

D. Patient Tracking System.

The data system has unlimited capability to collect information on ESRD patients. Currently, more than 253,000 active and inactive patient listings are in the system.

Information collected on each patient includes:

- Full Patient Name
- Social Security Number
- Medicare Number
- Demographic Information
- Patient Address
- County of Residence
- Transfer Information and Date
- Initial and Subsequent Providers
- Modes of Therapy
- Primary Diagnosis and Co-morbid Conditions

- All Types of Changes in Patient Status
- Transplant Candidate Status
- Date of First Dialysis
- Current Status
- Cause of Death
- Clinical Performance Measures

After the data are entered, they are then available for statistical manipulation. The data tables contained in this report were generated through the Network data system as well.

Validation activities include routine investigations of accretions and notifications provided by CMS. When corrections are found they are updated directly in SIMS. A three percent sample of 2728 forms is drawn quarterly and reviewed for accuracy and completeness.