



Florida Kidney Disaster Coalition

Disaster Plans & Drills

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As a dialysis facility, you must implement processes and procedures to manage medical and non-medical emergencies that are likely to threaten the health or safety of the patients, the staff, or the public. Disasters can be natural or manmade and include fire, floods, power outages, water outages, hurricanes, and pandemics.

Regularly-scheduled treatments are essential for dialysis patients. In the event of a natural or man-made disaster, the facility should take immediate action to make sure regularly scheduled treatments are available or plan for the safe transfer of patients to alternate locations for their treatments.

Facility-specific disaster plans should address failure of basic systems such as power, source water, air conditioning or heating systems as well as treatment specific failures such as the facility water treatment system or supply delivery.

Responsible staff and patients should be knowledgeable regarding the emergency plan should the facility be non-operational after a disaster.

You should also test your disaster plan at least once a year and update the plan as necessary (staff changes or changes to utility providers' contact information). The facility must conduct a mock disaster drill at least once a year to determine the staff's skill level/educational needs and effectiveness of your disaster plan.

Remember!

- Have a disaster plan that addresses natural and manmade disasters
- Have a plan to provide regularly scheduled dialysis treatments
- Have a plan to safely transfer your patients to other locations for treatment
- Test your plan once a year by conducting a mock disaster drill
- Update your plan as necessary

Visit www.fkdc.org to download tools and resources to help you complete your disaster plans, including sample mock disaster drills!

VISION STATEMENT

The Florida Kidney Disaster Coalition is the model disaster planning and readiness organization for kidney patients by collaborating with community partners to ensure timely access to quality care.

MISSION STATEMENT

To establish and facilitate partnerships that provide a framework for disaster readiness and continuity of care for the renal community.