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As we were focusing on emergency situations in Texas, Louisiana, and Florida lately, we encountered a new term—"hotwash." Hotwash describes the immediate after-action analysis of an event, such as a disaster, to identify what went wrong, what went right, and what could be done better the next time a similar situation occurs.

How does that apply to you? Now that the books are closed on the data required for the calendar year 2018 payment determination, it might be a good time to hotwash your ASC's processes to see how you can streamline your data reporting. You don't have to have as extensive a process as the military does in their [after-action reviews](#), but you can get started on your hotwash by asking these questions:

- ⇒ ***Did we have an active QualityNet Security Administrator (SA) on staff?***
If you did, you were able to enter measure data on the Secure Portal of *QualityNet* without having to resubmit an application form and you were able to check reports.
- ⇒ ***Did we take advantage of the data reports available on QualityNet?***
If you did, you were able to track the quality data codes (QDCs) on your claims to make sure you hit the 50 percent requirement.
- ⇒ ***Did we attend the educational webinars each month?***
If you did, you were able to learn from our [session in March](#) about how to run and save reports.
- ⇒ ***Did we keep our National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) facility administrator account active?***
If you did, you were able to enter your healthcare personnel vaccination data for the 2016/2017 flu season without delay.

A reminder: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is providing a session with their subject matter experts to answer your questions on collecting and reporting data through NHSN. The question and answer call-in session will be held on **Thursday, September 28, 2017, from 1–2 p.m. ET**. You can register [here](#).

Make your life easier by preparing ahead of time (just ask the folks affected by this year's hurricanes how important that is) to continue your success in quality reporting. If you have any questions or

need any help, please contact us by phone at 866.800.8756 or email us at <https://cms-ocsq.custhelp.com>).