August 2024 EQRS Stakeholder Meeting

Hosted to Gather Feedback & Share Updates on End Stage Renal Disease Quality Reporting System (EQRS)

Today's focus: EQRS Overview and Resources, Vaccination Data Entry, Vaccination Dashboards and Live Q&A

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Monthly EQRS Stakeholder Meetings are hosted to educate and inform End Stage Renal Disease Quality Incentive Program (ESRD QIP) stakeholders regarding EQRS status, upgrades, and enhancements.

Today's meeting is focused on sharing information on EQRS resources and Vaccination Information and offering an opportunity for Live Q&A.

Agenda

Topic	Speaker
Welcome	**Alissa Kapke, MS**
Monthly Meeting Goals & Poll for Future Topics	**Alissa Kapke, MS**
EQRS Overview	**Tricia Phulchand, BSN, RN**
EQRS Resources	**Tricia Phulchand, BSN, RN**
Vaccination Data Entry • Hepatitis B • Influenza • Pneumococcal	**Tricia Phulchand, BSN, RN**
Vaccination Dashboards • Influenza • Pneumococcal	**Tricia Phulchand, BSN, RN**
Additional Live Q&A	**Alissa Kapke, MS**
Important Dates & Deadlines	**Alissa Kapke, MS**
Upcoming QIP & EQRS Events	**Alissa Kapke, MS**

Submitting Questions

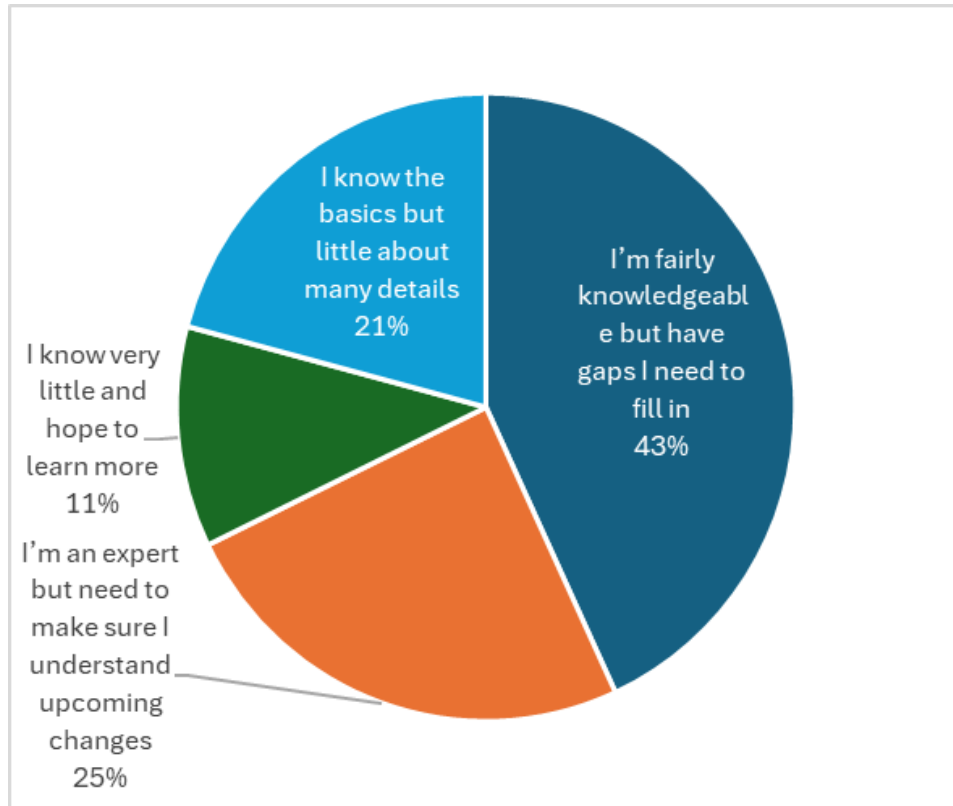- Click on Q&A at top of your screen to submit a question
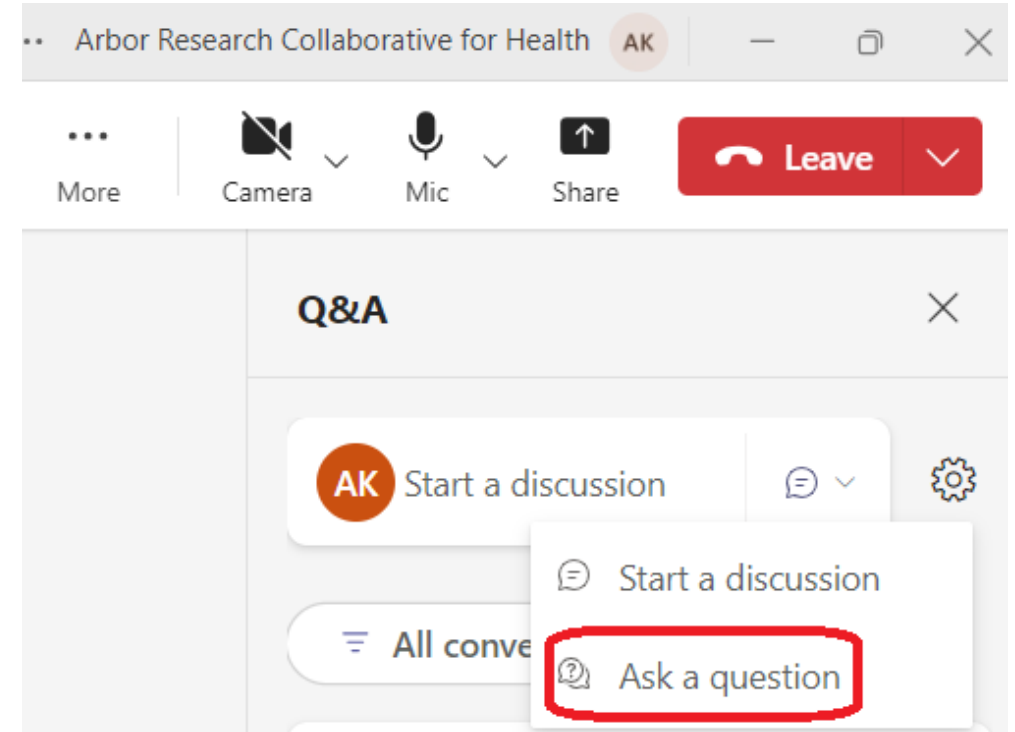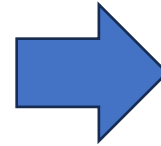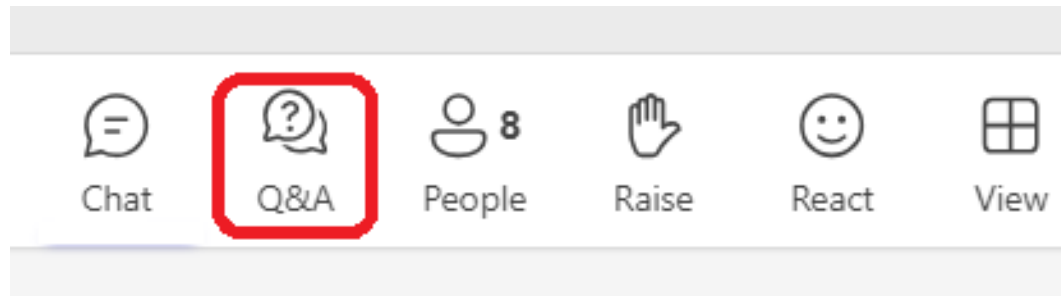
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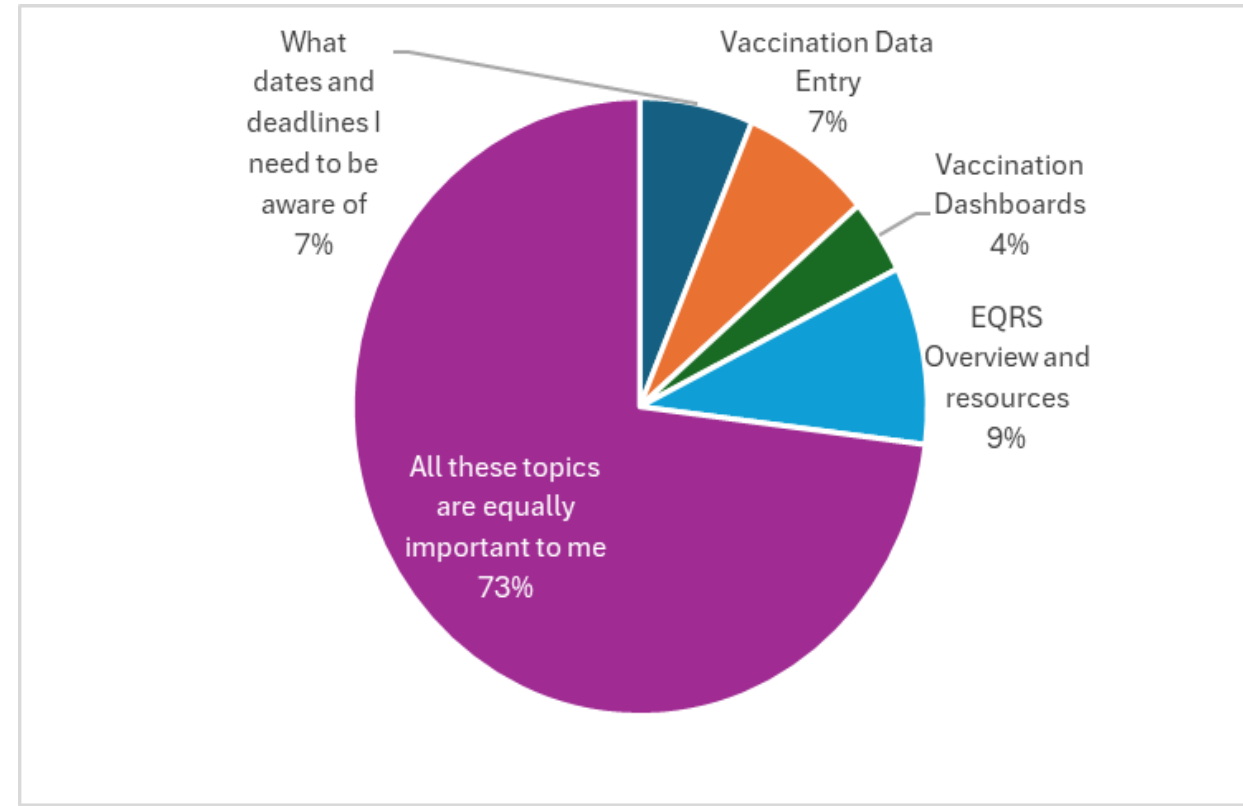- Type your question in box on right hand side of your screen.

Please noted that some questions may require additional research. Any unanswered questions can be submitted to QualityNet Question and Answer Tool

Registration Input

Understanding of EQRS

- I'm fairly knowledgeable but have gaps I need to fill in 43%
- I know the basics but little about many details 21%
- I know very little and hope to learn more 11%
- I'm an expert but need to make sure I understand upcoming changes 25%

Learning Priorities

- What dates and deadlines I need to be aware of 7%
- Vaccination Data Entry 7%
- Vaccination Dashboards 4%
- EQRS Overview and resources 9%
- All these topics are equally important to me 73%

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EQRS Overview

What is EQRS?

- EQRS stands for the End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Quality Reporting System.

- It is the CMS patient registry used to track ESRD patients whether they are on dialysis or have received a kidney transplant.

- It is an essential data source for the ESRD Quality Incentive Program (QIP).

- It collects patient demographics, and clinical data, calculates Medicare coverage periods, and measures and scores the quality of care dialysis facilities provide.

Who needs access to EQRS and why?

Dialysis Facility Staff	CMS 2728/2744/2746 Forms	Clinical Data	Depression Screenings	Health Equity Attestation	Patient Admissions and Discharges	PD Infections	QIP	SDOH Screenings	Transplant Waitlist Data	Vaccination Data	Vascular Access Data
Administrators/Managers	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Administrative Assistants/Unit Secretaries	✓	✓			✓						
Nurse and/or Patient Care Technicians						✓			✓	✓	✓
Social Workers			✓	✓				✓	✓		

EQRS Resources

Where should I begin?

Visit: www.mycrownweb.org

Leverage Information on the Education Tab

EQRS Resources:

- ★ CMS Form-2746 Reference Guide: Version 2023 Updates
  Posted: 08/07/2024
- ★ EQRS Data Submission Stopwatch
- ★ EQRS Quick Start Guide
  Revised: 08/23/2023
- ★ Form (2728, 2746) Modifications Process Update
- ★ CMS 2728 Form: Completion Process
- ★ EQRS: Admit/Discharge Guidance
  Revised: 08/03/2022
- ★ Telemedicine Usage FAQs
- ★ EQRS Minimum Computer Specifications
- ★ CMS-2744 Annual Facility Survey Training
  Revised: 01/24/2024
- ★ Admission in Support of Transplant FAQs
  Revised: 09/07/2022
- ★ EQRS Vaccination Data Submission Requirements and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)
- ★ PTH Reporting Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)
- ★ Infection Event Data Submission Requirements

New User Training Resources:

- ★ EQRS New User Training Video
  Revised: 07/12/2023

  ✚ EQRS New User Training Chapters (click to expand)

- ★ EQRS New User Training Slides
  Revised: 12/27/2023
- ★ EQRS New User Training Transcript
  Revised: 01/09/2024

Transplant User Training Resources

- ★ HARP Training for Transplant Facilities
  Revised on: 03/09/2023
- ★ Transplant Center Waitlist Dashboard Training Video
- ★ Transplant Center Waitlist Dashboard Training Slides
- ★ Transplant Center Waitlist Dashboard Training Transcript
- ★ EQRS Transplant Role Quick Start Guide
  Revised: 07/19/2023

Updated Form CMS-2728 (Version 2023) Materials

- ★ Reference Guide: Form CMS-2728 Updates
- ★ Form CMS-2728 Updates: FAQs
- ★ On Demand Training: Forms CMS-2728 Updates
  - ★ Recording
  - ★ Slides
  - ★ Transcript

ESRD Quality Incentive Program (ESRD QIP):

End-Stage Renal Disease Quality Incentive Program (ESRD QIP)

Payment Year (PY) 2024
ESRD QIP User Interface (UI) Quick Start Guide

The *End-Stage Renal Disease Quality Incentive Program (ESRD QIP) User Interface (UI) Quick Start Guide* is now available in PDF.

- • ESRD QIP Training Slides
  Revised on: 10/02/2023
- • ESRD QIP Preview Period Training Video
  Revised on: 10/02/2023
- • ESRD QIP Q&A Tool
- • ESRD QIP Successful Reporting Guide
  Revised on: 01/30/2024

HARP Training

- ★ HARP Training
  - ★ HARP Training Recording
    Revised on: 04/02/2020
  - ★ HARP Training PDF
    Revised on: 06/19/2022
  - ★ HARP Quick Start Guide
    Revised on: 09/21/2021

Adding Vaccination Data in EQRS

Navigating to Vaccination Entry

Navigating to Vaccination Entry: Search Patients

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Navigating to Vaccination Entry: Choose a Patient

Navigating to Vaccination Entry: Get Specific Patient Information

Search Patient Results

Back to Search

EQRS Patient ID (aka CROWN UPI)	First Name	Middle Initial	Last Name	Gender	Date of Birth	Date of Death	Social Security Number	Medicare Beneficiary Identifier
3100008572	ITSA		PATIENT	F	01/01/1960		XXXXX1234	N/A

Navigating to Vaccination Entry: Choose the Vaccination Option

Vaccination Entry: Choose a Vaccination Type

Hepatitis B: Add Vaccination Data

Adding Hepatitis B Vaccination Data

Review and enter the required vaccination data

Vaccination Type	Patient Name	UPI
HepatitisB	ITSA PATIENT	310401

*Indicates required field

* Did the patient receive the HepatitisB vaccination?

(•) Yes, Received at Facility   ( ) Yes, Received at Another Facility   ( ) No

* Is this dose part of a series or booster?

( ) Series Dose   (•) Booster Dose   ( ) Dose Type Unknown

* Vaccination Name

Engerix-B ⌄

* Vaccination Date

01/03/2024 📅

☐ Approximate Date

☐ Date Unknown

Adding Hepatitis B Vaccination Data

Make sure to save your entries by selecting **Add Vaccination Data**

Influenza Season (Flu Season)

- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends annual influenza vaccinations

- The reporting period in EQRS for influenza vaccinations begins August 1st and ends April 30th

  - To meet requirements for the current CMS vaccination projects, credit will only be given for vaccines received during the dates noted above

- Visit https://www.cdc.gov/flu/index.htm for more information about Influenza

Influenza: Add Vaccination Data

Adding Influenza Vaccination Data

Make sure to save your entries by selecting **Add Vaccination Data**

Pneumococcal Data: Add Vaccination Data

Adding Pneumococcal Vaccination Data

Make sure to save your entries by selecting **Add Vaccination Data**

Editing Submitted Vaccination Data

Vaccination Dashboards

Accessing Clinical Dashboards

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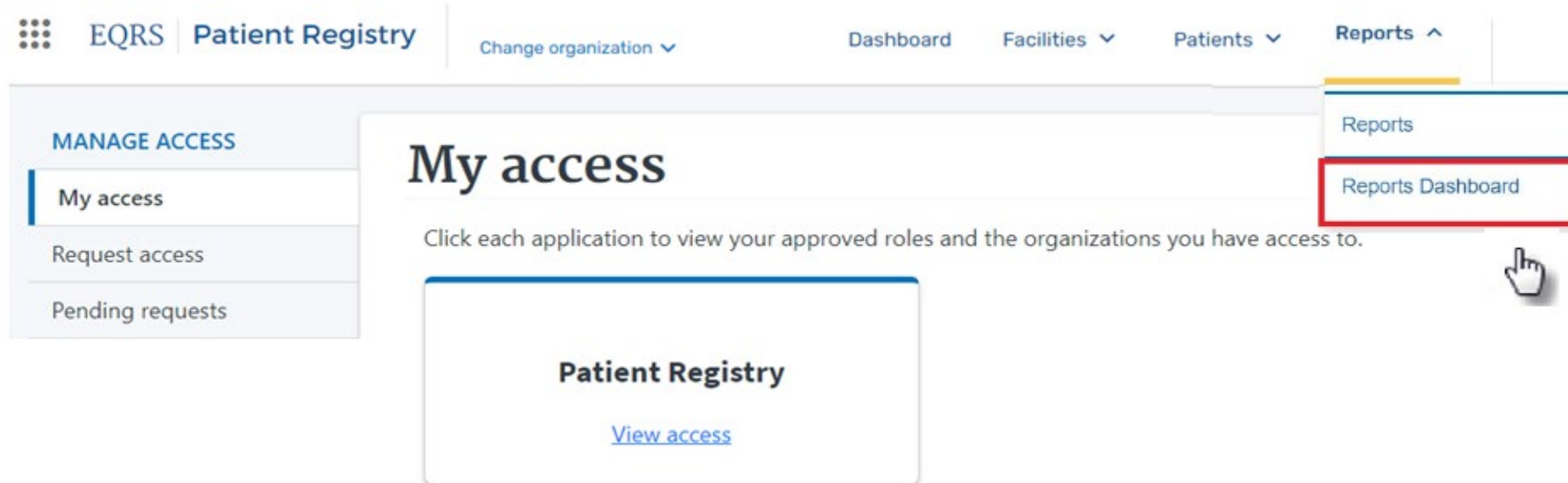
Clinical Dashboard Screen

Reports

Download and view dashboards of various datasets in EQRS.

Facility HD Clinical Dashboard > Review of HD clinical data for facility level users	**Facility PD Clinical Dashboard** > Review of PD clinical data for facility level users	**Facility Pneumococcal Pneumonia Vaccination Dashboard** > Dashboard to view Pneumococcal Pneumonia vaccination data
Facility Influenza Vaccination Dashboard > Dashboard to view influenza vaccination data	**Facility Vascular Access Clinical Dashboard** > Review of Vascular Access clinical data	**Facility Clinical Depression Dashboard** > Dashboard to view Patient Clinical Depression data

Influenza Vaccination Dashboard

Patient Level Vaccination Report

Influenza Report - Patient Data

UPI	Patient Last Name	Patient First Name	DOB	Age	Sex at Birth	Patient Race	Patient Ethnicity	Flu Vaccine Received before April 30?	Eligible for Flu Vaccine?	Patients Vaccination Status	Flu Vaccine Date	Flu Vaccine Date Approximated?	Flu Vaccine Type	Vaccine Not Received: Medical Reason – Allergic or Adverse Reaction	Vaccine Not Received: Declined – Religious/Philosophical	Vaccine Not Received: Declined – Without Explanation	Vaccine Not Received: Other	CCN
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2	MAN	SPIDER	07-23…	62	M	White	Not …	No	Yes	Eligible bu…						Yes		0…
2	WATCH	NIGHT	12-05…	73	F	American …	Not …	No	Yes	Eligible bu…							Yes	0…

Inclusion Criteria:
- Prevalent patients receiving dialysis.
- Dialysis facilities that are currently open and certified and have a provider type of "Medicare".
- Patients are attributed to the facility where they were most recently admitted – the vaccination record follows the patient.

Exclusion Criteria:
- Patients not receiving dialysis.
- Patients with Medical Reason – Allergic or Adverse Reaction reported unless they have received the flu vaccine.
- Patients with Declined – Religious Philosophical reason reported unless they have received the flu vaccine.
- Patients who received the flu vaccine after the flu season has ended (May 1 - July 31).

Pneumococcal Pneumonia Vaccination Dashboard

Facility Pneumococcal Pneumonia Vaccination Dashboard

Pneumococcal Pneumonia Vaccination Rate National
275,074
54.62%
0 — 503,627

Pneumococcal Pneumonia Vaccination Rate at Facility
12
85.71%
0 — 14

Data Export Warning:
- Please note that Microsoft Excel has a download limitation of 40,000 rows, causing the data to be truncated when exporting large tables. The download limitation for CSV is 1 million rows, making it the preferred option for exporting larger data sets.
- If you wish to export data from any table to a csv or excel report click on the tools icon that appears in the upper right corner of the table. Alternatively, the tab key may be used to select a table. Press the enter key with a table selected to move the focus to the tools for that table without a mouse.

Data Refresh Frequency:
- This report is up-to-date as of today. Refresh the page to see recent changes.

Pneumococcal Pneumonia Report - Facility Summary

Network	CCN	Owned By	EDI Organization	EDI Facility ID	Facility Name	Facility ID	Total Patients at Facility	Patients Up to Date	Fully Vaccinated Patients	Patients Eligible For Vaccination	Pneumo Vaccination Rate
	123456	Fresenius Medical Care	Fresenius Medical Care	105343	ABC DIALYSIS	1234567891	14	12	12	14	85.71%

Patient Level Vaccination Report

Pneumococcal Pneumonia Report - Patient Details

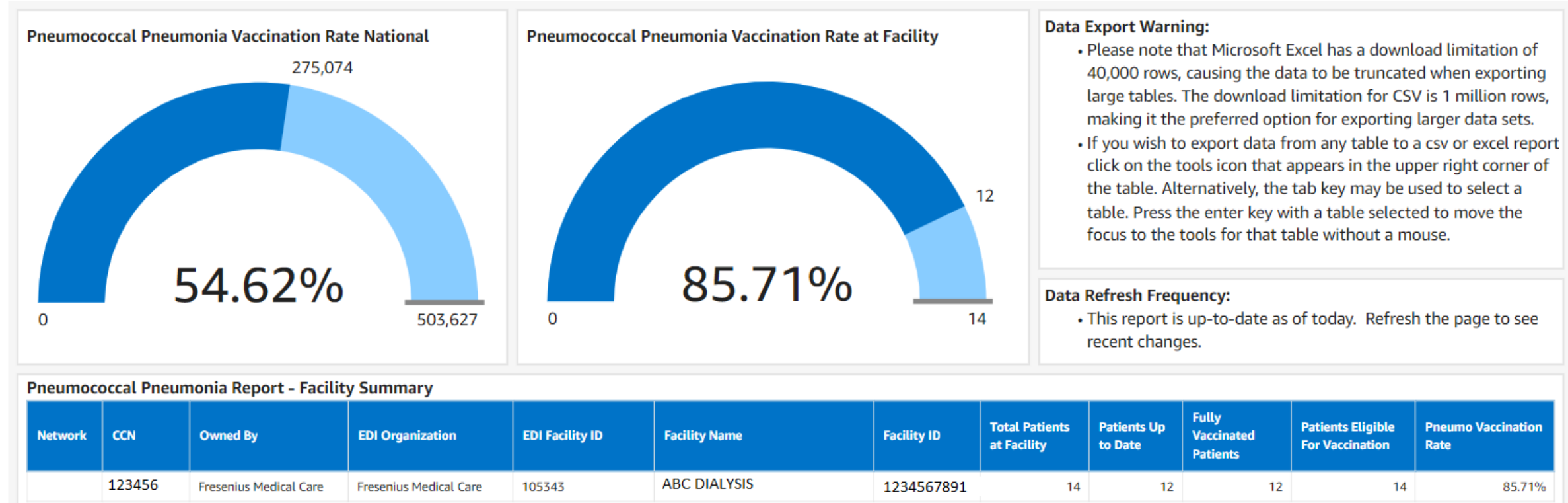| Is Patient up to Date?	Is Patient Fully Vaccinated?	Eligible for Vaccination?	PCV20 Vax Date	PCV20 Date Approximated?	PCV15 Vax Date	PCV15 Date Approximated?	PCV13 Vax Date	PCV13 Date Approximated?	PPSV23 Initial Vax	PPSV23 Initial Date Approximated?	PPSV23 Booster	PPSV23 Booster Date Approximated?	PPSV23 Over65	PPSV23 Over65 Date Approximated?	Vaccination Not Received: Declined - Religious/Philosophical	Vaccination Not Received: Medical Reason – Allergic or Adverse Reaction	Vaccination Not Received: Declined - Without Explanation	Vaccination Not Received: Other
Yes	Yes	Yes					01-25-2016	No	12-31-2015	Yes	01-20-2023	No						Yes
No	No	Yes					12-31-2016	Yes	12-31-2016	Yes							Yes	
Yes	Yes	Yes					12-31-2016	Yes	12-31-2016	Yes			12-31-2016	Yes				Yes
Yes	Yes	Yes					12-31-2018	Yes	12-31-2018	Yes			12-31-2018	Yes				Yes
Yes	Yes	Yes					12-31-2021	Yes	12-31-2006	Yes	12-31-2021	Yes						
Yes	Yes	Yes					05-24-2023	No	06-17-2015	No	08-16-2023	No						
Yes	Yes	Yes					01-09-2019	Yes	11-09-2017	Yes	08-18-2022	No	11-09-2017	Yes				Yes
Yes	Yes	Yes	02-27-2023	No			07-31-2022	Yes	07-31-2022	Yes								Yes

Inclusion Criteria:

- Prevalent patients receiving dialysis aged 19 and older.
- Dialysis facilities that are currently open and certified and have a provider type of "Medicare".
- Patients are attributed to the facility where they most recently dialyzed – the vaccination record follows the patient.

Exclusion Criteria:

- Patients under the age of 19.
- Patients not receiving dialysis.
- Patients with Medical Reason – Allergic or Adverse Reaction reported unless they are fully vaccinated.
- Patients with Declined – Religious Philosophical reason reported unless they are fully vaccinated.

Patients Up to Date vs. Fully Vaccinated Patients – Definition:

Patients are considered up to date when they have had at least one vaccine administered and they are not yet due for the next vaccine in the series. For example, if a patient had PCV13 but no other vaccines, the individual would be considered up to date for 1 year after that dose, but if more than 1 year has passed without receiving any other vaccines, they are no longer considered up to date until the next dose is administered. A patient who has received all the required vaccines in a series or received the PCV20 vaccine is considered fully vaccinated. Fully vaccinated patients will remain up to date from that point forward. The Pneumo vaccination rate on this dashboard measures the percentage of eligible patients that are considered up to date as of today's date based on the vaccination data in EQRS.

[CDC Pneumococcal Pneumonia Vaccine Recommendations]

Coming Soon

Upcoming New Features, Events & Deadlines

- New Medical Personnel Module
- CMS Form 2728 and 2746 updates
- Clinical data submission deadlines
- Depression screening deadlines
- ICH CAHPS attestation submission deadline
- Facility Commitment to Health Equity attestation submission deadline
- NHSN data submission deadlines

Updates to CMS 2728 and 2746 forms

- New form versions will be available in EQRS in October 2024
- Become familiar with the new forms
  - CMS 2728
  - CMS 2746

EQRS Clinical Data Submission Deadlines

Data Submission Schedule for 2024 EQRS Clinical Data	
Reporting Month	**Data Submission Deadline**
June 2024	September 3, 2024, at 11:59 p.m. PT
July 2024	September 30, 2024, at 11:59 p.m. PT
August 2024	October 31, 2024, at 11:59 p.m. PT
September 2024	December 2, 2024, at 11:59 p.m. PT
October 2024	December 31, 2024, at 11:59 p.m. PT
November 2024	February 3, 2025, at 11:59 p.m. PT
December 2024	March 3, 2025, at 11:59 p.m. PT

Note: For additional information on the ESRD QIP measures, refer to the
Calendar Year (CY) 2024 ESRD QIP Technical Measure Specifications.

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EQRS Depression Screening and Follow-Up Submission Deadline

EQRS Submission Schedule for 2024 Depression Screening and Follow-Up Assessments	
Assessment Period	**Data Submission Deadline**
January 1 – December 31, 2024	March 3, 2025, at 11:59 p.m. PT

Note: For additional information on the Clinical Depression Screening and Follow Up measure, refer to the [CY 2024 ESRD QIP Technical Measure Specifications](#).

ICH CAHPS Attestation Submission Deadline

EQRS Submission Schedule for 2024 In-Center Hemodialysis Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (ICH CAHPS) Attestation	
Attestation Year	**Data Submission Deadline**
January 1 – December 31, 2024	March 3, 2025, at 11:59 p.m. PT

Note: For additional information on the ICH CAHPS Survey measure, refer to the
CY 2024 ESRD QIP Technical Measure Specifications.

Facility Commitment to Health Equity Attestation Submission Deadline

EQRS Submission Schedule for Facility Commitment to Health Equity Attestation	
Attestation Year	**Data Submission Deadline**
January 1 – December 31, 2024	March 3, 2025, at 11:59 p.m. PT

Note: For additional information on the Facility Commitment to Health Equity measure, refer to the CY 2024 ESRD QIP Technical Measure Specifications.

NHSN ESRD Data Submission Deadlines

	Data Submission Schedule for 2024 NHSN ESRD Data: Dialysis Events, Bloodstream Infections, and COVID-19 Vaccination Coverage Among Healthcare Personnel	
Quarter	**2024 Reporting Months**	**Data Submission Deadline**
1	January-March	July 1, 2024, at 11:59 p.m. PT
2	April-June	September 30, 2024, at 11:59 p.m. PT
3	July-September	December 31, 2024, at 11:59 p.m. PT
4	October-December	March 31, 2025, at 11:59 p.m. PT

Facilities must submit NHSN data by the established deadlines. Not meeting the required reporting deadlines puts your facility at risk for an ESRD QIP payment reduction.

Note: For additional information on the NHSN measures, refer to the CY 2024 ESRD QIP Technical Measure Specifications.

EQRS Data Reporting: Additional Information

EQRS data submission deadlines are listed on MyCROWNWeb.org: EQRS deadlines for CY 2024 Data
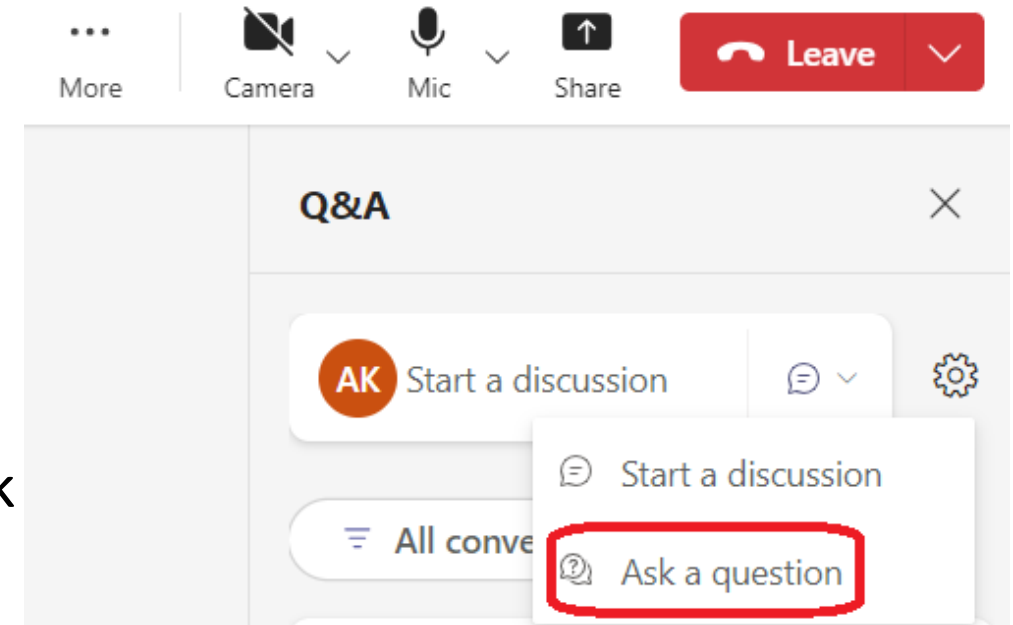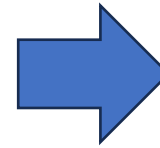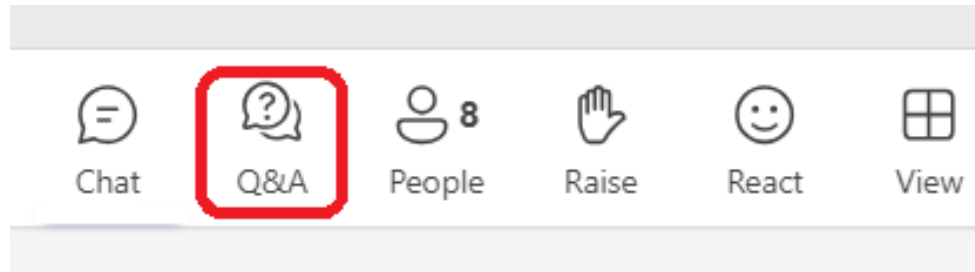
Additional information on EQRS data reporting requirements is available on MyCROWNWeb.org:

- EQRS Data Submission Stopwatch

- EQRS Data Management Guidelines

- ESRD QIP Successful Reporting Guide
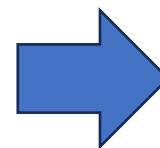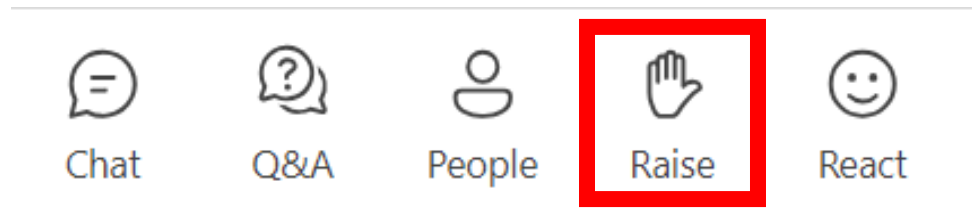
Live Questions & Answers

- Click on Q&A at top of your screen to submit a question

- Or click on "Raise" at top of your screen to ask a live question, we will unmute your microphone

Submitting Questions

For additional help contact:
- **QualityNet Help Desk**
  - **Email**
    - qnetsupport-esrd@cms.hhs.gov
  - **Online Ticket submission**
    - https://cmsqualitysupport.servicenowservices.com/ccsq_support_central
  - **Phone**
    - 1-(866)-288-8912

Upcoming ESRD QIP & EQRS Events

Save the Dates!

All events are scheduled to begin at 2 pm ET	
EQRS Monthly Stakeholder Meeting *-Today's Webinar*	8/27/2024
EQRS Monthly Stakeholder Meeting ***-New CMS 2728 and 2746 forms***	9/17/2024

Event Slides and Recordings

Recordings and slides from all ESRD QIP and EQRS events are all posted shortly after the events at: https://mycrownweb.org/events/

Post-Event Evaluation

Please complete a short post-event evaluation by clicking on the link in the Chat box. Your feedback will help improve future events.