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Hot Topics

KCER and Healthcare Ready to Host Webinar on CMS Emergency Preparedness Final Rule on May 25, 2017

KCER and Healthcare Ready are inviting the public to join a webinar on the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Emergency Preparedness Final Rule. The training will focus on what end stage renal disease (ESRD) facilities, patients, and caregivers face when a disaster happens. Topics to be covered include:

- Requirements of the Rule and timeline for compliance
- Meeting the training and exercise requirement
- Completing a risk assessment
- Considerations for ESRD patients and dialysis facilities

The webinar is scheduled for **Thursday, May 25, 2017 at 3:30 p.m. ET.**

Click here to join the webinar: <https://goo.gl/CHnPjE>

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It's Time to Prepare for Hurricane Season

Are you ready for hurricane season? The Atlantic hurricane season officially starts June 1 and goes until November 30. Patients and their families should make sure their preparedness plans take into account any special medical needs they may have, especially dietary needs, and ensure they have extra supplies of their medications.



For more information on hurricane preparedness, both at home and for the workplace, visit the [PrepareAthon Hurricane page](#) to download the [How to Prepare for a Hurricane Guide](#), the [Prepare Your Organization for a Hurricane Playbook](#), or watch the [When the Waves Swell](#) animated video.

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KCER Prep Rally Kick-off Event



Join the KCER Team on Tuesday, May 23, from 2–3 p.m. ET, to learn more about the *Prep Rally* campaign and how you can put it into action at your facility. This campaign is designed to get patients talking with their care team, family, neighbors, and friends about their plan in the event of an emergency or disaster.

Learn more: www.kcercoalition.com/PrepRally

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Education/Communication

Managing Chronic Conditions in Disasters

KCER has once again partnered with Healthcare Ready for another webinar roundtable discussion on managing chronic conditions during disasters. The latest webinar focused on the needs of patients with chronic disease during disasters and specifically, patients with diabetes. The discussion included Dr. Pam Allweiss from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Kristen Finne from the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response's (ASPR's) Division of Healthcare System Policy, and Keely Smith, the KCER Program Manager.

Read more: <https://goo.gl/mxUN2q>

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Keeping Safe in Extreme Heat

The temperature outside is heating up! As we start to plan our summer outdoor activities, be warned! Heat is the number one weather-related killer. In extreme heat and high humidity, the body has difficulty “keeping its cool” and must work extra hard to maintain a normal temperature.

Summer is also a time for a lot of weather- and water-related dangers, and the National Weather Service wants you to be prepared for what's out there.

Learn More: <https://goo.gl/GbPghO>

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Recovering from the Storms Within



May is Mental Health Awareness Month. It's time to talk about the emotional impact of disasters and some ways you can cope with disaster-related loss, stress, and trauma. Everyone who sees or experiences a disaster is affected by it in some way. It's natural to feel anxious about your own safety and that of your family and close friends. Profound sadness, grief, and anger are normal reactions to an abnormal event. Acknowledging your feelings can help you recover.

Learn More: <https://goo.gl/W7kYy6>

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