



**H O W   Y O U  
C A N   H E L P**

Contact your local dialysis units to discuss how you and your organization can be part of their plan

Participate in meetings with emergency management and the dialysis community

Work with the ESRD Network to understand patient needs and assist with coordination of care during disasters

Participate in local, state and national coalitions regarding disasters and kidney disease

**B E S T  
P R A C T I C E S**

Maintain year around readiness

Develop a disaster response team

Initiate a community-wide disaster preparedness teleconference

Identify key contacts and obtain emergency numbers

Ask patients "What's your plan?"

Establish partnership with local emergency management offices

Work with local hospitals to coordinate and maximize readiness

Engage all stakeholders to ensure active participation

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O R G A N I Z A T I O N S**

Agency for Health Care Administration  
American Association of Kidney Patients  
American Nephrology Nurses Association

American Renal Associates

Central Florida Kidney Centers

Council of Nephrology Social Workers

DaVita

Doctors Hospital of Sarasota

Florida Coalition for Renal Nutrition

Florida Department of Health

Florida Department of Transportation

Florida Health Care Association

Florida Hospital Association

Florida Renal Coalition

Florida Society of Nephrology

FMQAI: The Florida ESRD Network

Fresenius Medical Care

Hillsborough County Emergency Management

LifeLink HealthCare Institute

North Beach Dialysis Center

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**Mission:**

*Establish and facilitate partnerships that provide a framework for disaster readiness and continuity of care for the kidney community.*





## Background

Kidney failure is a life threatening condition affecting more than 26,000 Floridians. Without consistent dialysis treatment or medications to prevent rejection of a kidney transplant, kidney patients may experience severe illness or death.

Subsequent to recent disasters, dialysis and transplant facilities, patient and professional organizations, and other strategic partners involved in kidney disease recognized the need to improve planning and preparation for emergencies. By identifying and partnering with other key organizations, this group formed the Florida Kidney Disaster Coalition.



## OBJECTIVES

Develop a comprehensive disaster preparedness and response plan that addresses the needs of the Florida kidney community.  
Ensure coordination and communication of care and services between dialysis and transplant providers, kidney organizations, and local, state and federal agencies.  
Educate dialysis and transplant providers, kidney organizations, local, state, and federal agencies, patients and families and the general public about the special needs of kidney patients and how to implement disaster preparedness and response plans.

## FKDC PRIORITIES

### Communication

Review and incorporate national disaster concepts  
Develop a statewide communication tool

### Coordination

Engage stakeholders and gain participation in disaster response  
Develop and implement mock disaster drills

### Emergency Operations Center Involvement

Encourage facility participation with emergency management  
Develop guidelines for disaster response

### Education

Develop patient “tool kit” for disasters  
Identify key materials for providers and stakeholders

## WHAT DIALYSIS PATIENTS NEED IN DISASTERS

Consistent dialysis treatment: being without dialysis as few as three or four days could result in severe illness or even death.  
Supplies such as the dialysis machine, dialyzers and bloodlines.  
Utilities to run the machines: potable pressurized water and electricity  
Qualified personnel to perform dialysis  
Strict adherence to a renal and/or diabetic diet  
Supportive caregivers for potential transportation and emotional needs

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