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It is with a great deal of pleasure that the ANZDATA Registry presents its 2008 Annual Report. This is the Thirty First Annual Report and it covers data collected until the end of the calendar year 2007. Once again, the report is a tribute to the commitment and involvement of Renal Units in Australia and New Zealand. This commitment has ensured 100% of units participate and we are confident that all of the patients who have received dialysis and transplantation services in Australia and New Zealand in this time period are included.

Lee Excell continues in her role as Manager of the Registry and has been in this position now for more than 30 years. This astounding performance has provided the rock upon which the Registry's success is based. Her interaction with staff of Renal Units and both countries is a tribute to her professionalism and persistence. Brian Livingston continues to provide information technology expertise and data analysis and Carol Young and Christina Leitch continue to provide administrative support. Hannah Dent is now in her second year as part time Biostatistician to the Registry.

Associate Professor Stephen McDonald has continued in his role as Executive Officer of the Registry. He once again has been the national and international face of the Registry and has provided considerable leadership in presentations and publications emanating from Registry data.

In 2008, Dr Andrew Brunskill was appointed as the Amgen Fellow in Epidemiology. He replaces Dr Sean Chang in the position. Dr Chang has been particularly productive in this role and we wish him well in his future endeavours. We have great hopes that Dr Brunskill will continue the excellent tradition of the Amgen Fellow in providing analysis and stimulating discussion, interaction with contributors and publications. We are greatly indebted to Amgen who have made a commitment to continue funding of this position.

Once again, the Registry has included in the Report publications which have appeared in peer reviewed journals based substantially on data from the Registry. These publications are listed on Page xix of the Report.

The major funding for the Registry continues to come from the Australian Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing, Kidney Health Australia and the New Zealand Ministry of Health. We are also very grateful to support from Industry. Non tied grants have been received from Amgen for the employment of the Epidemiology Fellow as well as Novartis Pharmaceuticals, Janssen-Cilag, Roche Products Pty. Ltd and Wyeth Australia.

A number of individuals have provided their time and expertise as members of the ANZDATA Registry Committees and Working Groups. They are to be thanked for their contribution and their names are listed on Page vii.

Most of all though we are indebted for the time and effort put in by contributing units and their staff. We are proud that the ANZDATA Registry is at the forefront of End Stage Renal Failure Registries internationally. This could not be achieved without the overwhelming commitment of the contributors.

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In December 2001 changes to the Commonwealth Privacy Act were introduced which have led to changes to the collection of personal information. Essentially these extend to the private sector a number of changes based around 10 "National Privacy Principles" (NPP's). A detailed exposition of these can be found at the Privacy Commissioner's website (www.privacy.gov.au). Briefly, however, health information is treated as "sensitive" information, which must usually be collected and handled with consent of the person, unless certain conditions are met. Patients are entitled to view the information the Registry holds about them, and request alterations if the data is thought to be inaccurate.

Each Australian State has also enacted similar provisions which cover practice and patients in public hospitals.

ANZDATA does not release data identifiable by patient name. Results are published/released in tabular or graphic format only. Requests for data are met using deindentified data only. On occasion, when data identifying particular hospitals is involved, consent from the Director of the relevent renal unit is sought prior to the release of information.

COLLECTION OF DATA

ANZDATA spent some time during 2002 formulating an appropriate response to these issues including seeking advice from a variety of sources. The approach taken has been that of a "opt-out" consent, whereby patients are distributed information outlining the nature and purpose of the information collected, offered an opportunity to view that data and ask questions, and the opportunity to request withdrawal of part or all of their data. This approach is explicitly suggested for Registries by the Privacy Commissioner in his "Guidelines for the Health Sector". To this end ANZDATA has circulated to all participating hospitals a patient information sheet (see opposite), for each hospital to use (or a locally modified version if appropriate) to inform patients.

At the time of data collection each unit is asked to certify that they have complied with measures under the relevant privacy measures.

Tissue Typing Data and Transplant Waiting List data are collected in each Tissue Typing Laboratory and entered into the National Organ Matching System database. These data are transmitted to ANZDATA for inclusion in the ANZDATA database and for this Report.

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Important Privacy Information

As part of routine medical care of people receiving treatment with dialysis or kidney transplantation, your kidney specialist collects certain information about the patients they treat. All kidney specialists throughout Australia and

New Zealand report this information every twelve months to the Australia and New Zealand Dialysis and Transplant Registry (ANZDATA). ANZDATA collects the information for the purpose of monitoring treatments and performing analyses to improve quality of care for people with kidney failure.

1. What is ANZDATA?

ANZDATA is an organization set up by Kidney Health Australia and the Australia and New Zealand Society of Nephrology to monitor dialysis and transplant treatments. ANZDATA is funded by the Australian and New Zealand Governments and Kidney Health Australia.

2. What information is collected about you?

This information includes your name, age, gender, racial origin, hospital of treatment, some aspects of your medical condition (such as whether you have diabetes) and details about the type of kidney treatment you are receiving (dialysis or transplant).

We **<u>DO NOT</u>** collect details about your address, telephone number, medical insurance, or non-medical matters such as occupation, income, etc.

3. Is personal data ever released?

The identity of people in the database **IS NOT released publicly nor in any reports**. Measures have been put into place to ensure the security of all collected information.

4. What is this information used for?

The information is used primarily for quality assurance, investigating patterns of kidney disease, and planning appropriate health services. We release reports on a variety of topics, including an Annual Report examining the rates and treatment of kidney failure in Australia and New Zealand. We also have a major role in ensuring the quality of patient care by sending to each kidney unit each year a report outlining their activity. These reports also compare the outcome of the treatment they provide with that of other units throughout the two countries. Reports are also produced at a state and national level, and from time to time analyses are also produced for renal units, government health departments and industry concentrating on particular aspects of renal failure management eg peritoneal dialysis, transplantation, haemodialysis.

5. Can you see what personal information ANZDATA collects and the reports that it produces?

Individuals are able to view their own information on request. You can request alterations if you believe it is inaccurate. You may also opt not to have your treatment included in this database, and you should let your kidney specialist know if this is the case. You can also choose not to have some information (eg racial origin) recorded. However, if your information is not included in the Registry, the ability to compare results in Australia and New Zealand or to analyse the results of different treatment methods and for different patient types (eg diabetics) will be compromised.

The national reports and much other material produced by ANZDATA are available free on the Internet at www.anzdata.org.au, or they can be sent to you on request to the address above. Your kidney specialist will also have copies of many of the reports.

If you wish to discuss any of the issues raised here, please let your doctor know or telephone the ANZDATA Registry direct on [08] 8222 6704. You may also write to us (ANZDATA Registry, C/- The Queen Elizabeth Hospital, 28 Woodville Road SA 5011) or send us an e-mail (anzdata@anzdata.org.au).



GUIDELINES FOR DATA RELEASE

The policy for release of data to investigators, renal units and others was revised during 2002 and is summarised on the Website. ANZDATA encourages the analysis, use and citation of its data, and receives many data requests annually which vary in size and complexity. At times these overwhelm the limited resources within the Registry, and must be prioritised. Generally, formal requests for data are preceded by a period of consultation with a member of the Registry staff. Requests are welcome from Renal Physicians, other staff members of Renal Units, Charitable Bodies, Academic Institutions, Government Departments and Industry. Requests dealing with identifiable Hospital data (ie data which identifies outcomes of an individual hospital) will only be fulfilled with the explicit consent of the Heads of the relevant Hospital Units. Individual patient identified data (names) is not released.

ATTRIBUTION OF PUBLICATIONS

The policy on attribution of publications which incorporate ANZDATA sourced data was revised during 2002, following a period of consultation with participating physicians.

Where a member of a participating unit has analysed data provided by ANZDATA and subsequently prepared a manuscript, then "ANZDATA Registry" should be acknowledged as a secondary institution in addition to the author's Hospital or University. This applies whether the primary data analysis is performed by the author or by ANZDATA staff. Where the author is an ANZDATA office holder or staff member then the primary attribution should be "ANZDATA Registry".

Where ANZDATA data is only a minor portion of the work, then it may be more appropriate to acknowledge the source explicitly in the "Acknowledgements" section.

In both cases the disclaimer on page ii of this report should be included.

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A number of definitions given below are used 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 ESKD = end stage kidney disease

2. Data collection

ANZDATA collects information from all renal units in Australia and New Zealand. Data collection occurs at two time points. Key events (new patients, deaths, transplants) are notified as they occur, with units requested to send this at least monthly. This can occur either via a web-based interface or paper submission. An extensive cross-sectional survey is then performed twelve monthly (for data to 31st December). 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 and panel reactive antibodies are obtained direct from the Tissue Typing laboratories in each State.

Monthly summaries are distributed to the contributing units. Results contained in this (and other reports) are based on a final database locked and prepared after the end of year survey returns are received.

3. Inclusion criteria

Included in the Registry are all patients receiving renal replacement therapy where the intention to treat is long-term, ie 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 haemodialysis 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

Death rate is predominantly reported as number of patients died/total number of years of treatment of all patients treated at any time during the year. It is expressed as deaths per 100 patient years (pt yrs) at risk.

7. Comorbid 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 definition has changed for this report. We now use data from the Tissue Typing Laboratories, cross-checked with ANZDATA. Waiting list analyses are for patients' status at 31st December 2006.

9. Derived measures

9.1 Haemoglobin

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

9.2 Erythropoietic agents

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 Cockroft-Gault equation is used [1].

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

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) [2].

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 [3] is

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

9.6 Body mass index

Body mass index (BMI) is calculated as $\frac{\text{weight (kg)}}{\text{(height (m))}^2}$

The standard NH&MRC categories are used: underweight <20 kg/m² normal 20-24.9 kg/m² obese >=30 kg/m²

9.7 Peritoneal dialysis measures

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

9.7.1 Residual renal function

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

9.7.2 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 peritoneal dialysis.

10. Rates and Measures

10.1 Incidence rates

Except where otherwise stated, 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 31st December 2006.

10.3 Population denominator

The population estimates used are the estimated resident populations (ERP) for the year 2006, released by the Australian Bureau of Statistics and Statistics New Zealand. Figures used are those for the June quarter.

For both countries, the statistics bureaux 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 [4]. For this report, the low range projections have been used.

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 (ie return to dialysis) and patient death.

Patient survival for transplant recipients - rates for fixed periods are calculated according to the life-table method and include an adjustment to the risk-set of ½ of those censored without failure over the interval to create an "average" risk set.

10.5 Graft survival

For outcomes of kidney transplants, graft failure includes both loss of graft function (ie return to dialysis) and death of patients (with graft function). Calculations of patient survival for transplant recipients includes all subsequent modalities (ie deaths after graft failure are included). Patients transplanted overseas are excluded from calculations.

10.6 Dialysis Survival

Patient and technique survivals for haemodialysis and peritoneal dialysis are based on the dialysis modality at 90 days after first treatment for patients not grafted during that period. Patients are followed up until they are either grafted (at which point they are censored) or until they have a 'permanent' change of dialysis modality or until death or most recent follow up date. A 'permanent' change of dialysis is defined as any change in excess of 30 days.

Peritonitis survivals are calculated from first peritoneal dialysis (ignoring all earlier treatments) to date of first peritonitis episode. If there were no episodes of peritonitis then calculation is censored at change of treatment from peritoneal dialysis to haemodialysis or transplantation. Peritoneal dialysis includes automated peritoneal and continous ambulatory peritoneal dialysis. Excluded are patients who had peritonitis before commencing peritoneal dialysis.

10.7 Death and other event rates

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

Some analyses include survival of all patients, others exclude the first 90 days of followup. This is stated in the individual analyses.

10.8 Age standardisation

All rates are crude, not age-standardised. The age distribution of the populations for Australia and New Zealand are given in Appendix I.

10.9 Peritonitis rates

Peritonitis rates are present using episodes of peritonitis reported during periods of peritoneal dialysis - episodes reported prior to commencement of peritoneal dialysis (for example between Tenckhoff catheter insertion and commencement of peritoneal dialysis) are not included in these calculations.

11. Database

Data is stored on a relational database using ORACLE version 9I.

12. Statistics

Statistical analyses were performed using SPSS release version 15 and Stata version 10.

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In contrast, satellite units (see Page xvii) provide haemodialysis treatments to selected patients, usually with lower staff ratios and no on-site nephrologist.

QUEENSLAND

Allamanda Private Hospital (Fresenius)

Bundaberg Base Hospital

Cairns Base Hospital

Chermside Dialysis Unit (Fresenius)

Child and Adolescent Renal Service

Goldcoast Hospital

Henry Dalziel Dialysis Centre (Greenslopes) (Baxter)

Hervey Bay Hospital

John Flynn Hospital

Mackay Base Hospital

Princess Alexandra Hospital

Queensland Renal Transplant Service

Rockhampton Base Hospital

Royal Brisbane Hospital

St Andrew's Dialysis Clinic (Diaverum)

Sunshine Coast Health District

Caloundra Private Hospital

Nambour General Hospital

Nambour Selangor Private Hospital

The Townsville Hospital

Toowoomba Hospital

Wesley Private Hospital

NEW SOUTH WALES

Dubbo Base Hospital

East Coast Renal Service

Prince of Wales Hospital

St. George Hospital

St. Vincent's Hospital

Sydney Children's Hospital

Wollongong Hospital

Gosford Hospital

John Hunter Hospital

Lismore Hospital

Macleay Dialysis Centre

Mater Misericordiae Hospital

Mayo Private Hospital - Taree

Port Macquarie Base Hospital

Port Macquarie Community Dialysis

Port Macquarie Private Hospital

Royal North Shore Hospital

South West Sydney Renal Services

Liverpool Hospital

Statewide Renal Services

Concord Hospital

Royal Prince Alfred Hospital

Sydney Adventist Hospital

Tamworth Hospital

The Children's Hospital at Westmead

The Tweed Hospital

Western Renal Network

Westmead Hospital

Orange Base Hospital

Penrith Community Dialysis Centre

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY (ACT)

The Canberra Hospital

VICTORIA

Alfred Hospital

Austin Health

Epworth Hospital

Forest Hill Dialysis Centre (Fresenius)

Geelong Hospital

Kew Private Dialysis Centre

Malvern Dialysis Centre (Fresenius)

Monash Medical Centre – Adult

Monash Medical Centre - Paediatric

North West Dialysis Service

Royal Melbourne Hospital

Royal Children's Hospital

St. Vincent's Hospital

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TASMANIA

Launceston General Hospital Royal Hobart Hospital

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

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The Queen Elizabeth Hospital Royal Adelaide Hospital

Women's and Children's Hospital

NORTHERN TERRITORY

Alice Springs Hospital Royal Darwin Hospital

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Fremantle Hospital

Hollywood Private Hospital

Princess Margaret Hospital for Children

Royal Perth Hospital

Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital

St. John of God Private Hospital

NEW ZEALAND

Auckland City Hospital

Starship Children's Hospital

Christchurch Hospital

Dunedin Hospital

Hawkes Bay Hospital

Middlemore Hospital

Palmerston North Hospital Taranaki Base Hospital

Waikato Hospital

Wellington Hospital

Whangarei Area Hospital



QUEENSLAND

Queensland Renal Transplantation Service Princess Alexandra Hospital (Adult and Paediatric) Director of Transplantation - Dr David Nicol Ipswich Road Woolloongabba 4102

NEW SOUTH WALES

John Hunter Hospital Director of Transplantation - Professor Adrian Hibberd Lookout Road New Lambton Heights Newcastle 2304

Prince of Wales Hospital Director - Professor Bruce Pussell Barker Street Randwick 2031

Royal North Shore Hospital Director - Dr David Waugh Pacific Highway St Leonards 2065

Statewide Renal Services (Royal Prince Alfred Hospital) Director of Transplantation - A/ Professor Steven Chadban Missenden Road Camperdown 2050

St. George Hospital Director of Transplantation - Professor John Kelly Montgomery Street Kogarah 2217

St. Vincent's Hospital Director - Dr Tim Furlong Victoria Street Darlinghurst 2010

Sydney Children's Hospital Director - Dr Andrew Rosenberg C/- Department of Nephrology Prince of Wales Hospital Barker Street Randwick 2031

The Children's Hospital at Westmead Director - Dr Elisabeth Hodson Cnr Hawkesbury and Hainsworth Street Westmead 2145

Westmead Hospital Director - Professor Jeremy Chapman Cnr Hawkesbury and Darcy Road Westmead 2145

VICTORIA

Alfred Hospital Director - Professor Napier Thomson Commercial Road Prahran 3181

Austin Health Director - Dr David Power Burgundy Road Heidelberg 3084

Monash Medical Centre (Paediatric) Director - Dr Amanda Walker 246 Clayton Road Clayton 3165

VICTORIA (CONTINUED)

Monash Medical Centre (Adult) Director - A/Professor Peter Kerr 246 Clayton Road Clayton 3165

Royal Children's Hospital Director - Dr Colin Jones Flemington Road Parkville 3052

Royal Melbourne Hospital Director - Professor Gavin Becker Parkville 3052

St. Vincent's Hospital Director - Professor Robyn Langham 41 Victoria Parade Fitzroy 3065

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

The Queen Elizabeth Hospital Director - Professor Graeme Russ 28 Woodville Road Woodville 5011

Women's and Children's Hospital Director - Dr Paul Henning 72 King William Road North Adelaide 5006

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Princess Margaret Hospital for Children Director - Dr Ian Hewitt Roberts Road Subiaco 6008

Royal Perth Hospital Director - Dr Kevin Warr Wellington Street Perth 6001

Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital Director - Dr Harry Moody Verdun Street Nedlands 6009

NEW ZEALAND

Auckland City Hospital Director - Dr Ian Dittmer Park Road Grafton, Auckland

Christchurch Hospital Director - Dr Kelvin Lynn Riccarton Avenue Christchurch

Starship Children's Hospital Director - Dr William Wong Park Road Grafton, Auckland

Wellington Hospital Director - Dr Grant Pidgeon Riddiford Street Newtown, Wellington South

QUEENSLAND

Atherton Private Hospital- Cairns Base Hospital Cairns Private Hospital Satellite - Cairns Base Hospital

East Street Self Care Dialysis Unit —Rockhampton Hospital Gympie Satellite—Sunshine Coast Health District Home Hill Satellite - Townsville Hospital Innisfail Hospital - Cairns Base Hospital Ipswich Satellite - Princess Alexandra Hospital

Logan Satellite - GoldcoastHospital Mt. Isa Satellite - Townsville Hospital

Nosa Satellite - Townsville Flospital
Nosa Satellite - Sunshine Coast Health District
North Ward Satellite - Townsville Hospital
Palm Island Satellite - Townsville Hospital
Redcliffe Satellite - Royal Brisbane Hospital Redlands Satellite - Princess Alexandra Hospital St Vincent's Robina Satellite - Goldcoast Hospital Vincent Satellite - Townsville Hospital

NEW SOUTH WALES

Armidale Hospital -Tamworth Hospital Ballina Hospital - Lismore Hospital

Bankstown Hospital - South West Sydney Renal Services Bathurst Satellite Dialysis Centre - Orange Hospital Bega Satellite - Statewide Renal Services Blacktown Regional Dialysis - Westmead Hospital

Brewarrina Hospital

Broken Hill Hospital

Campbelltown Satellite - South West Sydney Renal Services

Cobar Hospital

Coffs Harbour Base Hospital

Coonamble Hospital
Dame Eadith Walker - Statewide Renal Services

Dubbo Base Hospital

Eora Satellite - Prince of Wales Hospital Forbes Hospital - New South Wales Gosford Satellite - Gosford Hospital

Goulburn Satellite (Fresenius) - Statewide Renal Services Grafton Hospital - Lismore Hospital

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Lindfield Dialysis Unit (Diaverum)
Liverpool Community Centre - South West Sydney Renal Services
Macleay Dialysis Centre - Kempsey
Maitland Hospital - Hunter New England Health
Moree Satellite - Tamworth Hospital

Moruya Satellite (Fresenius) - Statewide Renal Services

Muswellbrook - Hunter New England Health
Norfolk Island Hospital - Statewide Renal Services
Orange Base Hospital - Westmead Hospital
Shellharbour - Wollongong Hospital
Shoalhaven Satellite (Nowra) - Wollongong Hospital

Singleton Satellite - Hunter New England Health

Sydney Dialysis Centre - New South Wales Taree Community Dialysis - Hunter New England Health

Wagga Wagga Base Hospital Wansey Satellite - Hunter New England Health Wellington Hospital - New South Wales

Wollongong Satellite - Wollongong Hospital - New South Wales

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY (ACT)

Canberra Community Satellite Northside Dialysis Clinic (Fresenius)

VICTORIA

Angliss Hospital Ararat Hospital

Austin Training Satellite - Austin Health Bacchus Marsh Hospital

Bairnsdale Regional Health

Ballarat Health Service

Bendigo Hospital

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Rosebud Hospital

Royal Park Home Dialysis Service—Royal Melbourne Hospital

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Seymour Hospital
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Sunshine Satellite Centre

Swan Hill Hospital

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Werribee Mercy Hospital
Western Gippsland Hospital

Williamstown Satellite

Wodonga Regional Health Service Wonthaggi Hospital

Yarawonga District Hospital Yarram Hospital

North West Renal Unit, Burnie - Launceston Hospital

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

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Hartley Private Hospital (Fresenius) Lyell McEwin Satellite

Millicent Hospital
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Mount Gambier Satellite

Murray Bridge Hospital

Noarlunga Satellite

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Port Augusta Hospital Port Lincoln Satellite Centre Wayville Satellite Centre

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Melville Satellite

Midland Private Dialysis Centre (Baxter)

Peel Health Campus - Mandurah Pilbara Dialysis Unit [Port Hedland] - Royal Perth Hospital Royal Perth Rehabilitation Hospital - Royal Perth Hospital Stirling Dialysis Clinic (Diaverum)

NEW ZEALAND

Bay of Islands Hospital - Whangarei Hospital Carrington Satellite - Auckland City Hospital Greenlane Hospital - Auckland City Hospital

Manukau Satellite - Middlemore Hospital Middlemore Satellite - Middlemore Hospital

Nelson Hospital

Porirua Community Dialysis - Wellington Hospital Rotarua Hospital - Waikato Hospital Tauranga Hospital - Waikato Hospital Waitakere Satellite - Auckland City Hospital

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38 to 40 - PD CLEARANCE STUDIES

Generated from a 24 hour collection of PD effluent

and urine

38 CREATININE CLEARANCE (Dialysate only)

Range 10 - 200 litres/week Litres/week/1.73m² Body Surface Area

39 40

NOTE: Dialysate Creatinine Clearance and KI/V both refer to dialysis clearances ONLY (NOT the total of dialysis and renal

WEEKLY Kt/V (Dialysate only) - Range 0.1 - 5.0 RESIDUAL RENAL FUNCTION

49 - SOURCE OF DONOR KIDNEY Litres /week / 1.73m2 Body Surface Area

2 Sister (if twin, record 6 or 7) 3 Brother (if twin, record 6 or 7) 4 Mother

6 Monozygotic (dentical) twin 7 Dizygotic (non-identical) twin 8 Other related living donor (specify) 9 Son

10 Daughte 11 Husband 12 Wife 13 Cousin

50 - TOTAL ISCHAEMIA (HOURS) 14 Unrelated living donor (specify)

From time of donor renal artery interruption or ao clamp, until time of release of renal artery in the recipient (clamp off)

51 - IMMEDIATE FUNCTION

1 Spontaneous fall in se.creatinine by 10% within 24 hours 2 Spontaneous fall in se.creatinine by 10%, first recorded between 25-72 hours 3 Poor immediate function. No spontaneous fall in se.creatinine within 72 hours; but no dialysis needed No immediate function. No spontaneous fall (> 10%)

52 - DISEASE IN GRAFT Histologically proven Complete this section for **FUNCTIONING or FAILED GRAFTS** in se.creatinine; dialysis required within 72 hours

– primary renal disease and disease in graft the same \boldsymbol{D} = De novo glomerulonephritis primary renal disease known and not the same
 G = Glomerulonephritis in graft
 primary renal disease unknown or not biopsied B = BK virus nephropathy in graft Y = Disease recurrence

Please enter Date first proven (e.g. Graft Biopsy)

54 - CAUSE OF GRAFT FAILURE

10 Hyperacute rejection (within 48 hours of transplantation)
20 Acute rejection at anytime, causing graff failure
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IXDE at Last HD - enter for all patients on haemodialysis at any time during the survey. Enter the procedure closest to the end of survey, change to PD, transplantation, or death.

Type at First HD - leave blank if initial renal replacement Ireatment was not haemodialysis.

32 - ACCESS IN USE

33 - PET TEST (Required Once Only per patient)

Standard Peritoneal Dialysis Equilibration Test performed 1-6 months after initiation of PD (2.5% 2 litre exchanges)

Provide dialysis/plasma creatinine at 4 hours

60 Non-viable kidney (due to pre-transplant cortical necrosis) 61 Cortical necrosis post transplant (not due to rejection) 70 Ureteric and bladder problems

GLOMERULONEPHRITIS
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83 Mesangiocapiliary GN with intramembranous deposits

(clinically rapidly progressive) 89 Other (specify)

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00 Other (specify)
01 Donor malignancy
02 Malignancy invading graft
05 BK virus nephropathy MISCELLANEOUS

55 - MONOCLONAL / POLYCLONAL THERAPY

Complete the requested details regarding, date, identity of drug, number of doses given, and reason for administration, according to the following codes. Record in order of administration, each separate course of such drugs; a second course of the same drug should be separately NUMBER OF

2 Daclizumab (Zenepax) TYPE OF AGENT 4 OKT3

Intravenous Immunoglobulin Basilixmab (Simulect)

Record actual number of doses given

7 Rituximab 8 Polycional anti T cell 9 Other monoclonal (specify)

 Prophylaxis
 Treatment for acute rejection
 Other (specify) REASON FOR USE

56 - TOTAL DAILY DRUG DOSE

Enter the total daily dose for each drug where applicable; if an unlisted drug is used, enter the name in the space provided marked OTHER

Only those drugs taken at the listed intervals should be entered; where necessary provide the dose recorded on the closest day preceding the requested time interval

The initial drug dose (at zero months) is the first oral maintenance dose. do NOI enter the intravenous loading doses administered at or shortly after transplantation

in cases of glomerulonephritis, where histological confirmation of recurrence may be uncertain, enter as G



SUMMARY



KEY SUMMARY POINTS

AUSTRALIA

- There were 16,751 people (797 per million) receiving renal replacement therapy (RRT) at 31st December 2007. Of these, 7,109 (338 per million) had a functioning kidney transplant and 9,642 (459 per million) received dialysis treatment.
- 2,311 people commenced RRT in Australia in 2007 (110 per million per year). The incident rate varied from 326 per million population per year in the Northern Territory to 101 per million per year in the Australian Capital Territory.
- The mean age at commencement was 60.2 years, the median 62.6 years and the age range 0.4 95.8 years.
- 31% of new patients had diabetic nephropathy attributed as their cause of end stage renal failure, 25% had glomerulonephritis and 16% hypertension.
- Of patients < 65 years of age and receiving dialysis treatment, 23% were on the active kidney transplantation waiting list at 31st December 2007. This proportion varied between 1% in the Northern Territory and 34% in the Australian Capital Territory. Only 4% of Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander patients < 65 years were on the transplant waiting list.
- The death rate per 100 patient years was 15.4 for dialysis dependent patients (haemodialysis 15.7, peritoneal dialysis 14.3) and 2.2 for those with a functioning kidney transplant (deceased donor 2.7, live donor 1.1).
- Of the 1,452 deaths among dialysis dependent patients in 2007, 36% were due to cardiovascular causes, 35% to withdrawal from treatment, 10% to infection and 5% from malignancy.
- Of the 151 deaths among patients with kidney transplants, 33% were due cardiovascular causes, 25% to malignancy and 17% to infection.
- There has been a 4% increase in the total number of prevalent dialysis patients from 9,251 in December 2006 to 9,642 in December 2007.
- There were 615 kidney transplant operations performed in 2007, a transplant rate of 29 per million population.
- Of these, 44% (271 grafts) were from live donors compared to 43% (274 grafts) in 2006. 26% of primary live donor operations were performed without the recipient receiving prior dialysis therapy.
- For primary deceased donor grafts performed in 2005-2006, the 12 month patient and graft survival rates were 96% and 91% respectively.
- The five year primary deceased donor recipient and graft survival for operations performed in 2001-2002 were 90% and 82% respectively.
- There were 7,109 functioning kidney transplants in Australia at 31st December 2007, a prevalence of 338 patients per million represents a 4% increase over 2006.

KEY SUMMARY POINTS

NEW ZEALAND

- There were 3,353 people (793 per million) receiving renal replacement therapy (RRT) at 31st December 2007. Of these, 1,289 (305 per million) had a functioning kidney transplant, and 2,064 (488 per million) received dialysis treatment.
- 461 people (109 per million per year) commenced RRT in 2007.
- The mean age at commencement was 55.9 years, the median age 57.8 years and the age range 0.4 89.6 years.
- Diabetic nephropathy accounted for 41% of new patients, glomerulonephritis 25% and hypertension 11%.
- Of patients < 65 years of age, 18% were on the active kidney transplantation waiting list at 31st December 2007. 19% of Maoris, 14% of Pacific People and 10% of Asians < 65 years of age were on the transplant waiting list.
- The death rate per 100 patient years was 14.5 for dialysis dependent patients (haemodialysis 13.7, peritoneal dialysis 16.0) and 3.5 for those with a functioning kidney transplant (deceased donor 4.5, live donor 1.7).
- Of the 295 deaths among dialysis dependent patients in 2007, 41% were due to cardiovascular causes, 23% to withdrawal from treatment, 16% to infection and 6% from malignancy.
- Of the 44 deaths among patients with a kidney transplant, 36% were due to malignancy, 32% to cardiovascular causes and 20% due to infection.
- The number of patients who were dialysis dependent at 31st December 2007 (2,064) was an increase of 3% over the previous year. 51% of all dialysis dependent patients were receiving home dialysis. 70% of these were on peritoneal dialysis.
- There were 123 kidney transplant operations performed in 2007, a rate of 29 per million population.
- The percentage of live donors in 2007 was 47% (58 grafts), compared to 54% (49 grafts) in 2006.
- For primary deceased donor grafts performed in 2005-2006, the 12 month patient and graft survival rates were 96% and 90% respectively.
- The five year primary deceased donor recipient and graft survival for operations performed in 2001-2002 were 84% and 77% respectively.
- The 1,289 functioning kidney transplants at 31st December 2007, a prevalence of 305 per million represents a 3% increase from 2006.

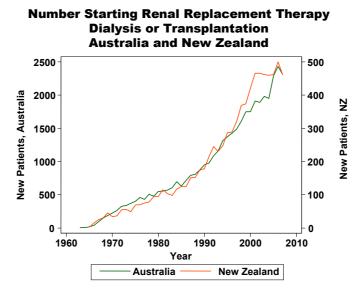


TRENDS IN KIDNEY DISEASE AND TREATMENT

In this "précis", we highlight the major trends in rates of renal disease, as well as selected issues from elsewhere in the report. In this report, we examine the distribution of dialysis modalities.

For both Australia and New Zealand, incidence rates for renal replacement therapy (RRT=dialysis and transplantation) have increased steadily until around the year 2000. Since that time rates in New Zealand have been stable. Rates in Australia have fallen somewhat since the peak of 2007, but whether this is a change in the overall pattern of increase over the past 20 years is unclear (Figure 0.1).

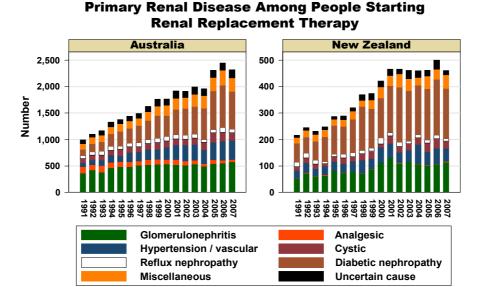
Figure 0.1



These numbers reflect both changes in the population and the incidence rates per million population of renal disease. These changes have not been constant across all age groups. In particularly, the steady increases in incidence rates in the older age groups appear to have slowed in the most recent year in most States. More details about these trends are contained in Chapters 1 and 2.

The types of kidney disease to which the end-stage kidney failure is attributed have continued to evolve, with a progressively greater proportion of people with diabetic nephropathy and kidney disease related to hypertension and renovascular disease (Figure 0.2).

Figure 0.2



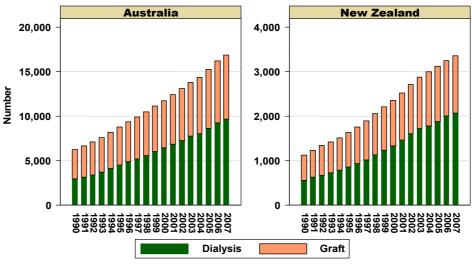
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An outcome of the increasing rates of new patients starting RRT each year is an increase in the total number of patients receiving some form of RRT at any one time (Figure 0.3). This was examined in more detail in the corresponding section of the 2007 report. There is a steady increase year on year, with the greatest increase in patients receiving dialysis treatment rather than transplantation - that is, over time, the proportion of all people receiving RRT who had a functioning kidney transplant has steadily fallen in both countries.

Figure 0.3



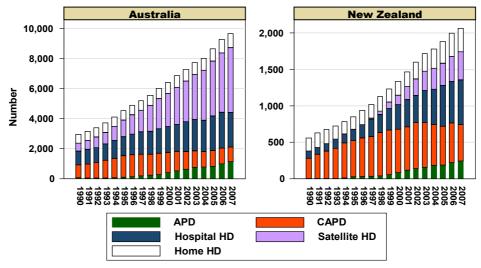


Prevalent Modality at Year End

Patterns of dialysis treatment have also changed over time. In both Australia and New Zealand, the larger increase in numbers has been in haemodialysis rather than peritoneal dialysis. In particular, the number of people receiving haemodialysis in satellite units has increased dramatically in recent years.

Figure 0.4

Dialysis Modality for Patients Receiving Dialysis at 31st December



Prevalent Modality at Year End

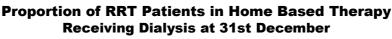


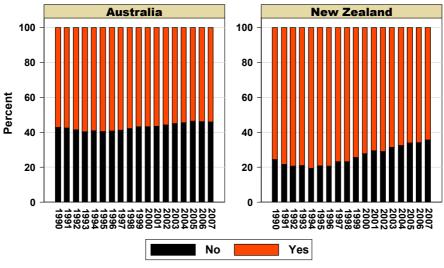
Provision of RRT at home is usually considered a desirable outcome for both patient and healthcare system; this allows more independence for patients at potentially lower cost.

Kidney transplantation is the ultimate form of home-based RRT. Among dialysis modalities, peritoneal dialysis is performed in the home in the vast majority of cases, while haemodialysis is performed both at home, in hospitals and in separate facilities ("satellite units").

Overall, the proportion of patients receiving home-based therapy has remained stable in Australia over the past two decades; in New Zealand the proportion has been falling for the past ten years (Figure 0.5).

Figure 0.5



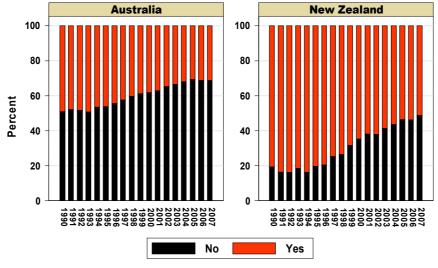


Prevalent Modality at Year End

However, the majority of the home-based group is comprised of those with functioning kidney transplants. When this group is excluded (i.e. the analysis is restricted to patients receiving dialysis therapies only), the proportion receiving home-based treatment has been declining steadily in both countries (Figure 0.6).

Figure 0.6

Proportion of Dialysis Patients in Home Based Therapy Receiving Dialysis at 31st December

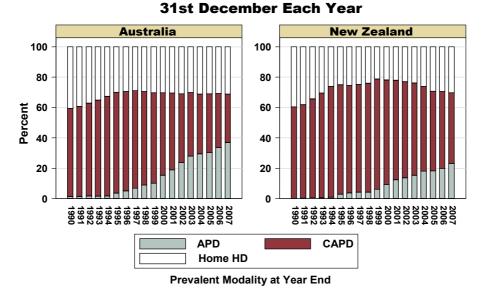




Of those receiving home based dialysis treatment, the majority are receiving a form of peritoneal dialysis. In recent years the proportion receiving automated peritoneal dialysis has increased substantially, especially in Australia (Figure 0.7).

Figure 0.7

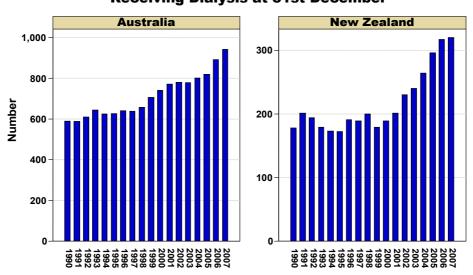
Proportion of Modality - Patients Receiving Home Dialysis



It is difficult to appreciate in Figure 0.7, however, the number of home haemodialysis patients has been increasing (Figure 0.8), in New Zealand and more recently Australia.

Figure 0.8

Numbers of Home Haemodialysis Patients
Receiving Dialysis at 31st December

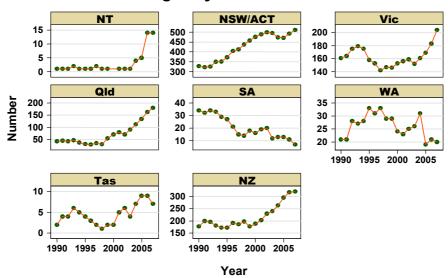




While the overall numbers have changed, the effect is very uneven across different States in Australia (Figure 0.9). There are a number of factors underlying this variation. Important ones included different transplant rates and service distribution.

Figure 0.9

Home Haemodialysis Numbers By State of Treatment Receiving Dialysis at 31st December



The flexibility offered by home haemodialysis extends to changing the frequency and duration of dialysis such as nocturnal and daily haemodialysis; these are described in the haemodialysis chapter. It is likely we will continue to see more innovative approaches to treatment in the area in coming years.

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