

Professional Module: Quality Assessment and Performance Improvement (QAPI) Self-Survey

This module supports End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Networks and dialysis professionals to develop and sustain effective QAPI activities. QAPI addresses identified issues and proactively seeks out areas for improvement before poor outcomes result. As such, QAPI provides each facility with a structure on which the facility staff, medical director, and patients can:

Track and trend data. Prioritize issues and interventions.	Uncover root causes.	\rightarrow	Perform quality improvement activities.		>
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Now that we have reviewed the main goals of QAPI, reflect on your QAPI meetings and activities. Rate the facilities' performance against the statements below. Share the results with the team, including the medical director, noting where improvements are needed. Make plans to improve and save the completed document. Repeat this self-survey in three months to see facility progress. Contact your ESRD Network for technical assistance if you need additional help.

Date:	Facility:	Person comple	eting form:				
Mark how cl	osely your facility med	ets these statements:	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
Everyone on t	the team understands t	he goals of QAPI					
Everyone on t	the team knows in whic	h areas this facility needs					
improvement	(e.g., home dialysis ref	errals)					
Everyone on t facility succes		eir role contributes to overall					
The principles culture.	and goals of QAPI are	incorporated into our facility					
Facility QAPI	plans are robust, collab	orative, and revised					
	It is a living document						
New employe	es and those new to th	e facility are provided training					
and resources	s on the QAPI process a	nd plans.					
When making	g performance improvei	ment plans, we focus on					
making syster	n changes instead of fo	cusing on individuals or					
singular issue	S.						
Our QAPI pro	cess includes both quar	ititative (e.g., number of					
patients waitl	isted) and qualitative (e	e.g., patient feedback) data,					
wherever pos	sible.						
Our QAPI pro	cess includes clearly de	fined goals based on past					
performance,	benchmarking, or anot	her standard.					
If our facility	offers more than one m	odality (e.g., in-center					
hemodialysis,	peritoneal, home hem	odialysis) QAPI plans are					
specific to eac	ch.						
We have clea	r plans on how to achie	ve success in our identified					
areas of impr	ovement, including who	is accountable and what					
resources are	needed.						
We use struct	tured processes to iden	tify root causes.					
We have form	nal methods to measure	e our progress.					
A patient rep	resentative regularly at	tends QAPI meetings.					
Patients who	attend QAPI meetings (understand the process and					
facility goals.							

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