

Performance Score Certificate

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For More Information about Performance Scores:

CMS shares detailed dialysis facility information on the internet each year in a file titled “ESRD QIP Dialysis Facility Performance Information” available at <https://data.medicare.gov/data/dialysis-facility-compare>

What should I do with this information?

Speak to your healthcare team to find out how your health is being measured and what you can do to improve your own numbers.

Attend your annual plan of care meeting.

Be sure to review your monthly laboratory results with your healthcare team.

Ask about your hemoglobin (Hgb) level.

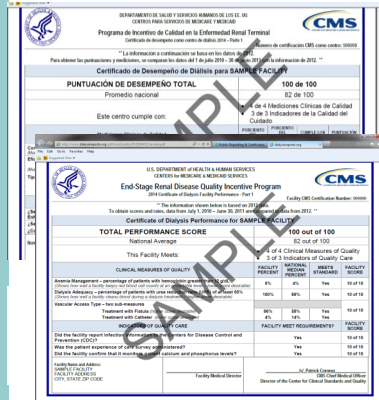
Ask if your blood is getting clean enough. Your Kt/V tells the dialysis team how well your treatments remove wastes from your blood.

Ask what you can do to improve your overall health.

If you have a fistula or graft talk about how to keep it healthy.

If you have a catheter, ask if you are a candidate for a fistula or graft.

How is my facility doing?



CLINICAL MEASURES OF QUALITY	FACILITY PERCENT	NATIONAL PERCENT	MEETS NATIONAL GOALS	FACILITY SCORE
Anemia Management - percentage of patients with hemoglobin levels between 10 and 12 g/dL	85%	85%	Yes	10 of 10
Quality of Dialysis - percentage of patients with a Kt/V of 1.2 or higher	95%	95%	Yes	10 of 10
Quality of Dialysis - percentage of patients with a Kt/V of 1.7 or higher	85%	85%	Yes	10 of 10
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The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) implemented the End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Quality Incentive Program (QIP) in 2012 to help ensure that high quality healthcare is provided to all dialysis patients. On January 2, 2015, your facility posted its new Performance Score Certificate (PSC) in the waiting room. **What is that?** The PSC shows how well your facility performed in several quality of care areas. These results are part of the CMS QIP. This program sets national standards for each dialysis performance area. If a dialysis facility’s Total Performance Score (TPS) is high enough, that facility receives 100% of the payment from CMS. If a dialysis facility TPS is too low, CMS will reduce the facility’s reimbursement for services they provided to patients by 0.5 to 2%.

What is included?

For this performance period, several areas are identified.

- **Anemia Management:** The percent of patients in your facility with hemoglobin results above 12gm/dL.
- **Dialysis Adequacy:** The percent of hemodialysis patients in your facility with a Kt/V above 1.2 and the percent of peritoneal dialysis patients with a Kt/V above 1.7.
- **Vascular Access:** The percent of hemodialysis patients dialyzing with an arteriovenous fistula and percent of patients dialyzing with a catheter for more than 90 days.



In addition to these areas, CMS wants to make sure that infections are being reported, that your satisfaction with care is being measured and that calcium and phosphorus are being measured monthly.

Do you have questions?

- Look for the certificate in your waiting room. If it is posted, read it carefully to see how your facility ranked with other facilities across the country.
- If it is not posted, ask your healthcare team about it.
- If you have questions about the scores, ask your healthcare team to sit down with you and explain the information in a way you can understand.