



# Diving Into Dialysis Data: NHSN Dialysis Component Analysis & Report Options

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# Presentation Overview

- Why are NHSN data important?
- How are NHSN data used and by whom?
- How can YOU use NHSN data?
  - \* NHSN Analysis and Report Tools

# Why Collect NHSN Data?

- Data reflect healthcare practices that impact patient safety and health
- Measures like bloodstream infections (BSI) and local access site infections (LASI) can be indicators of healthcare practice and patient health
- Specific fields we collect like access type and facility/patient characteristics are important to study
- That's why these data are critical to monitor and examine

# How are NHDN Data Used?

- CMS for quality incentive program (QIP)
- CDC for national surveillance reports
- studies to better understand dialysis events and practices
- Corporations use data to assess performance at the organization and facility level
- State and local health depts. and ESRD networks use data to monitor performance and practice in jurisdictions, or at the facility and organization level
- YOU can use the data too, to examine performance at the jurisdiction/facility-level
- We'd like to show you how!

# How Can you Examine Your Own Data?

## NHSN Dialysis Analysis & Reports Function

NHSN reports can be run anytime to review data

- Standard reports can be run as default or modified

Different reports are available:

- NHSN can summarize what's been reported & calculate infection rates
- Report types include line listings, frequency tables, bar charts, pie charts, rate tables, run charts

Use reports to:

- Track infections
- Inform infection prevention practices
- Identify areas for quality improvement

*Recommend monthly/quarterly reviews of data to ensure data quality, detect trends & provide feedback for quality improvement*

# Running Reports: 3 Steps



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## NHSN - National Healthcare Safety Network

### NHSN Home

- Alerts
- Reporting Plan ▶
- Patient ▶
- Event ▶
- Summary Data ▶
- COVID-19 ▶
- Import/Export
- Surveys ▶
- Analysis ▶
- Users ▶
- Facility ▶
- Group ▶
- Logout



### NHSN Dialysis Component Home Page

#### Action Items

#### COMPLETE THESE ITEMS

Facility Geolocation

**Confirm**

#### ALERTS

**3**

Missing Events

**2**

Missing Summary

- NHSN includes reports that jurisdictions/ facilities can run anytime to examine data
- There are many canned reports to use without modifying anything (default)
- Or you can modify the report to suit your needs, like filter for time period, include/ exclude certain fields/ variables & more
- So, get in there & muck around....you won't break anything!

# Step 1 - Generate New Data Sets

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SAFETY NETWORK

NHSN - National Healthcare Safety Network

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### Generate Data Sets (Dialysis)

#### Reporting Data Sets

Include data for the following time period:

Beginning: 01/2021 | Ending: mm/yyyy

**Generate Reporting Data Sets** | **Clear Time Period**

**Last Generated:**  
June 11, 2024 9:45 AM  
to include data beginning 01/2021

**Warning**  
The current data sets will be updated. Are you sure you want to continue?

**OK** | **Cancel**

# Notes on Generating Data Sets

- Data sets include your jurisdiction's data that NHSN uses to run reports
- Generating new data sets allows capture of all your jurisdiction's data so reports reflect up-to-date, complete data
- Each user has their own data sets based on what they have access to
- It may take a while (generally few minutes) to generate, but you can work elsewhere in NHSN or minimize window and work on external tasks while you wait



## Step 2 – Select a Report

The screenshot displays the NHSN - National Healthcare Safety Network interface. On the left, a navigation bar lists various options: NHSN Home, Alerts, Reporting Plan, Patient, Event, Summary Data, Import/Export, Analysis, Users, Facility, Group, and Logout. The 'Analysis' option is highlighted, and a sub-menu is open, showing 'Generate Data Sets', 'Reports' (circled in red), and 'Statistics Calculator'. An orange arrow points from the 'Reports' option to the main content area. The main content area is titled 'NHSN - National Healthcare Safety Network' and features a header for 'Analysis Reports'. Below the header, there are 'Expand All' and 'Collapse All' buttons, and a search box. A tree view of report categories is shown, with 'Dialysis Events' expanded. A red box highlights the sub-folders under 'Dialysis Events': Numerators, Denominators, Rates, SIR, and Outcomes.

- Once data sets are generated, select ‘Reports’ from the navigation bar
- Open “Dialysis Event” folder to find report templates

# Step 3 – ‘Run’ the Report

The screenshot displays the NHSN - National Healthcare Safety Network (apt-v-nhsn-test:8001) interface. On the left is a navigation menu with items: NHSN Home, Alerts, Reporting Plan, Patient, Event, Summary Data, Import/Export, Surveys, Analysis, Users, Facility, Group, Tools, and Logout. The main content area is titled 'Analysis Reports' and features a tree view. The tree is expanded to show 'Rates', which includes sub-items like 'Rate Table - IV Antimicrobial Start Data', 'Run Chart - IV Antimicrobial Start Data', 'Rate Table - IV Vancomycin Start Data', and 'Run Chart - IV Vancomycin Start Data'. A context menu is open over the 'Run Chart - IV Vancomycin Start Data' item, with the 'Run Report' option highlighted. Other menu options include 'Modify Report' and 'Export Data Set'. The interface also includes 'Expand All', 'Collapse All', and a search box at the top of the tree view.

# Modifying Reports – Optional

- Two Common modifications:
  - Filter the data, so the report includes desired information only
  - Customize which variables are included and in what order
- Click the 'Modify Report' button next to the template you would like to change

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# Modify Screen

The modify screen can be described in three main sections:

1. Report formatting
2. Data filters
3. Variable display and organization

Modify "Line Listing - Dialysis Events (detailed)"

Show descriptive variable names (Print List)    Analysis Data Set: DE\_Events    Type: Line Listing    Data Set Generated On: 07/10/2017 15:12:00

1 Title/Format    2 Time Period    3 Filters    Display Variables    Sort Variables    Display Options

Title:  
Line Listing for Dialysis Events (detailed)

Format:

html     pdf     xls     rtf

# Variable Reference List

- Data collected or calculated in NHSN are assigned variable names:

**Event Details** [HELP](#)

Specify Event (check one or more)

IV antimicrobial start **“abxStart”**

Was vancomycin in the antimicrobial course?  Yes  No

Was this a new outpatient course?  Yes  No Inpatient course?:  Yes  No

Positive blood culture **“bldCultDE”**

Suspected source of positive blood culture:

Pus, redness, or increased swelling at vascular access site **“prsEvent”**

Show descriptive variable names (Print List)

Title/Format	Time Period	Filters	Display Options
Title: <input type="text"/>			
Format: <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>			

Don't know a variable name's meaning?  
Open the variable reference list.

# Modify the Report – Filter Data

The second section allows you to specify which data are included in the report

## Filter by Time Period

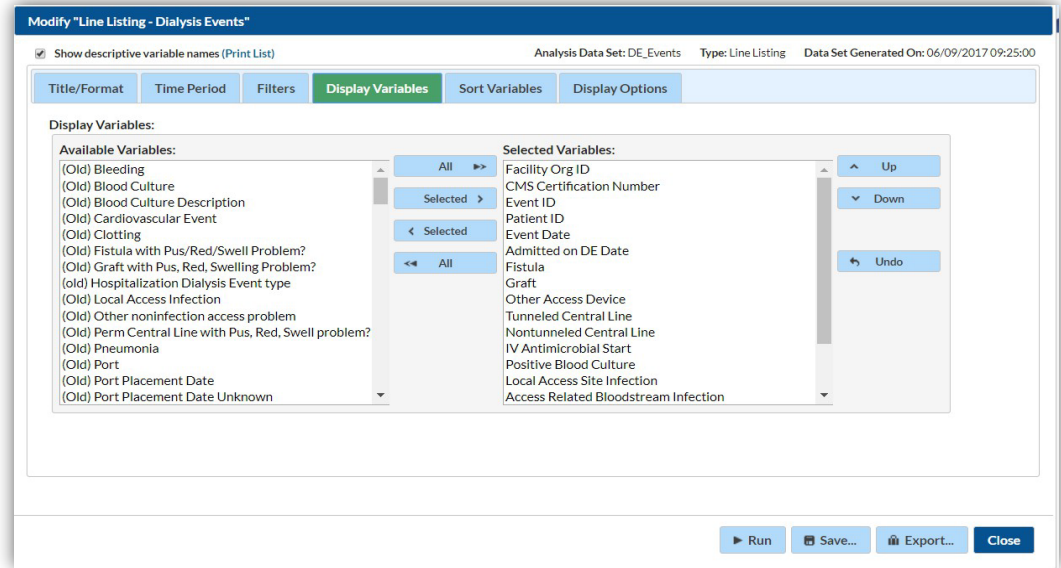
The screenshot shows the 'Modify "Line Listing - Dialysis Events (detailed)"' interface. At the top, there is a checkbox for 'Show descriptive variable names (Print List)' and the text 'Analysis Data Set: DE\_Events Typ'. Below this is a navigation bar with tabs: 'Title/Format', 'Time Period' (highlighted in green), 'Filters', 'Display Variables', 'Sort Variables', and 'Display Options'. The 'Time Period' section contains a 'Date Variable' dropdown menu, 'Beginning' and 'Ending' input fields, and a 'Clear Time Period' button. There is also a checkbox for 'Enter Date variable/Time period at the time you click the Run button'.

## Specify date filters

The screenshot shows the 'Modify "Line Listing - Dialysis Events (detailed)"' interface with the 'Filters' tab selected. At the top, there is a checkbox for 'Show descriptive variable names (Print List)', 'Type: Line Listing', and 'Data Set Generated On: 07/10/2017 15:12:00'. The navigation bar includes 'Title/Format', 'Time Period', 'Filters' (highlighted in green), 'Display Variables', 'Sort Variables', and 'Display Options'. Below the navigation bar is an 'Additional Filters' section with 'Show' and 'Clear' buttons. The filter logic is displayed in a tree structure with 'AND' and 'OR' operators, and buttons for 'Add group', 'Add rule', and 'Delete'.

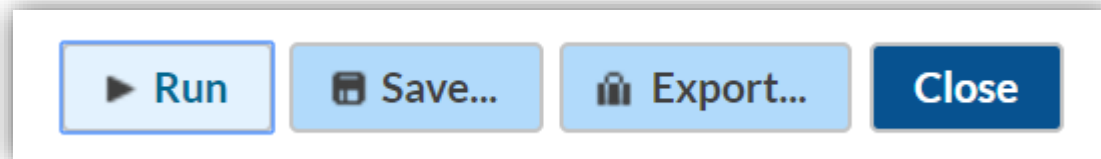
# Modify Report – Change Variable Display & Order

- Selected Arrow buttons move variables between 'Available Variables' and 'Selected Variables' column
- Use 'Up' and 'Down' buttons to change the display order



## Display & Save, Export Data & Close

- When modifications are complete, click the 'Run' button to determine if report is as desired
- Click 'Save...' to save modified report for future use
  - Must change the "Report Name" to save
- Click 'Export...' to export modified dataset to use with other analysis software (e.g., Excel, SAS)
- Click 'Close' to close the Modify screen without running, saving or exporting reports





# Dialysis Analysis & Reports Resources

[Dialysis Roadmap | NHSN Roadmap | NHSN | CDC \(Training Resources\)](#)

[Dialysis Component Analysis Manual \(cdc.gov\)](#)

[Steps to Review NHSN Dialysis Event Surveillance Data \(cdc.gov\)](#)

[NHSN Dialysis Event Bloodstream Infection \(BSI\) Report Quick Reference \(cdc.gov\)](#)

[Guide to the NHSN Dialysis Event Surveillance BSI SIR Measure \(cdc.gov\)](#)

[NHSN Report for CMS ESRD QIP \(cdc.gov\)](#)

[Analysis Resources | NHSN | CDC](#)

[NHSN ServiceNow Portal \(https://sams.cdc.gov\)](#)

# For any questions or concerns, contact the NHSN Helpdesk

- **NHSN-ServiceNow** to submit questions to the NHSN Help Desk.
- Access new portal at <https://servicedesk.cdc.gov/nhsncsp> .
- If you do not have a SAMS login, or are unable to access ServiceNow, you can still email the NHSN Help Desk at [nhsn@cdc.gov](mailto:nhsn@cdc.gov).

For more information, contact CDC  
1-800-CDC-INFO (232-4636)  
TTY: 1-888-232-6348 [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)

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