



Hurricane Linda Drill

Guidelines for Completing Drill:

- Adjust time frames to fit the time of day you are conducting the drill. Do not plan the drill to occur during change over.
- Ideally, two people should run the drill.
- It will take 2 to 4 hours to complete the drill, depending on the number of patients and staff in your facility.
- One person conducting the drill should run through the scenarios with the Administrator (or another person of leadership at the clinic). The Administrator should then direct the staff to respond to each situation.
- Allow the approximate amount of time given for each scenario for the facility to respond to the situation.
- If the facility is still responding to one situation when it is time to go to the next, add that situation on top of what is already going on. Remember, emergencies won't wait!
- The second person conducting the drill should help observe the staff and patients while the drill is being conducted. They should also use the questionnaires included in this instructional guide to assess facility, staff, and patient readiness for disaster.
- It is recommended that you question at least 10% of your patients and 50% of your staff.
- Once the drill and questionnaires are complete, the persons conducting the drill should debrief the Administrator on the observations from the drill and the responses to the questionnaires. This information can then be used by the Administrator to complete the Disaster Drill Evaluation and Action Form, also included in this packet.

Background

A major hurricane (**Linda**) is in the (name Bay of water) and is now moving toward (direction) . It is expected to make landfall near (city) as a Category 3 storm in 72 hours.

8:30 AM (48 hours out from Storm)

As **Linda** approaches, the weather begins to deteriorate. Severe storms are in the area. Power outages have been reported and phone service is intermittent. Wind speeds are accelerating, but transportation is still possible.

8:45 AM

The facility is receiving many outside phone calls from patients, staff, and other dialysis facilities with questions about how to proceed as well as offering assistance.

9:30 AM

The city water source has been contaminated by storm water runoff. Flooding has occurred in some areas. A “boil water alert” has been issued.

10:15 AM

The facility suffers a power loss and the emergency generator does not start. The generator battery is dead. A tree branch has fallen on the generator. Phone lines are down due to tornadic weather.

11:15 AM

All public transportation has ceased. Winds are gusting to 60 mph and it is raining extremely hard. Most streets are flooded and much of the city has suffered loss of power and phone service.

12:15 PM

The latest weather update has the storm turning to the northwest. Landfall is now expected at (city) . It appears your city will miss the brunt of the storm.