
Memo

To: NHSN Project Facilities

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Re: Instructions for NHSN Patient ID Cards

As you know we have been working on improving NHSN reporting of hospital drawn positive blood cultures. Several facilities have had live meetings with hospital representation. During these discussions, it has come to light that the admitting hospital sometimes does not know that an admitted patient is an ESRD patient. One story had the patient on the floor for three days prior to knowing they were ESRD.

The perfect solution would be two way EMR access. Until we can achieve that goal, we have sent you patient identification cards. Please fill out or create Avery 5167 labels with your facility's name, phone and fax number.

Please give them to the patients with instructions to carry this card with them and give it to the hospital when they will be admitted.

You might want to let your hospital contact know about these cards too.

This will help us get these patients identified earlier and improve communication with you.

If you have any questions, please contact Barbara Dommert-Breckler, Quality Improvement Director at BBreckler@nw16.esrd.net.

