



The End Stage Renal Disease Network Of Texas



Memo To: Administrator and DON

From: TEEC

Date: May 29, 2009

**RE: Texas ESRD Emergency Coalition (T.E.E.C.)
Patient Wristband Identification**

In December 2005, the ESRD Network of Texas facilitated the formation of a Disaster Coalition, named the Texas ESRD Emergency Coalition (T.E.E.C.), with numerous renal stakeholders whose purpose is to facilitate the provision of quality care to people with ESRD in the event of an emergency that disrupts the delivery of dialysis and transplant services. The goal is to establish a Disaster Plan that will facilitate provision of quality ESRD services during a disaster.

The T.E.E.C. *Patient Identification/Database* tracking committee developed a set of patient identifiers to be worn on wristbands when a mandatory evacuation occurs to ensure that transient care providers can obtain basic patient information. You will need to develop a patient database in order to print these labels. A special individual patient Network identification number "IDNUM" should be used so that **any** Network could find the patient if evacuated to other states. *This number has been used instead of the Social Security Number (SSN) because it is not confidential since it is only used in the Network system.* To request IDNum's for new patients please **fax** your request to the **attention of the Data Department** and include in the **subject line "IDNum request for disaster"**. IDNums are not assigned until the network receives a patient's information via 2728 or PAR.

1. Tabband ordering instructions can be found on the TEEC website; www.texasemergencyesrd.org or you can call 1.800.521.5123 or go online to www.tabband.com to order your **LILAC** bands. Ask for item #H-2211-142L 1"x10" Lilac Patient ID Bands.
2. Create your patient database using excel (follow the example of what to fill in each field as listed on the back of this memo)
 - a) **Fax** a request for patient's IDNums not included in your current database.
 - b) The label size is AVERY #5161. Other sizes will fit, however this 1"x4" label perfectly fits the length of the "patient information: area so it is the best one to use.
 - c) Attach the label to the **lilac** wristband.

For questions or further information, contact the Network Outreach Coordinator, Geli King-Brown, at gbrown@nw14.esrd.net or 469-916-3800.



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Patient Wristband Project:

Wristband Project: The wristband project was initiated 2 years ago as a way to track dialysis patients that were being evacuated during emergency/disaster events. The project has evolved over the years and we continue to improve the effectiveness of this project. This year we are asking everyone to add a special code for hepatitis and Tb status. If the patient is hep positive a capital H would be added and if the patient were also Tb positive a capital T would be added to the label.

IDNUM	LName	FName	Known allergies	Diabetic status	Current facility name	Facility Hotline/emergency #	TEEC Hotline #	Hep/TB status	other
1400XXXX								H/T	

It is recommended that any facility that is planning for a potential evacuation should print out the completed labels for each of their patients and secure the labels to the lavender bands. Each patient should have the band secured on their wrist prior to evacuation.

To order lavender bands,

1. Call 1-800-521-5123 or visit www.tabband.com (product # H-2211-142L size 1"x10").
2. The label size that fits the band is AVERY #5161 or (1"x4") size label.

Requests for IDNUM's should be faxed to the Network office at 972-503-3219 Attention Data Department, 48 hours prior to the unit closing. The Network cannot accept telephone or email requests for IDNUM's.

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