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It is with a great deal of pleasure that the ANZDATA Registry presents its 2009 Annual Report. This is the Thirty Second Annual Report and covers data collected until 31st December 2008. 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 for almost 33 years. Brian Livingston continues as Information Manager to provide information technology expertise, data analysis and is co-editor of the report. Carol Young and Christina Leitch continue to provide administrative support.

Hannah Dent is now in her third year as part time Biostatistician to the Registry. She is currently on maternity leave and has been replaced by Fiona Mensah.

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, but chose not to renew his contract in 2009 due to ill health. We are greatly indebted to Amgen who have made a commitment to continue funding of this position. A new Fellow will be appointed in early 2010.

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 Pages xvii, xix and xx of the Report for 2009 and 2008 respectively.

The major funding for the Registry has previously been from the Australian Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing, Kidney Health Australia and the New Zealand Ministry of Health. However, funding from July 2009 has come via the Australian Organ and Tissue Authority.

We are also very grateful to Industry for support. 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, Wyeth Australia and Genzyme 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.

Finally, the Registry will move from The Queen Elizabeth Hospital after 33 years to the Royal Adelaide Hospital on February 9th, 2010 where the Renal Units of both hospitals will amalgamate to become the Central Northern Adelaide Renal and Transplant Service.

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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](http://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 deidentified data only. On occasion, when data identifying particular hospitals is involved, consent from the Director of the relevant 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 **DO NOT** 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](http://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 0949. You may also write to us (ANZDATA Registry, C/- Royal Adelaide Hospital, DX800, Mail Point 117, North Terrace, Adelaide, SA. 5000) or send us an e-mail ([anzdata@anzdata.org.au](mailto: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.

In all cases the source and treatment of the data should be made clear in the “Methods” section. Preferably the abstract (and keywords if applicable) should also include “ANZDATA” which would allow for searching Registry publications.

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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 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  $LBW = (0.9 * [\text{height} - 152]) + (50 \text{ if male}, 45.5 \text{ if female})$  [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

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

### 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/m<sup>2</sup>      normal 20-24.9 kg/m<sup>2</sup>  
 overweight 25-29.9 kg/m<sup>2</sup>      obese ≥30 kg/m<sup>2</sup>

### 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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 continuous 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 STATA version 11.

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Parent hospitals are listed below. In some cases, these have combined as part of a regional network and this is also indicated. The definition of a 'parent hospital' is a pragmatic one, and refers to units which offer a full range of dialysis services (i.e. can commence patients on dialysis and have on-site nephrology presence).

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  
 Chermiside 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

Coffs Harbour Hospital  
 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  
 Manning Rural Referral Hospital  
 Mater Misericordiae Hospital  
 Mayo Private - Taree  
 Port Macquarie Base Hospital  
 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  
 Western Health

#### 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

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 Tony Griffin  
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## NEW SOUTH WALES

John Hunter Hospital  
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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)  
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St. Vincent's Hospital  
Director - Dr Tim Furlong  
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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 Stephen Alexander  
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Westmead Hospital  
Director - Professor Jeremy Chapman  
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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  
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Clayton 3165

Monash Medical Centre (Adult)  
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## VICTORIA (CONTINUED)

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

Central Northern Adelaide Transplant Service (from Jan 1, 2010)  
Royal Adelaide Hospital  
Director - Professor Graeme Russ  
North Terrace  
Adelaide 5000

(formerly) - The Queen Elizabeth Hospital  
Woodville, South Australia 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  
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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 David McGregor  
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 Home Training Unit - 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 - Goldcoast Hospital  
 Mt. Isa Satellite - Townsville Hospital  
 Noosa 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  
 Bondi Dialysis Unit (Diaverum)  
 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  
 Fairfield Satellite - South West Sydney Renal Services  
 Forbes Hospital - New South Wales  
 Gosford Satellite - Gosford Hospital  
 Goulburn Satellite (Fresenius) - Statewide Renal Services  
 Grafton Hospital - Lismore Hospital  
 Griffith Base Hospital - Statewide Renal Services  
 Inverell Satellite - Tamworth Hospital  
 Lakehaven Satellite - Gosford Hospital  
 Lanceley Cottage - Royal North Shore Hospital  
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 Liverpool Community Centre - South West Sydney Renal Services  
 Macleay Dialysis Centre - Kempsey  
 Maitland Hospital - Hunter New England Health  
 Moree Satellite - Tamworth Hospital  
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 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  
 Box Hill Satellite  
 Broadmeadows Satellite  
 Brunswick Satellite  
 Casey Hospital - Berwick  
 Casterton Hospital  
 Caulfield General Medical Centre  
 Coburg Satellite  
 Cohuna Hospital  
 Colac Hospital  
 Craigieburn Satellite  
 Cranbourne Satellite  
 Dandenong Satellite  
 Daylesford Hospital  
 Diamond Valley Dialysis Clinic (Diaverum)  
 Donald Hospital  
 Echuca Hospital  
 Edenhope Hospital  
 Epping Dialysis Unit  
 Frankston Satellite

## VICTORIA (CONTINUED)

Goulburn Valley Hospital  
 Hamilton Hospital  
 Hastings Hospital  
 Horsham Satellite  
 Kyneton Hospital  
 Latrobe Regional Satellite  
 Lorne Hospital  
 Mansfield District Hospital  
 Maroondah Satellite  
 Maryborough Hospital  
 Melton Hospital  
 Mildura Hospital  
 Moorabbin Satellite  
 Myrtleford Hospital  
 Newcomb Satellite  
 Nhill Hospital Satellite  
 North East Kidney Service - Austin Health  
 Northern Hospital Satellite  
 Orbost Hospital  
 Peter James Centre  
 Portland District Health  
 Rosebud Hospital  
 Royal Park Home Dialysis Service - /Royal Melbourne Hospital  
 Sale Hospital  
 Sandringham Satellite  
 Seymour Hospital  
 South Geelong Satellite - Geelong Hospital  
 St. George's Hospital  
 Sunshine Satellite Centre  
 Swan Hill Hospital  
 Wangaratta Hospital  
 Warnambool Hospital  
 Werribee Mercy Hospital  
 Western Gippsland Hospital  
 Williamstown Satellite  
 Wodonga Regional Health Service  
 Wonthaggi Hospital  
 Yarawonga District Hospital  
 Yarram Hospital

## TASMANIA

North West Renal Unit, Burnie - Launceston Hospital

## SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Berri Satellite  
 Ceduna Hospital  
 Clare Satellite  
 Hampstead Rehabilitation Satellite  
 Hartley Private Hospital (Fresenius)  
 Lyell McEwin Satellite  
 Millicent Hospital  
 Modbury Satellite (Fresenius)  
 Mount Gambier Satellite  
 Murray Bridge Hospital  
 Noarlunga Satellite  
 Payneham Satellite (Baxter)  
 Port Augusta Hospital  
 Port Lincoln Satellite Centre  
 Wayville Satellite Centre

## NORTHERN TERRITORY

Community Health Centre - Alice Springs Hospital  
 Flynn Drive Satellite - Alice Springs Hospital  
 Katherine Dialysis Unit - Royal Darwin Hospital  
 Nightcliff Community Centre - Royal Darwin Hospital  
 Palmerston Satellite - Royal Darwin Hospital  
 Tennant Creek Hospital - Alice Springs Hospital  
 Tiwi Dialysis Centre - Royal Darwin Hospital

## WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Albany - John Hortin Dialysis Unit  
 Armadale Satellite Unit  
 Bunbury Satellite Unit  
 Busselton Satellite Unit  
 Cannington Dialysis Clinic (Diaverum)  
 Derby Satellite Unit  
 Geraldton Hospital  
 Joondalup Satellite Unit  
 Kalgoorlie Dialysis Unit  
 Kimberley Dialysis Centre - Royal Perth Hospital  
 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  
 Grafton Training Unit - 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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 OTHER Y/N A/ENTRY

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 AUST NZ OTHER COUNTRY (Please specify)

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 Y/S/N Y/S/N Y/S/N Y/S/N

DIABETES N=No  
 O=Type 1 Insulin dependent  
 P=Type 2 Non Insulin requiring  
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16 CAUSE OF DEATH (Record from list) 17 WAS GRAFT SUSTAINING LIFE?  
 OTHER Without dialysis at time of death  
 Y=Yes N=No

18 PARENTHOOD HAS THIS PATIENT BECOME PREGNANT OR FATHERED A CHILD DURING THIS SURVEY  
 Y=Yes N=No  
 If Yes, please complete a Parenthood Outcome form

DATE OF LAST OUTCOME

THIS SECTION FOR ALL PATIENTS DIALYSED AT ANY TIME DURING THE SURVEY PERIOD

19 TYPE OF DIALYSIS 20 DRY WEIGHT AT LAST DIALYSIS 21 UNCORRECTED CALCIUM 22 PHOSPHATE 23 HAEMOGLOBIN 24 EPO AGENT 25 FERRITIN 26 % SATURATION IRON  
 (transferrin saturation)

(See list) (HD and PD Patients) (kg) (mmol/l) (mmol/l) (g/l) (U/ml) (ug/l)

27 DIALYSER BRAND (Write in) BRAND NAME AND MODEL 28 BLOOD FLOW RATE 29 SESSIONS PER WEEK 30 HOURS PER SESSION 31 UREA REDUCTION or KtV Value  
 (See list) (HD and PD Patients) (ml/min) (ml/min)

HAEMODIALYSIS

32 ACCESS IN USE (Functioning only) AT LAST HD 33 PERITONITIS DATE OF FIRST EPISODE 34 CONNECTION SYSTEM CODE 35 WEEKLY KtV (Dx / Plasma Creatinine at 4 hours) 36 NUMBER OF EPISODES OF PERITONITIS During this Survey 37 TOTAL VOLUME OF WEEKLY CHANGES (Litres/week)

Enter for ALL PATIENTS ON HAEMODIALYSIS AT ANY TIME DURING THIS SURVEY PERIOD

FOR FISTULAS AND GRAFTS ONLY  
 DELETED during Survey REVISOR during Survey  
 N=Native S=Synthetic  
 3=Tunnel CV Catheter 4=Non Tunnel CV Catheter  
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ALL PERITONEAL DIALYSIS

38 CREATININE CLEARANCE (Litres/week/1.73 m<sup>2</sup>) 39 WEEKLY KtV (Range 0.1 - 5.0) 40 RESIDUAL RENAL FUNCTION (Creatinine Clearance) (Litres/week/1.73 m<sup>2</sup>)  
 Adjusted for Body Surface Area

41 PD SOLUTIONS - Y=Yes N=No (Please fill in all boxes)  
 Glucose Icodextrin Low GDP Lactate Bicarbonate

CURRENT GRAFT (IN THE EVENT OF BOTH GRAFT FAILURE AND RETRANSPLANT IN THIS SURVEY - USE A NEW FORM)

42 GRAFT NUMBER 43 DATE OF THIS TRANSPLANT 44 REFERRING HOSPITAL 45 DONOR HOSPITAL 46 TRANSPLANT HOSPITAL 47 RECIPIENT ANTIBODY STATUS CMV EBV AT GRAFT 48 NUMBER REJECTION EPISODES THIS SURVEY (Complete acute rejection form for each episode)

49 DONOR DETAILS SOURCE AGE SEX 50 TOTAL ISCHAEMIA FUNCTION (hours) 51 IMMEDIATE FUNCTION (hours) 52 DISEASE IN GRAFT 53 DATE FIRST PROVEN 54 CAUSE OF GRAFT FAILURE (at any time) (See list) (See list) (Record from list)

55 MONOCLONAL / POLYCLONAL THERAPY (Record from list)

COURSE	DATE	AGENT	OTHER	REASON	NUMBER OF DOSES GIVEN
1st					
2nd					
3rd					

56 TOTAL DAILY DRUG DOSE (mg)

TOTAL INITIAL DRUG DOSE	1 MTH	2 MTH	3 MTH	6 MTH	1 YR	2 YR	3 YR	5 YR	7 YR	10 YR	15 YR	20 YR	25 YR	30 YR	35 YR
CVA															
AZA															
PRED															
TACROL															
MMF															
SIROL															
OTHER															

57 CYA SPARING DRUG 0=NOT GIVEN 1=GIVEN (eg DILTIAZEM - KETOCONAZOLE - VERAPAMIL)

58 BODY WEIGHT (kg)

59 SERUM CREATININE (umol/L)

60 HLA TYPING RECIPIENT DONOR  
 BLOOD GROUP  
 A B C DQ  
 FOR OFFICE USE ONLY  
 62 PRA AND CROSSMATCH  
 MAXIMUM CURRENT







# SUMMARY



## KEY SUMMARY POINTS

### AUSTRALIA

- There were 17,578 people (822 per million) receiving renal replacement therapy (RRT) at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2008. Of these, 7,516 (352 per million) had a functioning kidney transplant and 10,062 (471 per million) were receiving dialysis treatment.
- 2,476 people commenced RRT in Australia in 2008 (116 per million per year). The incident rate varied from 405 per million population per year in the Northern Territory to 99 per million per year in Victoria.
- The mean age at commencement was 60.4 years, the median 63.1 years and the age range 2 days - 94.5 years.
- 34% of new patients had diabetic nephropathy attributed as their cause of end stage renal failure, 22% had glomerulonephritis and 14% hypertension.
- Of patients < 65 years of age and receiving dialysis treatment, 22% were on the active kidney transplantation waiting list at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2008. This proportion varied between 2% in the Northern Territory and 33% in New South Wales. Only 4% of Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander patients < 65 years were on the transplant waiting list.
- The death rate per 100 patient years was 15.0 for dialysis dependent patients (haemodialysis 15.4, peritoneal dialysis 13.5) and 2.3 for those with a functioning kidney transplant (deceased donor 2.8, live donor 1.4).
- Of the 1,482 deaths among dialysis dependent patients in 2008, 37% were due to withdrawal from treatment, 34% were due to cardiovascular causes, 10% to infection and 6% from malignancy.
- Of the 167 deaths among patients with kidney transplants, 31% were due to malignancy, 27% to cardiovascular causes and 17% to infection.
- There has been a 4% increase in the total number of prevalent dialysis patients from 9,701 in December 2007 to 10,062 in December 2008.
- There was a very substantial increase in transplant numbers, with 813 kidney transplant operations performed in 2008, (a transplant rate of 38 per million population). This was the highest ever number of transplants performed, reflecting increased numbers of both living and deceased donor transplants.
- Of these, 44% (354 grafts; 177 related and 177 non related) were from live donors; the same percentage as in 2007 (271 grafts; 168 related and 103 non related). 27% of primary live donor operations were performed without the recipient receiving prior dialysis therapy.
- For primary deceased donor grafts performed in 2007-2008, the 12 month patient and graft survival rates were 98% and 92% respectively.
- The five year primary deceased donor recipient and graft survival for operations performed in 2003-2004 were 88% and 79% respectively.
- In 2008, 1147 patients (4%) of Aboriginal/TSI ethnicity were dialysis dependent, 159 patients (2%) had a functioning transplant and 31 patients (4%) had a transplant. There were 242 patients (10%) that commenced renal replacement therapy.
- The proportion of haemodialysis patients with a haemoglobin value >120 g/l has fallen consistently over the past three years, presumably in response to evidence about the adverse effects of higher Hb targets in some groups.
- There has been a steady decline in the proportion of people with serum phosphate concentrations  $\geq$  1.8 mmol/l over the past three years; now only one third of haemodialysis patients had reported values above this target.
- Among people receiving haemodialysis as their initial treatment modality, and referred to a nephrologist more than three months prior to starting dialysis, only 49% of people had a usable permanent access (AV fistula or graft).



## KEY SUMMARY POINTS

### NEW ZEALAND

- There were 3,450 people (808 per million) receiving renal replacement therapy (RRT) at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2008. Of these, 1,351 (316 per million) had a functioning kidney transplant, and 2,099 (492 per million) were receiving dialysis treatment.
- 492 people (115 per million per year) commenced RRT in New Zealand in 2008.
- The mean age at commencement was 55.5 years, the median age 58.2 years and the age range 0.25 - 82.3 years.
- Diabetic nephropathy accounted for 46% of new patients, glomerulonephritis 20% and hypertension 9%.
- Of the incident diabetic patients, 21% (103 patients) were Maori, 13% (62 patients) were Pacific People, 8% (41 patients) were Caucasoid and 4% (18 patients) were of other ethnicity.
- Of patients < 65 years of age, 19% were on the active kidney transplantation waiting list at 31st December 2008. 24% of Maoris, 15% 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 16.9 for dialysis dependent patients (haemodialysis 17.4, peritoneal dialysis 16.2) and 2.0 for those with a functioning kidney transplant (deceased donor 2.5, live donor 1.2).
- Of the 356 deaths among dialysis dependent patients in 2008, 41% were due to cardiovascular causes, 20% to withdrawal from treatment, 18% to infection and 7% from malignancy.
- Of the 26 deaths among patients with a kidney transplant, 31% were due to malignancy, 31% to cardiovascular causes and 29% due to infection.
- The number of patients who were dialysis dependent at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2008 (2,099) was an increase of 1.5% over the previous year. 52% of all dialysis dependent patients were receiving home dialysis, of whom 70% were having peritoneal dialysis.
- There were 122 kidney transplant operations performed in 2008, a rate of 29 per million population.
- The percentage of live donors in 2008 was 57% (69 grafts), compared to 47% (58 grafts) in 2007.
- For primary deceased donor grafts performed in 2007-2008, the 12 month patient and graft survival rates were 95% and 93% respectively.
- The five year primary deceased donor recipient and graft survival for operations performed in 2003-2004 were 92% and 77% respectively.
- The 1,351 functioning kidney transplants at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2008, a prevalence of 316 per million represents a 5% increase from 2007.
- Among people receiving haemodialysis as their initial treatment modality, and referred to a nephrologist more than three months prior to starting dialysis, only 31% of people had a usable permanent access (AV fistula or graft).



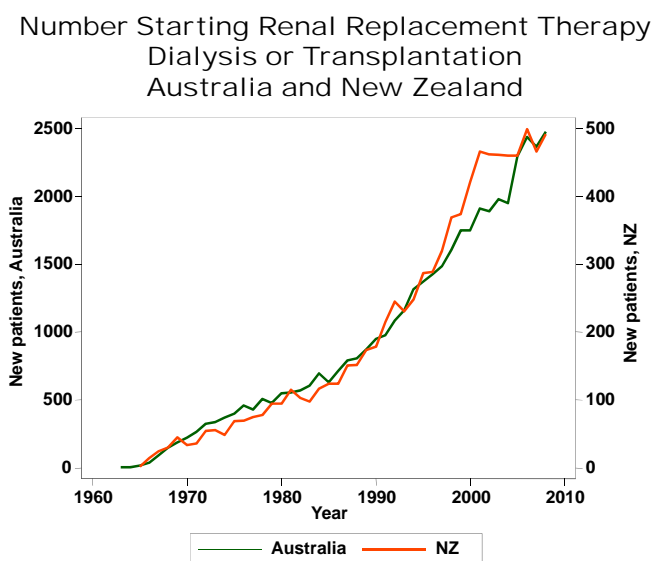
## TRENDS IN KIDNEY DISEASE AND TREATMENT

In this section, we select some of the major trends in the epidemiology of end-stage kidney disease. This year, we examine the distribution of incidence and outcomes by age and gender.

### INCIDENCE RATES

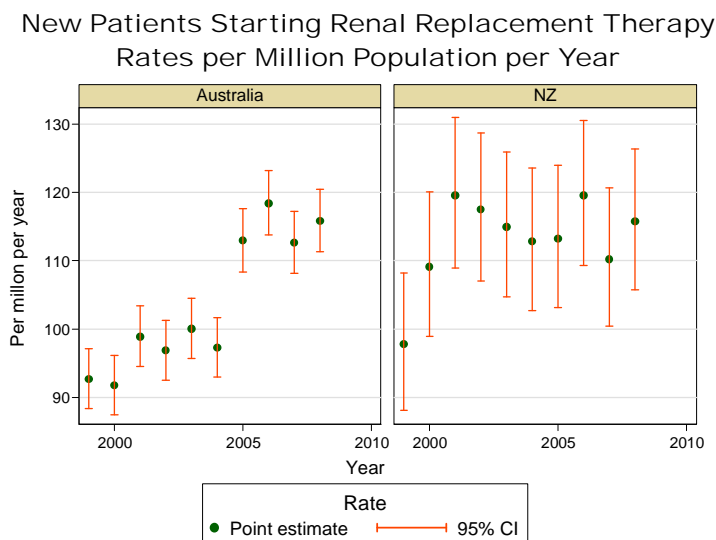
For both Australia and New Zealand, the incidence rates for renal replacement therapy (RRT=dialysis and transplantation) have increased steadily until around the year 2000. Since that time, rates in New Zealand have been stable. Rates in Australia have fluctuated over the past four years, and it is unclear whether there is an ongoing increase or simply random variation (Figure i).

Figure i



These numbers are the actual patients starting therapy, and reflect both changes in the population and the rates per million population. The actual rates per year for both Australia and New Zealand are shown in Figure ii together with the 95% confidence intervals around the point estimate for each year. Although over a number of years a trend can be seen, it can be seen that comparison of 2008 results with 2007 for both countries is difficult given the degree of uncertainty illustrated by the confidence intervals.

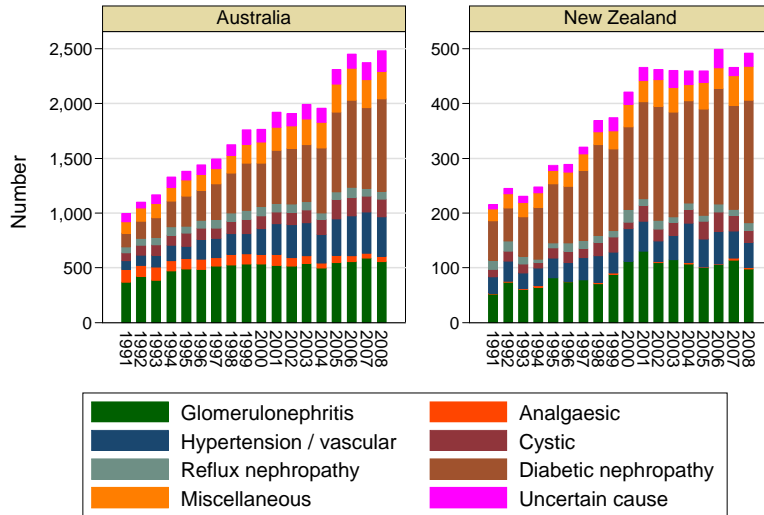
Figure ii



PRIMARY RENAL DISEASE

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 iii). This reflects the increasing age of people starting RRT. There are likely to be a number of contributors to this, including increasing rates of Type 2 diabetes and vascular disease in the general community, changes to the propensity to treat older patients with RRT, and also better survival from competing risks such as myocardial infarction. Some of these issues have been explored previously in manuscripts based on ANZDATA (1).

Figure iii Primary Renal Disease Among People Starting Renal Replacement Therapy



Note different y axis scales

VARIATION WITH AGE AND GENDER

These changes have not been constant across all age groups or gender. In particular, the steady increases in incidence rates in the older age groups appear to have slowed in the most recent year in most States in Australia.

Importantly, there are also differences in rates of incident RRT by gender which have evolved over time. These vary with age and also with the type of primary renal disease. These changes are illustrated in Figure iv. It can be seen that the rates of kidney disease are higher among males than females, and that this difference has increased over time.

Figure iv

Incident RRT Rates - Australia By Gender and Age Group

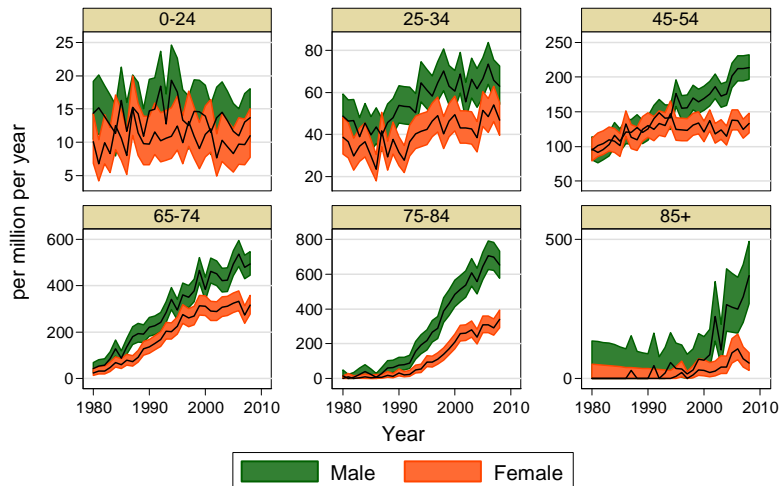
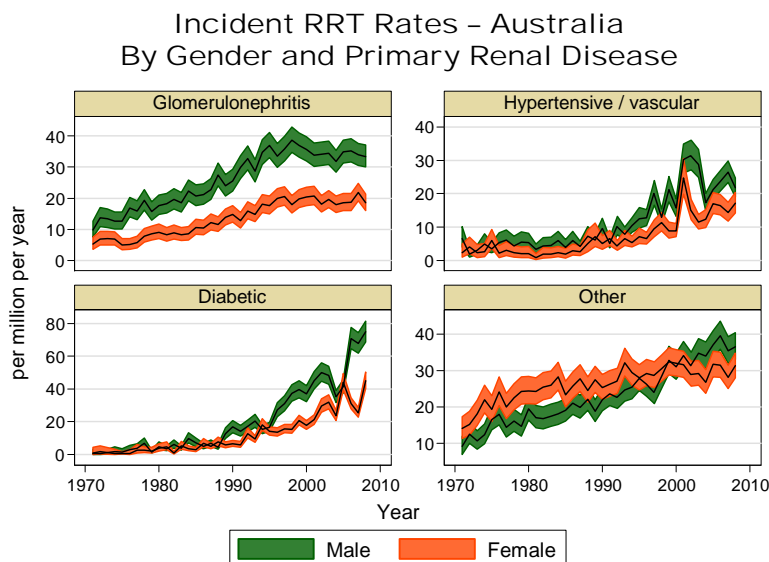




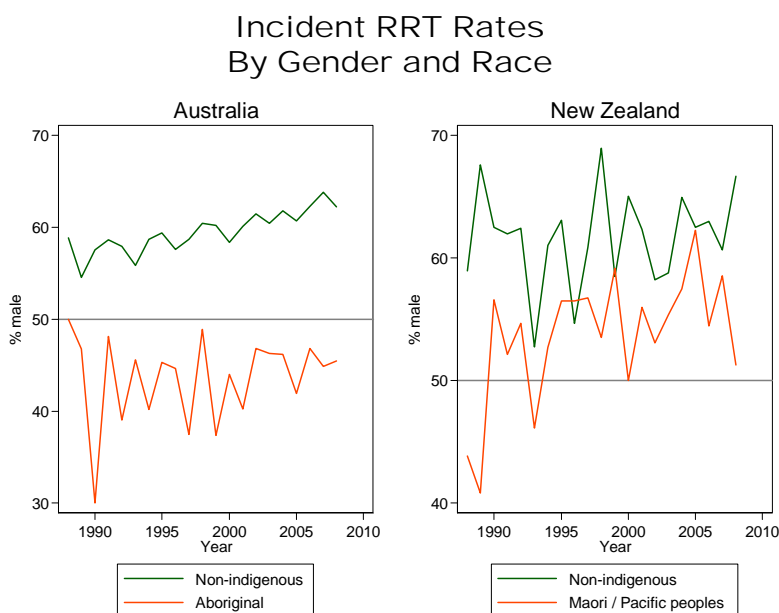
Figure v illustrates that these gender differences also apply to the type of primary renal disease, with a long-standing higher rate among people with a diagnosis of glomerulonephritis, and the evolution of differences among those with diabetes and hypertensive/vascular causes of kidney disease.

Figure v



A further difference in gender is that between indigenous and non-indigenous people. Among Aboriginal Australians entering renal replacement therapy programs, females are more common than males. A much smaller differential is seen among Maori / Pacific Peoples in New Zealand. The line graphs in Figure vi demonstrate the % of males among the incident RRT cohort for each year for indigenous and non-indigenous groups in Australia and New Zealand.

Figure vi

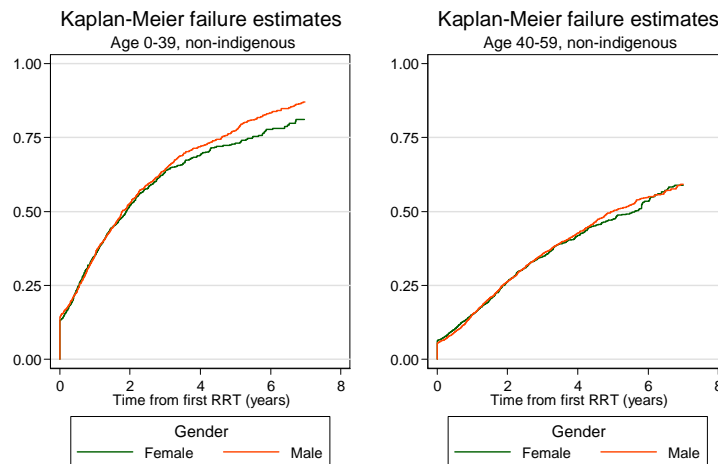


TREATMENT DIFFERENCES BY AGE AND GENDER

There are differences in treatment, both by age and by gender. All illustrated in Figure vii, among younger people there is a higher rate of transplantation among males than females, although not in the initial years. There are a number of possible contributors to this, including immunological issues (greater degree of HLA sensitisation) and possible differences in donor type. Transplant outcomes are covered in the transplantation chapter.

Figure vii

Time to Kidney Transplantation 2000 – 2008  
Australia and New Zealand

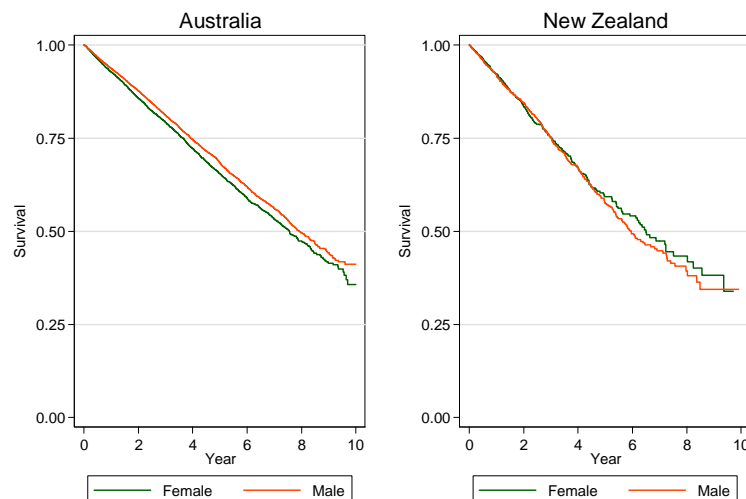


DIALYSIS - OUTCOME BY GENDER

Survival during dialysis does not differ between gender, in either Australia or New Zealand. Data are shown in the graph for non-indigenous people, but there was no difference among indigenous people (Aboriginal in Australia and Maori / Pacific people in New Zealand) either.

Figure viii

Non-Indigenous New Patients 1999 – 2008  
Censored at First Transplant – Adjusted to Age 50

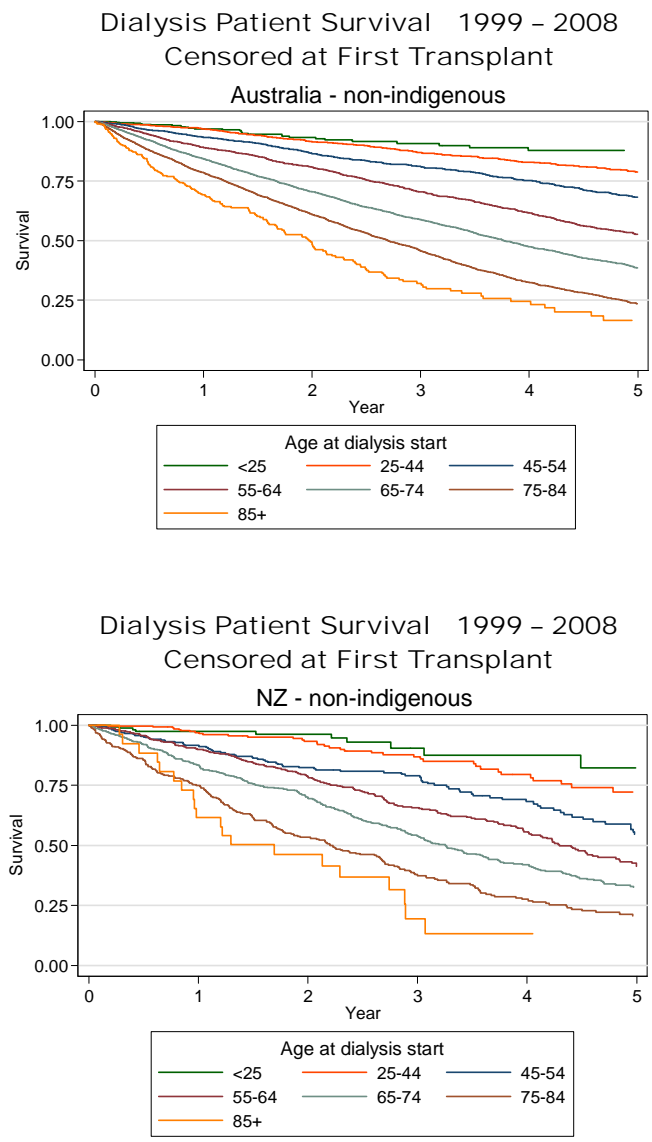




### DIALYSIS - OUTCOME BY AGE

Mortality rates during dialysis treatment increase with age. The Kaplan-Meier graphs below illustrate the survival of non-indigenous dialysis patients, censored at the date of first transplant. It can be seen that the overall median survival for people starting dialysis treatment aged 65-74 years who were not transplanted is approximately four years. These curves describe the overall experience of the cohort who commenced dialysis in the past ten years including various comorbidities etc. For any individual, their expected survival may be better or worse than the curves illustrate depending on their comorbidities. Interestingly, while the absolute mortality increases with age, there is also an increase in the underlying mortality rate in the general population such that the relative death rate of dialysis patients vs general population is greatest among the younger groups (see Figure ix).

Figure ix



For both Australia and New Zealand, survival of indigenous patients is substantially poorer. This is considered in more detail in the Indigenous Chapter (Chapter 12) of the Report.

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