WHAT IF.. **AWARENESS CAMPAIGN**



Most patients think they are prepared for an emergency, but are you really?

Emergency Checklist

- ☐ Plan for backup transportation. In severe weather, public and private transportation services may be unavailable. Make arrangements with family, friends, neighbors, and church members for rides.
- Contact your facility to find out the plan for dialysis treatment. If transportation services are down from a disaster, dialysis is likely to be affected, too. If treatments are unaffected, try to reschedule if necessary.
- Do not call 9-1-1 unless it is an emergency.
- ☐ Make sure your dialysis clinic has your correct address and contact information.
- ☐ If a disaster is expected and you are offered treatment in advance, DO IT!
- ☐ Keep your 3-day meal plans at hand and food supplies in stock in case transportation is out for a while.

THE FACTS

Emergency responders will not transport patients for regular dialysis following a disaster.

During Hurricane Sandy, 4 out of 10 dialysis patients refused extra treatment ahead of the storm. Rates of death were higher than expected.



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