What should a disposable artificial kidney cost?

Not a dollar, franc, krona, mark, shilling, rubel less than necessary to ensure the efficient treatment of the patient. The report of the expert committee of the National Swedish Board of Health reveals that treatment can only be provided for a small proportion of those suffering from kidney diseases until such time as the facilities for this treatment are more generally available. The price of a disposable dialyzer (artificial kidney) is naturally governed by market demand, and not until renal care has been fully developed will it be possible to establish the final price. When comparing the costs of various systems for haemodialysis, consideration must be given to the savings that can be achieved concerning blood priming, disinfecting, time involved, personnel etc. To keep a patient alive is nowadays relatively simple but to keep him in good physical and mental condition for a lengthy period depends on correct choice of dialyzer. Gambro’s disposable dialyzer is effective and easily tolerated by the patients and simple to apply — factors that should also be taken into account. It is designed for large-scale mass production, and the increase in market possibilities will result in lower prices.

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