



These definitions apply throughout this report unless otherwise stated.

1. Wording

Throughout this report 'treatment' refers to renal replacement therapy, including haemodialysis, peritoneal dialysis and transplantation

HD = haemodialysis

CAPD = continuous ambulatory peritoneal dialysis

APD = automated peritoneal dialysis

ESRD = end stage renal disease

2. Data collection

ANZDATA collects information from all renal units in Australia and New Zealand every 6 months. Currently this is by a paper-based system, with manual completion of the form and manual data entry. No formal audit mechanism is in place at this stage.

For transplants, HLA matching is obtained direct from the Tissue Typing laboratories in each State.

3. Inclusion criteria

Included in the Registry are all patients receiving renal replacement therapy where the intention to treat is long-term, i.e. medical opinion is that renal function will not recover. Cases of acute renal failure are excluded. People who move overseas permanently are censored at date of last treatment (or departure in the case of transplant recipients).

4. Modality attribution

The initial mode of dialysis is determined at 90 days after first treatment, to allow for early changes and maturation of access. Other transfers (between modalities, or from satellite to hospital HD etc.) are not analysed if less than 30 days, except for transfers between dialysis centres to which a 60 day rule is applied to allow for holiday movements.

5. Underlying renal disease

This is recorded by the treating hospital according to a modified EDTA coding system (details on back of survey form).

6. Deaths

Deaths are coded by the treating hospital using a modified EDTA coding system (details on back of survey form). Where a recent change in location or modality preceded death, the death is attributed to the modality / location at time of death, although some analyses differ and this is stated. All deaths following transplant surgery are attributed to transplantation.

7. Co-morbid conditions

These are recorded by the treating hospital. No definitions are supplied; the treating clinician is asked to record whether the patient has coronary artery disease, chronic lung disease, cerebrovascular disease, peripheral vascular disease or diabetes according to their clinical opinion on a yes / suspected / no basis.

8. Transplant Waiting List

The active transplant waiting list includes listing at any stage during the survey period.

9. Derived measures

9.1 Haemoglobin

Haemoglobin is recorded as the last available measurement before the end of the survey period.

9.2 Erythropoietin

Erythropoietin agent use is recorded as "yes" if these agents were used at any time during the survey period.

9.3 Iron Studies

Iron studies are requested within the last three months of the survey period.

9.4 Estimated creatinine clearance

Where creatinine clearance is estimated from serum creatinine at entry or post transplantation, the Cockcroft-Gault equation is used [1].

$$Cl_{Cr} = (140 - \text{age}) * \text{weight} / (814 * Cr_{\text{serum}}) [* 0.85 \text{ if female}]$$

The weight term used for this is lean body mass, calculated using the equation LBW=(0.9*[height-152])+(50 if male, 45.5 if female).

9.5 Urea reduction ratio / Kt/V

Results are requested in one of these formats, using the stop flow method on a mid-week dialysis. Single pool Kt/V is collected, along with the method used.

For conversion of URR to Kt/V urea the formula used [2] is

$$Kt/V = 0.023 * PRU - 0.284 \text{ (note that PRU = percent reduction in urea and not URR).}$$

9.6 Peritoneal Dialysis measures

These are the standard measures, often calculated by computerised patient management programs.

9.6.1 Residual renal function

The measure used is the arithmetic mean of urea and creatinine clearance from a 24-hour urine collection and serum creatinine & urea.

9.6.2 Peritoneal equilibration test

The ratio of dialysate to plasma glucose is used, following a 4 hour dwell of a 2 litre 2.5% bag of dialysate, performed within 6 months after initiation of PD.

10. Rates & Measures**10.1 Incidence rates**

Except where otherwise quoted incidence rates are per calendar year, and are expressed per million population.

10.2 Prevalence rates

Except where otherwise specified, prevalence rates are point prevalence rates at 31 December 2001.

10.3 Population denominator

The population estimates used are the estimated resident populations (ERP) for the year 2001, released by the Australian Bureau of Statistics and Statistics New Zealand. Figures used are those for the June quarter.

For both countries, the statistics bureau record indigenous status on a self-identification basis.

For Australia, there has been considerable change in the propensity to self-identify as indigenous, such that a number of estimates are released by the ABS [3]. For this report, the low range projections have been used.

In both Australia and New Zealand, national population censuses have been carried out in 2001 which will provide an opportunity to verify the ERP's.

10.4 Survival rates

For transplant recipients, survival rates exclude those who were transplanted overseas or were recipients of multiple organ grafts.

Graft survival (unless otherwise qualified) includes both cessation of graft function (i.e. return to dialysis) and patient death.

Survival rates for fixed periods are calculated according to the life-table method and include an adjustment to the risk-set of $\frac{1}{2}$ of those censored without failure over the interval to create an "average" risk set.

10.5 Death and other event rates

Rates are expressed per 100 person years at risk (unless otherwise stated).

10.6 Age standardisation

All rates are crude, not age-standardised. The age distribution of the population is given in Appendix I.

11. Comparative measures

In addition to the usual measures, included are a series of specific rates agreed on as an effort to harmonise reporting between ANZDATA, the UK Renal Registry and the Canadian Organ Replacement Registry. These include incidence, prevalence and transplant rates for age ranges 25-45, 45-65 and 65+ years. In addition we also report 12 month mortality for the cohort who survived 90 days after ESRD entry (i.e. mortality at 455 days after ESRD entry). These are presented in Appendix I.

12. Database

Data is stored on a relational database using ORACLE version 8I.

13. Statistics

Statistical analyses were performed using SPSS release version 10.0.7 and Stata version 7.0.

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Allamanda Private Hospital
Bundaberg Base Hospital
Cairns Base Hospital
Goldcoast Hospital
Greenslopes Private Hospital
Hervey Bay Hospital
John Flynn Hospital
Mackay Base Hospital
Nambour Hospital
Pine Rivers Private Hospital (formerly Riverview)
Princess Alexandra Hospital
Rockhampton Base Hospital
Royal Brisbane Hospital
St. Vincent's Hospital, Robina
Toowoomba Hospital
Townsville General Hospital
Wesley Private Hospital

NEW SOUTH WALES

Dubbo Base Hospital
East Coast Renal Service
Prince of Wales Hospital
Sydney Children's Hospital
St. George Hospital
St. Vincent's Hospital
Wollongong Hospital
Gosford Hospital
John Hunter Hospital
Lismore Hospital
Mater Misericordiae Hospital
New Children's Hospital
Port Macquarie Community Dialysis Centre
Port Macquarie Private Hospital
Royal North Shore Hospital
South West Sydney Renal Service
Bankstown Hospital
Liverpool Hospital
Statewide Renal Services
Concord Hospital
Royal Prince Alfred Hospital
Sydney Adventist Hospital
Tamworth Hospital
Westmead Hospital
Orange Base Hospital

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY (ACT)

The Canberra Hospital

 VICTORIA

Alfred Hospital
Austin and Repatriation Medical Centre
Brighton Dialysis Centre
Epworth Hospital
Geelong Hospital
Monash Medical Centre – Adult
Monash Medical Centre – Paediatric
Royal Children's Hospital
North West Dialysis Service
Royal Melbourne Hospital
St. Vincent's Hospital

TASMANIA

Launceston General Hospital
Royal Hobart Hospital

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Flinders Medical Centre
The Queen Elizabeth Hospital
Royal Adelaide Hospital
Women's and Children's Hospital

NORTHERN TERRITORY

Royal Darwin Hospital
Alice Springs Hospital

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Fremantle Hospital
Princess Margaret Hospital for Children
Royal Perth Hospital
Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital

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Christchurch Hospital
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Christchurch

Starship Children's Hospital
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Grafton, Auckland

Wellington Hospital
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Newtown, Wellington South

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Atherton Satellite - Cairns Base Hospital
Calvary Hospital - Cairns Base Hospital
Home Hill Satellite - Townsville General Hospital
Innisfail Hospital - Cairns Base Hospital
Keperra - Royal Brisbane Hospital
Logan Satellite - Princess Alexandra Hospital
Mater Children's Hospital
Noosa Satellite - Nambour Hospital
Royal Children's Hospital
Sandgate Satellite - Royal Brisbane Hospital
Vincent Satellite - Townsville General Hospital

NEW SOUTH WALES

Albury Hospital
Ballina Satellite - Lismore Hospital
Bankstown Hospital - Sth West Sydney Renal Service
Bathurst - St. Vincent's Hospital
Blacktown Satellite - Westmead Hospital
Bourke Hospital
Brewarrina Hospital
Broken Hill Hospital
Coffs Harbour Base Hospital
Dame Eadith Walker - Statewide Renal Services
Dubbo Base Hospital
Eora Cottage - Prince of Wales Hospital
Gambro - Lindfield Dialysis Unit (formerly Chatswood)
Gosford Hospital
Grafton Hospital - Lismore Hospital
Kempsey Hospital - Port Macquarie Comm.Dx.
Lakehaven Satellite - Gosford Hospital
Lanceley Cottage - Royal North Shore Hospital
Liverpool Community Hospital - Sth West Syd.R.S.
Maitland Hospital
Nita Reed House (Taree) - John Hunter Hospital
Norfolk Island Hospital
Orange Base Hospital
Port Macquarie Community Dialysis Centre
Port Macquarie Private Hospital
Shellharbour - Wollongong Hospital
Shoalhaven Satellite (Nowra) - Wollongong Hosp.
Singleton Satellite - John Hunter Hospital
Sydney Adventist Hospital
Sydney Dialysis Centre
Wagga Wagga Base Hospital
Wansey Satellite - John Hunter Hospital

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY (ACT)

Canberra Community Dialysis Centre

VICTORIA

Angliss Hospital
Apollo Bay Hospital
Ararat Hospital
Austin Training Satellite - Austin & Repat.Hosp.
Bacchus Marsh Hospital
Bairnsdale Hospital
Ballarat Hospital
Bendigo Hospital
Berwick Hospital
Birchip Hospital
Broadmeadows Hospital
Brunswick Satellite
Casterton Hospital
Caulfield Satellite
Coburg Satellite
Cohuna Hospital
Colac Hospital
Corryong Satellite
Cranbourne Satellite
Daylesford Hospital
Donald Hospital
Echuca Hospital
Edenhope Hospital
Epworth Hospital
Frankston Satellite
Gambro - Diamond Valley Hospital
Geelong Hospital
Goulburn Valley Hospital
Hamilton Hospital
Hastings Hospital
Heidelberg - Austin & Repatriation Hospital
Horsham Satellite
La Trobe Regional Satellite

VICTORIA CONT...

Lorne Hospital
Maryborough District Health Service
Mildura Hospital
Mitcham Hospital
Moorabbin Satellite
Myrtleford Hospital
Nauru (overseas) - Alfred Hospital
Nauru (overseas) - Monash Medical Centre Adult
Nephrocure - Brighton Dialysis Centre
Newcomb Satellite
North East Kidney Service - Austin Hosp.
Omeo District Hospital
Peter James Centre
Portland Hospital
Robinvale Hospital
Rosebud Hospital
St. Arnaud Hospital
Sale Hospital
Sandringham Satellite
Seymour Hospital
Sunshine Hospital
Swan Hill Hospital
Terang Satellite
Wangaratta Hospital
Warrnambool Hospital
Werribee Mercy Hospital
Western Gippsland Hospital
Williamstown Satellite
Wodonga Hospital
Wonthaggi Hospital
Yarawonga District Hospital
Yarram Hospital

TASMANIA

North West Renal Unit
Burnie - Launceston Hospital
Royal Hobart Hospital

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Berri Hospital
College Grove Private Hospital
Hartley Private Hospital
Modbury Satellite Centre
Murray Bridge Hospital
Noarlunga Satellite Centre
North Adelaide Satellite Centre
Port Augusta Hospital
Port Lincoln Satellite Centre
Wayville Satellite Centre

NORTHERN TERRITORY

Bathurst Island Hospital - Royal Darwin
Community Health Centre
Alice Springs Hospital

Katherine Dialysis Unit - Royal Darwin
Nightcliff Community Centre - Royal Darwin

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Albany Satellite
Armadale Satellite
Baxter - Midland Private Satellite
Bunbury Satellite
Geraldton Hospital
Joondalup Satellite Unit
Kalgoorlie Hospital
Melville Satelite
Midland Satellite
Peel Health Campus - Mandurah
Pilbara Dialysis Unit - Pt.Hedland
Royal Perth Rehabilitation Hospital
- Royal Perth Hospital

NEW ZEALAND

Alexandra Satellite - Dunedin Hosp.
Carrington Satellite - Auckland Hosp.
Greenlane Hospital - Auckland Hosp.
Hastings Hospital
Middlemore Hospital
Nelson Hospital
New Plymouth Hospital
Porirua Satellite - Wellington Hospital

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