



Northwest Renal Network

Helping Navigate Kidney Disease

Patient Bulletin



Our mission is to promote optimal dialysis and transplant care for kidney patients in Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington

We Can Help With:

Care concerns

Patient rights

Transplant

Treatment options

Travel and dialysis

Questions about employment

Access to our library of resources

Dialysis Facility Compare

Dialysis facility compare (DFC) is a page on the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) website that allows patients to search for Medicare-approved dialysis facilities by city, state, or specific zip code. DFC has the following information:

- Address and telephone of dialysis facilities
- The facility's initial date of Medicare certification
- The number of treatment stations
- The types of dialysis offered (in-center hemodialysis, peritoneal dialysis, and home hemodialysis training)
- Facility ownership type (profit or non-profit)
- Corporate name (if applicable)



DFC also has information about facility quality measures such as:

- **Anemia** – how many patients at a facility had an average hemoglobin less than 10.0 g/dL and how many patients at a facility had an average hemoglobin greater than 12.0 g/dL
- **Hemodialysis Adequacy** – how many patients at a facility had enough waste removed from their blood during dialysis treatments (Urea Reduction Ratio or URR of 65 or greater)
- **Patient Survival** – if the patients treated at a facility generally live longer than, as long as, or not as long as expected

DFC is also helpful for finding facilities for travel or transfer, and information and resources on kidney disease and dialysis treatment.

Visit Dialysis Facility Compare at <http://www.medicare.gov/dialysis>

Go to <http://nwrnbulletins.wordpress.com/> and click “Follow” in the lower right corner to receive NWRN Blog alerts