

Multi-Country Survey of Patient Choice of RRT in Europe

EKHA is embarking on a Multi-Country Survey to build a Snapshot of Renal Patient Choice in Europe. The overarching goal is to explore and address the patient choice of treatment (or lack thereof) in select Member States and address how it relates in the context of sustainability of kidney care, economic impact on health systems, and outcomes impact on the patient and his or her quality of life.

The results of this survey will be presented at the European Kidney Forum in April 2017, along with a call to action asking Policy Makers to address any inequalities of access to choice of treatment for patients in the EU.

Questionnaire for nurses, physicians and other medical professionals:

1. What European country do you live in?
 - ...
2. Gender
 - Male
 - Female
 - Prefer not to answer
3. What is your age in years?
 - Less than 30
 - 30-44
 - 45-59
 - 60-79
 - More than 80
4. What is your professional activity?
 - Physician
 - Nurse
 - Technician
 - Dietician/Nutritionist
 - Psychologist
 - Physiotherapist
 - Social worker
 - Other....
5. How long have you been professionally active in nephrology or caring for kidney patients?
 - 0-5 years
 - 6-15 years
 - 16-30 years
 - More than 30 years
6. In which therapeutic setting are you mainly involved?
 - In-centre haemodialysis
 - Home haemodialysis
 - Peritoneal dialysis

- Transplantation
 - Conservative care / ambulatory treatment (no dialysis or transplantation)
7. How many kidney patients are treated in your centre?
- Less than 100
 - 101-200
 - 201-400
 - 401-800
 - More than 800
 - If more than 800, how many? ...
8. What is the percentage distribution among the total number of patients in your unit of the following renal replacement therapies ? (the sum should be 100%)
- In centre haemodialysis during the day
 - In centre haemodialysis overnight
 - Home haemodialysis
 - Peritoneal dialysis
 - Living donor transplantation
 - Deceased donor transplantation
 - Conservative care (no dialysis or transplantation)
9. In your centre/unit is it a standard procedure to offer candidates for renal replacement therapy information about: (select all that apply)
- Hospital haemodialysis
 - Satellite haemodialysis
 - Overnight haemodialysis
 - Home haemodialysis
 - Peritoneal dialysis
 - Living donor transplantation
 - Deceased donor transplantation
 - Conservative care (no dialysis or transplantation)
10. Do you think your work context (general health system but also hospital / department) in which you are active gives you ample opportunity to offer the following treatment options:
- Home haemodialysis
 - Yes
 - No
 - If no, why? (select all that apply)
 - Limited reimbursement
 - Limited training options
 - Limited trained staff
 - Limited information available
 - No interest from the hospital management/dialysis provider
 - No specific reasons
 - Other
 - Peritoneal dialysis
 - Yes
 - No

- If no, why? (select all that apply)
 - Limited reimbursement
 - Limited training options
 - Limited trained staff
 - Limited information available
 - No interest from the hospital management/dialysis provider
 - No specific reasons
 - Other
- Deceased donor transplantation
 - Yes
 - No
- If no, why? (select all that apply)
 - Limited reimbursement
 - Limited training options
 - Limited trained staff
 - Limited information available
 - Ethical objections
 - No interest from hospital management
 - No specific reasons
 - Other
- Living donor transplantation
 - Yes
 - No
- If no, why? (select all that apply)
 - Limited reimbursement
 - Limited training options
 - Limited trained staff
 - Limited information available
 - Ethical objections
 - No interest from hospital management
 - No specific reasons
 - Other
- Conservative care
 - Yes
 - No
- If no, why? (select all that apply)
 - Limited reimbursement
 - Limited training options
 - Limited trained staff
 - Limited information available
 - Ethical objections
 - No interest from hospital management
 - No specific reasons
 - Other

11. In your opinion, are patients in your unit actively involved in the choice of their treatment?
- Yes
 - No
12. If no, what are the circumstances which do not allow for patient choice? (select all that apply)
- Not enough staff available to cover
 - Limitations on number of patients in certain treatment methods
 - Reimbursement restrictions
 - Department guidelines
 - Cultural / ethical reasons
13. In your opinion, are patients given the option to change their treatment regime if they wish?
- Yes
 - No
14. If no, can you specify the reason? (select all that apply)
- Not enough staff available to cover
 - Limitations on number of patients in certain treatment methods
 - Department guidelines
 - Treatment regimes are not generally changed once they have been implemented
15. If treatment options are limited, which treatment would you like to see given more resources/attention in your health system/centre? (select all that apply)
- Hospital haemodialysis
 - Satellite haemodialysis
 - Overnight haemodialysis
 - Home haemodialysis
 - Peritoneal dialysis
 - Living donor transplantation
 - Deceased donor transplantation
 - Conservative care
 - No additional resources necessary