

# 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**

**- Negative Screen**

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

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- 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)

**Referral Accepted**

**Referral Declined**

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

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

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

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