

# WHAT IF...



# NO TRANSPORT

Most patients think they are prepared for an emergency, but few actually are.

## Emergency Checklist

1. Make sure your dialysis clinic has your current contact information.
2. Ask about your clinic's disaster plan for treatment.
3. Have a backup plan for transportation. This could include:
  - a. Car service
  - b. Bus
  - c. Train
  - d. Taxi
  - e. Family member, caregiver or friend
4. Your clinic may offer extra treatment ahead of an expected disaster. Follow recommendations.
5. Keep supplies for a 3-day meal plan in case transportation is not available for a while.
6. Do not call 911 to get to dialysis unless it is an emergency.



## THE FACTS

- Disasters can impact transportation to and from dialysis.
- About four out of ten dialysis patients refused extra treatment ahead of Hurricane Sandy in 2012.
- Patients who refused extra treatment had higher death rates compared to patients who received extra treatment.<sup>1,2</sup>



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