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Evolving Concepts in Peritoneal Dialysis and Haemodialysis

Message from the Guest Editor

Significant advances in kidney replacement therapy (KRT) have been made in the last 60 years. Today, nearly 4 million people are alive thanks to KRT. About 70% of KRT patients are on dialysis, with 10% on peritoneal dialysis and 90% on haemodialysis. Nephrologists and public health authorities will face major challenges in the future. The number of patients requiring KRT will increase. The overall patient population is becoming older, many with pre-existing complications. Current dialysis methods are big consumers of water, while haemodialysis also needs a lot of electricity. Both methods produce a lot of hazardous waste. Unfortunately, they are also relatively expensive. In this thematic issue, the current state of dialysis will be presented: haemodialysis and peritoneal dialysis. Future challenges and the latest research, the application of new dialysis membranes, machines, and peritoneal dialysis solutions, will be pointed out. The possibilities of saving water/electricity, as well as waste reduction would be emphasised. Reviews of new drugs for anaemia treatment/prevention, mineral metabolism disorders, and cardiovascular complications in dialysis patients will be presented.

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