

# Patient Health Questionnaire-9 Workflows for Dialysis Centers

Complete PHQ-9 within 90 days of admission, annually, after a significant life change, or a low KDQOL score.



**QUICK TIPS!** For more information on scoring, visit: [https://bit.ly/PHQ9\\_NQIIC](https://bit.ly/PHQ9_NQIIC) Scan this QR code with your smartphone:

## Positive Screen

- Review results with patient
- Ask follow-up questions
- Discuss treatment options with patient
- Provide information and resources
- Review results with interdisciplinary team

## Negative Screen

- Review results with patient
- Set alert for annual screening
- Enter screening results into medical record

Watchful Waiting

## Treatment Indicated

- Will be provided by **primary care doctor** (medication management, and/or brief interventions)

- Make referral to **community provider** (outpatient counseling/ psychiatry or telehealth)

- Create follow-up plan
- Document recommendations or decline of referral
- Enter screening results in medical record
- Set alert for next screening date

## Referral Accepted

- Complete referral
- Provide justification for referral
- Request follow-up from referral provider
- Obtain release of information from patient

## Referral Declined

- Acknowledge patient choice
- Provide education
- Invite follow-up

*\*Preferred practice to protect confidentiality and better ensure accurate responses.*