

ESRD Patients Living Longer Despite Growth of CKD

According to a study by the US Renal Data System (USRDS), the University of Michigan, and the Arbor Research Collective for Health, the number of people newly diagnosed with end stage renal disease (ESRD) has been steadily declining since 2010. In 2012, only 114,813 people were newly diagnosed with ESRD, bringing the total number of ESRD patients in the US to 636,905.

Mortality rates for ESRD patients have also been declining, indicating that patients on dialysis or with kidney transplants are living longer. This means dialysis patients are receiving higher quality care on the whole. While 14% of US adults have CKD and more can be done to prevent its growth, this development comes as welcome news for dialysis patients.

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