



Welcome to Disasterville

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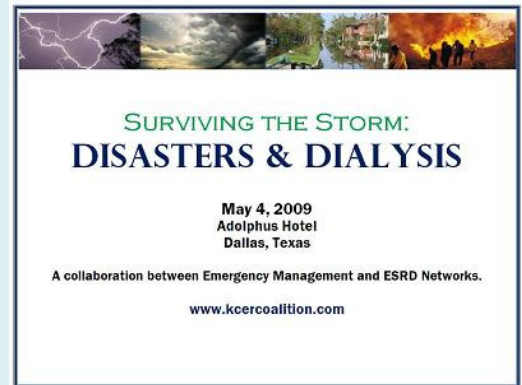
The Kidney Community Emergency Response Coalition (KCER) is a CMS special project dedicated to disaster preparedness and response assistance to ESRD Networks, individuals on dialysis, kidney transplant recipients, and healthcare professionals in the kidney community. Thank you to all our volunteers. Your hard work saves lives!

KCER SUMMIT – APRIL 8

The annual KCER Summit will be held on April 8, 2009 in Baltimore, Maryland. Held in conjunction with the CMS/ESRD Network Meeting, this collaborative conference gets hands-on with KCER volunteers, CMS, and ESRD Networks to promote KCER resources and identify disaster-related issues in the kidney community.

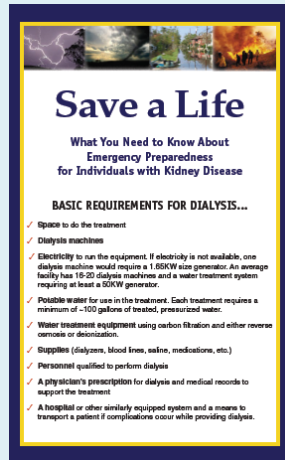
SURVIVING THE STORM: DISASTERS & DIALYSIS – MAY 4

Surviving the Storm: Disasters & Dialysis will provide a forum to further educate stakeholders to ensure thorough preparedness and efficient response in the kidney community; assistance to stakeholders in their efforts to incorporate the special requirements of the kidney community into their jurisdiction’s emergency and disaster plans; and an opportunity for ESRD Networks to collaborate with emergency management. This meeting is free and anyone can register. Visit www.kcercoalition.com/PPP.htm for more information.



SPOTLIGHT: RESOURCES & TOOLS

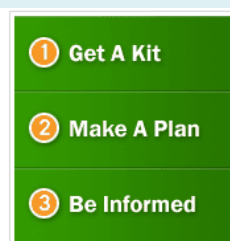
The “Save a Life” brochure outlines the basic requirements of dialysis, patient responsibilities, facility responsibilities, and recommendations for emergency management to help better prepare for disasters in the kidney community.



SPOTLIGHT: KCER WEBSITE

What’s new on www.kcercoalition.com:

- ❖ The “READY” widget can help you find emergency management and disaster preparedness information
- ❖ Sign up for Response Team listservs or manage your email subscriptions
- ❖ A link to our Facebook group and events page
- ❖ A link to follow us on Twitter
- ❖ Register for our upcoming meetings



KCER is a member of the National Preparedness Month Coalition.

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