



## Complete Summary

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### TITLE

Advanced chronic kidney disease (CKD): percent of patients with documentation regarding discussion of renal replacement therapy (RRT) modalities.

### SOURCE(S)

Renal Physicians Association. Appropriate patient preparation for renal replacement therapy. Rockville (MD): Renal Physicians Association; 2002 Oct 1. 78 p. (Clinical Practice Guideline; no. 3).

## Brief Abstract

### DESCRIPTION

This measure assesses the percent of patients with advanced chronic kidney disease (CKD) with documentation regarding discussion of renal replacement therapy (RRT) modalities.

### RATIONALE

Utilizing conventional criteria for the initiation of renal replacement therapy (RRT), such as congestive heart failure, malnutrition, acidosis or uremia, can lead to patients being treated only when they have already suffered irreversible cumulative complications from chronic kidney disease (CKD). It is therefore imperative to properly time the initiation of RRT in order to minimize morbidity and mortality. The role of patient factors such as therapeutic preferences is also considered especially important in timing, initiation, and choice of modality of RRT.

There is good evidence that patient education leads to a level of knowledge required to make an informed choice about the mode of RRT. Preparation for RRT can be time consuming and an early discussion provides more time for patient and family to learn enough to become well informed decision makers. While discussion about transplantation or dialysis is not known to lead to improved outcomes, there is no evidence that an early discussion has harmful effects.

### PRIMARY CLINICAL COMPONENT

Advanced chronic kidney disease; renal replacement therapy; counseling

### DENOMINATOR DESCRIPTION

The number of adult patients with advanced chronic kidney disease (CKD) not currently receiving renal replacement therapy

#### NUMERATOR DESCRIPTION

The number of patients from the denominator with documentation regarding discussion of renal replacement therapy (RRT) modalities

### Evidence Supporting the Measure

#### PRIMARY MEASURE DOMAIN

Process

#### SECONDARY MEASURE DOMAIN

Not applicable

#### EVIDENCE SUPPORTING THE MEASURE

A clinical practice guideline or other peer-reviewed synthesis of the clinical evidence

A formal consensus procedure involving experts in relevant clinical, methodological, and organizational sciences

A systematic review of the clinical literature

#### NATIONAL GUIDELINE CLEARINGHOUSE LINK

- [Appropriate patient preparation for renal replacement therapy.](#)

### Evidence Supporting Need for the Measure

#### NEED FOR THE MEASURE

Unspecified

### State of Use of the Measure

#### STATE OF USE

Pilot testing

#### CURRENT USE

Internal quality improvement

## Application of Measure in its Current Use

### CARE SETTING

Ambulatory Care  
Physician Group Practices/Clinics

### PROFESSIONALS RESPONSIBLE FOR HEALTH CARE

Physicians

### LOWEST LEVEL OF HEALTH CARE DELIVERY ADDRESSED

Individual Clinicians

### TARGET POPULATION AGE

Age greater than or equal to 18 years

### TARGET POPULATION GENDER

Either male or female

### STRATIFICATION BY VULNERABLE POPULATIONS

Unspecified

## Characteristics of the Primary Clinical Component

### INCIDENCE/PREVALENCE

Unspecified

### ASSOCIATION WITH VULNERABLE POPULATIONS

Unspecified

### BURDEN OF ILLNESS

Unspecified

### UTILIZATION

Unspecified

### COSTS

Unspecified

IOM CARE NEED

Living with Illness

IOM DOMAIN

Patient-centeredness

Data Collection for the Measure

CASE FINDING

Users of care only

DESCRIPTION OF CASE FINDING

Adult patients 18 years and older with advanced chronic kidney disease (CKD)

DENOMINATOR (INDEX) EVENT

Clinical Condition

DENOMINATOR INCLUSIONS/EXCLUSIONS

Inclusions

Adult patients age 18 years and older with chronic kidney disease stage 4 or 5 (glomerular filtration rate [GFR] less than or equal to 30 mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup>), not currently receiving renal replacement therapy

Exclusions

Unspecified

NUMERATOR INCLUSIONS/EXCLUSIONS

Inclusions

The number of patients from the denominator with documentation regarding discussion of renal replacement therapy (RRT) modalities

Exclusions

Unspecified

DENOMINATOR TIME WINDOW

Time window precedes index event

NUMERATOR TIME WINDOW

Episode of care

#### DATA SOURCE

Administrative data  
Laboratory data  
Medical record

#### LEVEL OF DETERMINATION OF QUALITY

Individual Case

#### PRE-EXISTING INSTRUMENT USED

Unspecified

### Computation of the Measure

#### SCORING

Rate

#### INTERPRETATION OF SCORE

Better quality is associated with a higher score

#### ALLOWANCE FOR PATIENT FACTORS

Unspecified

#### STANDARD OF COMPARISON

Internal time comparison

### Evaluation of Measure Properties

#### EXTENT OF MEASURE TESTING

Unspecified

### Identifying Information

#### ORIGINAL TITLE

Number of patients with documentation regarding discussion of RRT modalities /  
number of patients with advanced CKD.

#### MEASURE COLLECTION

[Renal Physicians Association Clinical Performance Measures on Appropriate Patient Preparation for Renal Replacement Therapy](#)

MEASURE SET NAME

[Renal Physicians Association Clinical Performance Measures for Timing of Renal Replacement Therapy Recommendations](#)

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ADAPTATION

Measure was not adapted from another source.

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This is the current release of the measure.

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MEASURE AVAILABILITY

The individual measure, "Number of patients with documentation regarding discussion of RRT modalities / number of patients with advanced CKD," is published in "Renal Physicians Association Clinical Practice Guideline #3: Appropriate Patient Preparation for Renal Replacement Therapy."

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