lock baggies for your patients that include:
 - A copy of the patient’s most recent flowsheet and H/P
 - Most recent Hepatitis and TB testing and results
 - Your clinic’s name, provider number and emergency phone numbers.
 - The ESRD Network’s toll-free patient number 877-886-4435
6. Review renal diet and fluid restrictions (if applicable) with your patients.
7. Check Network #14’s website for emergency resources for your patients, including:
 - Keep It With You (KIWY) Personal Medical Information Form
 - Emergency Dialysis Patient ID Card with Emergency Phone Numbers
 - Planning Your Diabetes Care During Disaster conditions
 - Meal Plan and Emergency Kit
 - Emergency Dialysis Patient Diets
 - An Emergency Preparedness Guide for Dialysis and Transplant Patients (English and Spanish)
 - www.esrdnetwork.org → Disaster Resources → Hurricanes → Resources for Patients

It is our sincere hope that this situation does not continue to escalate, however we want you and your patients to be safe and prepared. If you have questions or concerns about this situation, please contact the Network at 972-503-3215 or 877-886-4435.