

2019 NHPCO National Data Set (NDS) FAQ

What is the NDS?

The National Data Set represents a comprehensive compilation of often hard to find, and timely data points on hospice clinical and operations data. This is instrumental in providing industry insights, supporting advocacy efforts, and providing useful benchmarking data to Hospice providers that aids in refining strategic goals, setting operational targets and staffing levels, and improving care delivery.

Why participate?

The NDS provides information you cannot get from other sources. All participants receive the NDS Report of the compiled data at no cost! You can use this information to inform your budget and set benchmarks for your organization. You will automatically be entered into a raffle for 2 free passes for the July Virtual Conference or 2 free passes for the Virtual Interdisciplinary Conference

What does NHPCO do with the NDS results?

NHPCO uses the NDS report to educate policy makers and advocate for our members. NHPCO uses information obtained in the NDS to update exclusive member resources (e.g. The NHPCO Staffing Guidelines).

Where do I access the NDS?

You can access the survey here: <https://www.nhpco.org/nds/> The survey will be available for completion now (6/17/2020) through September 30, 2020.

Can I start and come back to it to complete later?

Yes; however, if you're coming back to edit your responses, you must use the link provided at the end of your survey or email nds@nhpco.org. Editing cannot be accessed through DART.

What if I don't have all the data requested?

You can still participate! Complete as much of the data collection as possible.

Will the NDS continue in 2020 and beyond?

Yes! NHPCO is evolving the 2020 NDS to have two tracks: clinical and operational. Participation will be tied to the new NHPCO Quality Connections program and will allow for benchmarking of safety measures for the first time for hospice providers. We are also working on standardizing data submission requirements tied to state licensure to minimize the burden of data collection for our members.

Stay tuned to NHPCO for more information on the 2020 evolution of NDS!