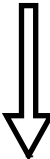




## Instructions for the Denominators for Outpatient Dialysis Form (CDC 57.503)

\* Indicates a required field when reporting in-plan.

Data Field	Instructions for Data Collection
Facility ID #	The NHSN-assigned facility ID will be auto-entered by the computer.
*Location code	<b>Required.</b> Enter the location code for the outpatient hemodialysis clinic location from which you will collect data about dialysis events.
*Month	<b>Required.</b> Enter the month during which the data were collected for this location.
*Year	<b>Required.</b> Enter the 4-digit year during which the data were collected for this location.
*Number of Maintenance Hemodialysis Patients by Vascular Access Type	<p><b>Required.</b> For each type of vascular access listed, enter the number of patients who received maintenance hemodialysis at this location on the first two working days of the month, including transient patients. Consider all vascular accesses the patient has, even if they are not used for dialysis and even if they are abandoned and/or are non-functional. A patient must be physically present for in-center maintenance hemodialysis on one of these days to be counted on this form (exclude patients who are hospitalized). Record each patient <b>only once</b>. If a patient has more than one vascular access, record the access type with highest risk for infection, using the following hierarchy:</p> <p><b>Lower Risk</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">            Fistula            Graft            Other access device (e.g., catheter-graft hybrid access)         </p> <p><b>Higher Risk</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">           Tunneled Central Line            Nontunneled Central Line         </p> <p>For example, if a patient has a fistula and a tunneled central line, count this patient under the category of tunneled central line. If the patient has a fistula and a “jump graft” record the patient as having a graft. If the patient has only a catheter-graft hybrid or a port, record as “other access device”.</p>
Number of these Fistula Patients who undergo Buttonhole Cannulation	Conditionally required. Out of the fistula patients counted above, how many are primarily cannulated with buttonhole cannulation technique, where a blunt needle (cannula) is inserted into the fistula at the same location each time using an established track.
*Total patients	<b>Required.</b> The sum of all patients listed above will enter automatically.
Custom fields	<p>Optional. Up to 50 alphanumeric, numeric, and/or date fields may be added to this form for local use.</p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> Each custom field must be added in advance. Within NHSN, select “Facility,” then “Customize Forms,” and then follow on-screen instructions. The Form Type is “CDC-Defined – PS – Summary Data” and form is “DIAL – Outpatient Dialysis Census Form.”</p>