

**Planned USRDS Publications: Checklist for Approval Requests**  
(required prior to manuscript submission)

**Did you remember to send/indicate the following to the USRDS Coordinating Center?**

- A signed copy of your institutional IRB approval memo
- A copy of your approved Data Use Agreement
- Title of journal for planned submission
- Privacy assurance (required).** Planned publications based upon USRDS data must be submitted for privacy assurance review to the USRDS Coordinating Center at USRDS@usrds.org. Please use the subject line: “USRDS manuscript.” Privacy assurance requests should also include the approved Data Use Agreement number.
- A copy of your project proposal

**OR**

- A list of researchers included on the manuscript
- Funding source, specifically NIH funding

**Did you remember to include/suppress the following in your manuscript?**

- ESRD patient counts under 11 anywhere in your manuscript must be suppressed/replaced with “N<11”
- Your manuscript must contain the citation for USRDS data. The following citation must be used for publications based on 2018 USRDS data:

U.S. Renal Data System. 2018 USRDS annual data report: Epidemiology of kidney disease in the United States. National Institutes of Health, National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases, Bethesda, MD, 2018.

- A publication disclaimer. Publications based upon USRDS data must also include the following disclaimer:

“The data reported here have been supplied by the United States Renal Data System (USRDS). The interpretation and reporting of these data are the responsibility of the author(s) and in no way should be seen as an official policy or interpretation of the U.S. government.”