

Models of Chronic Kidney Disease Care and Initiation of Dialysis

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Early Crash Landings

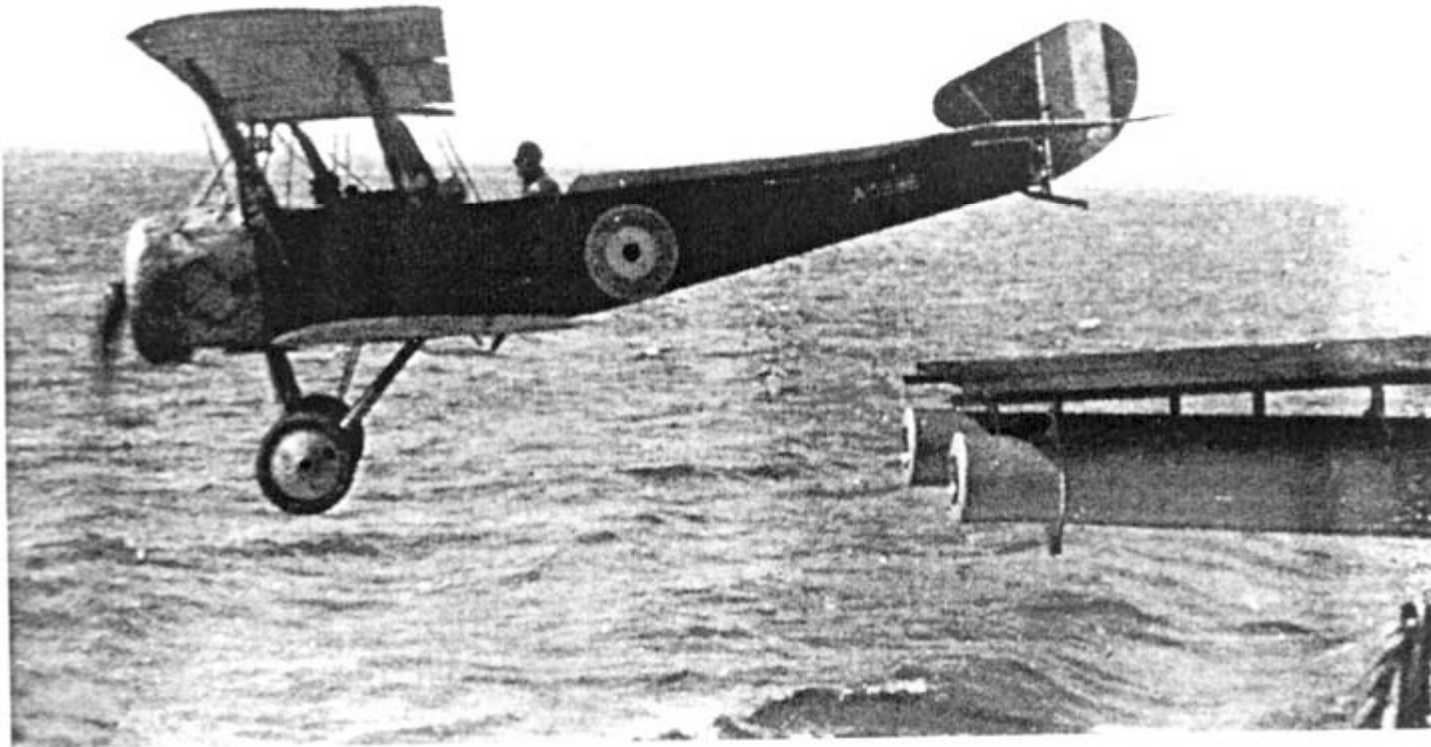
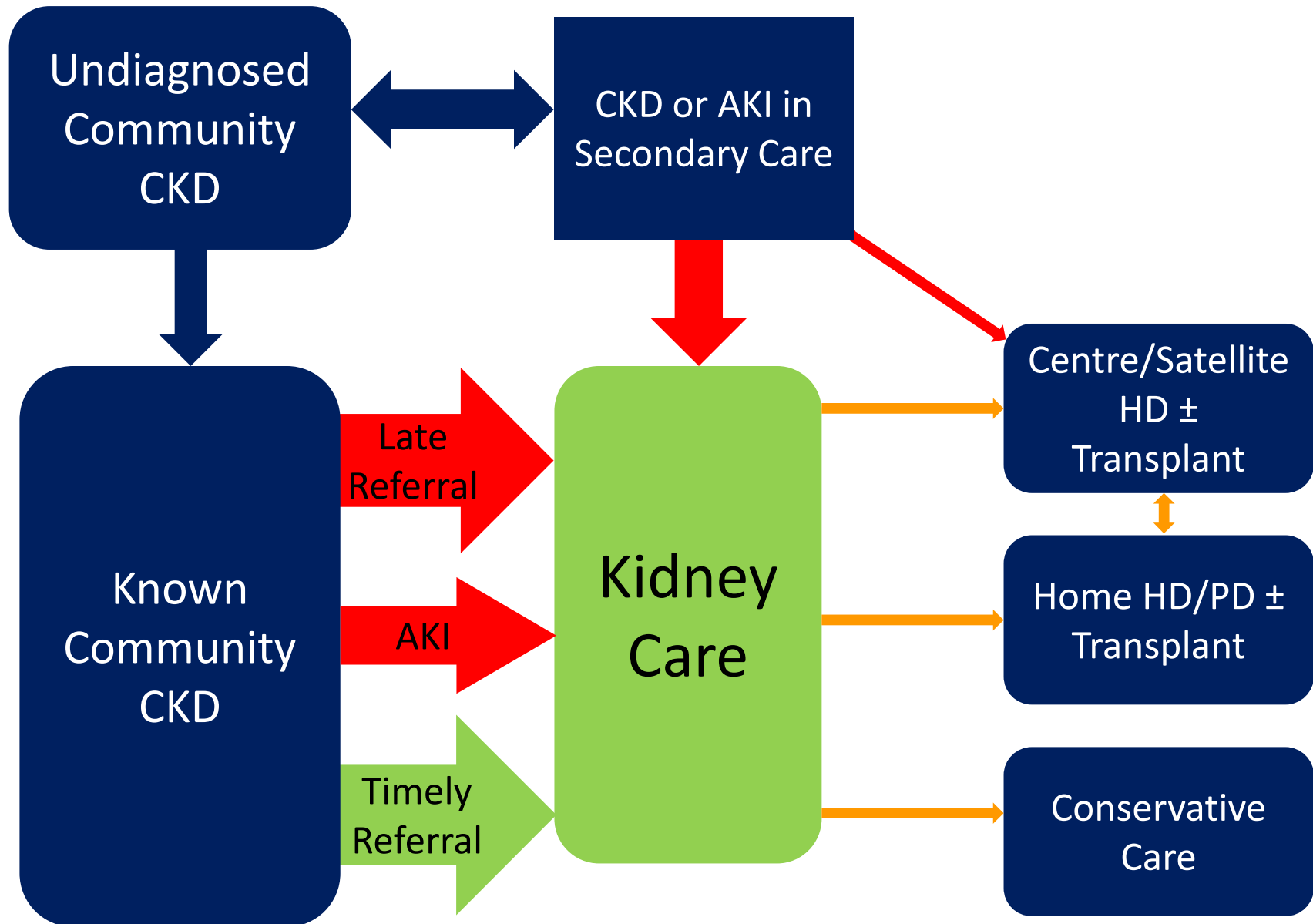


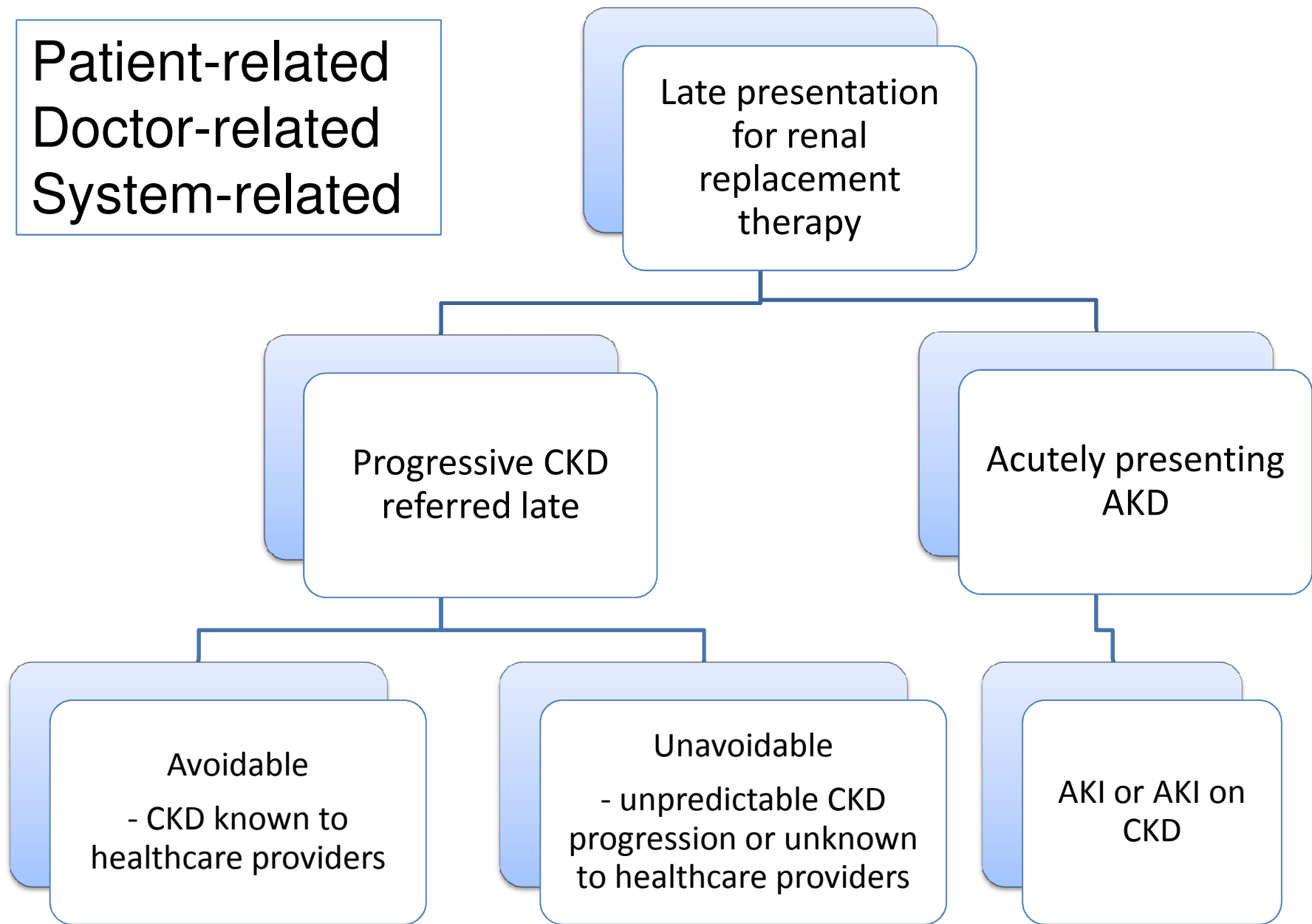
FIGURE 1. R.A. McCance flying off the midship gun turrets of the *Indomitable* in 1918.

Talk Outline

- Pathways & Definitions
- Guideline recommendations
- Some trends over time
- Late referral versus early referral
- Early dialysis initiation versus late
- Models of CKD care

Pathways to Renal Replacement Therapy





Adapted from Udayaraj et al NDT 2011

Guideline Recommendations

Guideline Groups

1. Referral Guidance

EBPG (2002), KDOQI (2006), CSN (2008), UK RA (2009), CARI (2010)

GFR <30 ml/min & declining → nephrologist care & RRT preparation (choice of modality & location, discussion with patients & carers, psychosocial support)

2. Early Dialysis Initiation

CSN (2008)

Consider if GFR <20 mL/min plus clinical indications

EBPG (2002), KDOQI (2006), UKRA (2009)

Evaluate risks, benefits etc at GFR <15 mL/min when clinical indications are present

CARI (2005)

GFR <10 mL/min plus clinical indications

3. Late Dialysis Initiation

EBPG (2002), UK RA (2009), CARI (2005)

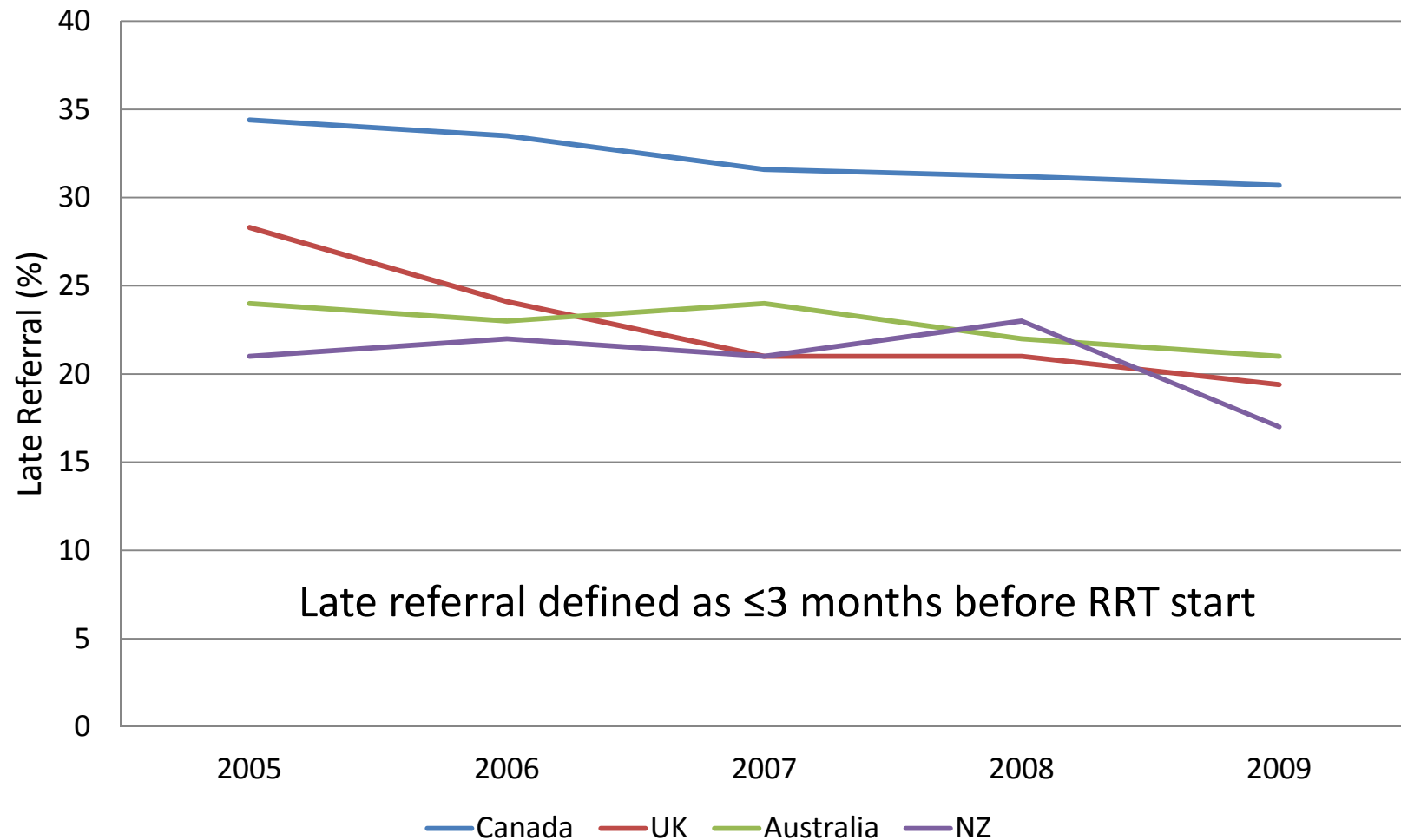
Before GFR <6 mL/min even if asymptomatic

Should We Follow Guidelines?



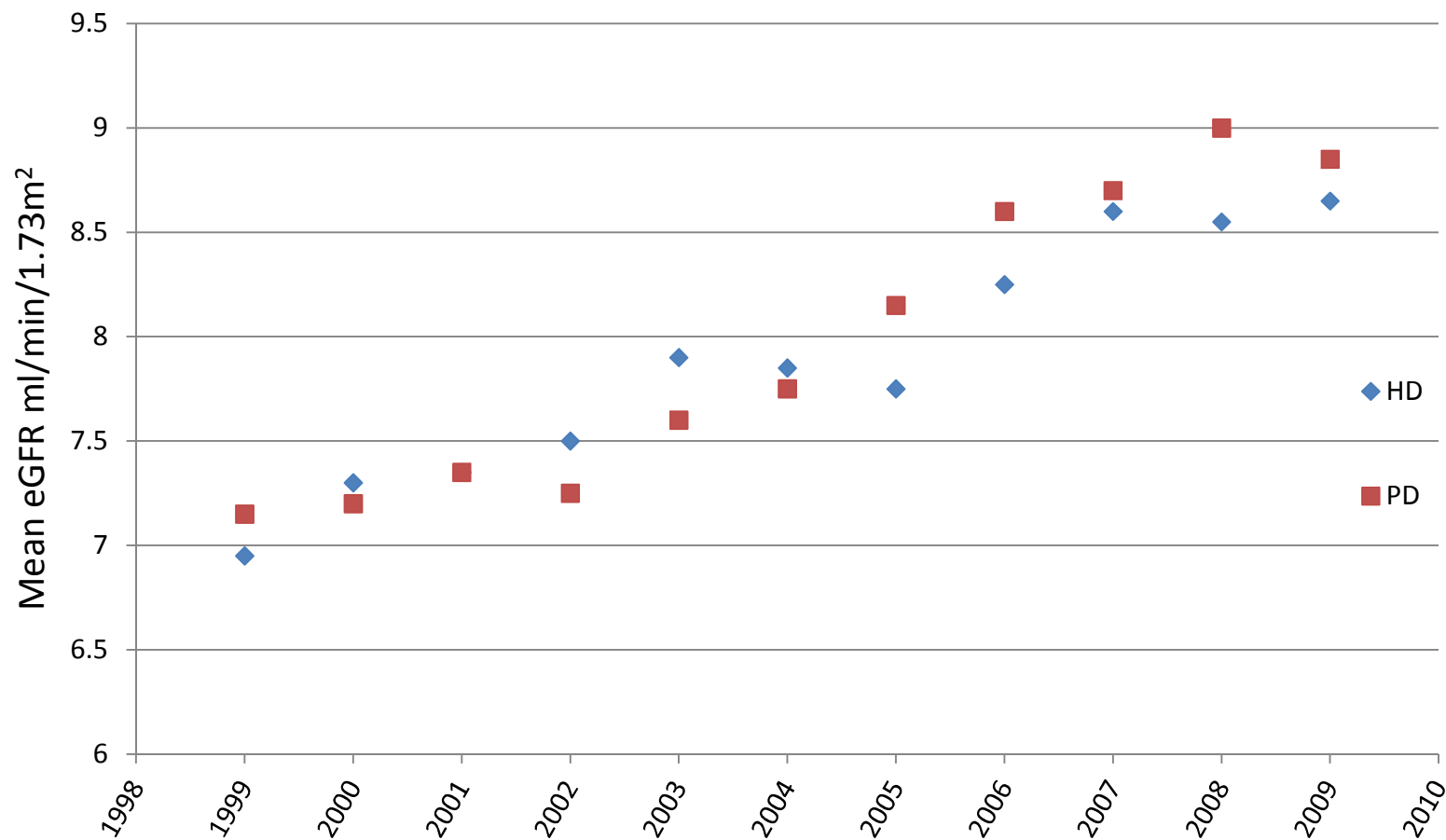
“We’ll think about it.”

Trends in Late Referral by Year

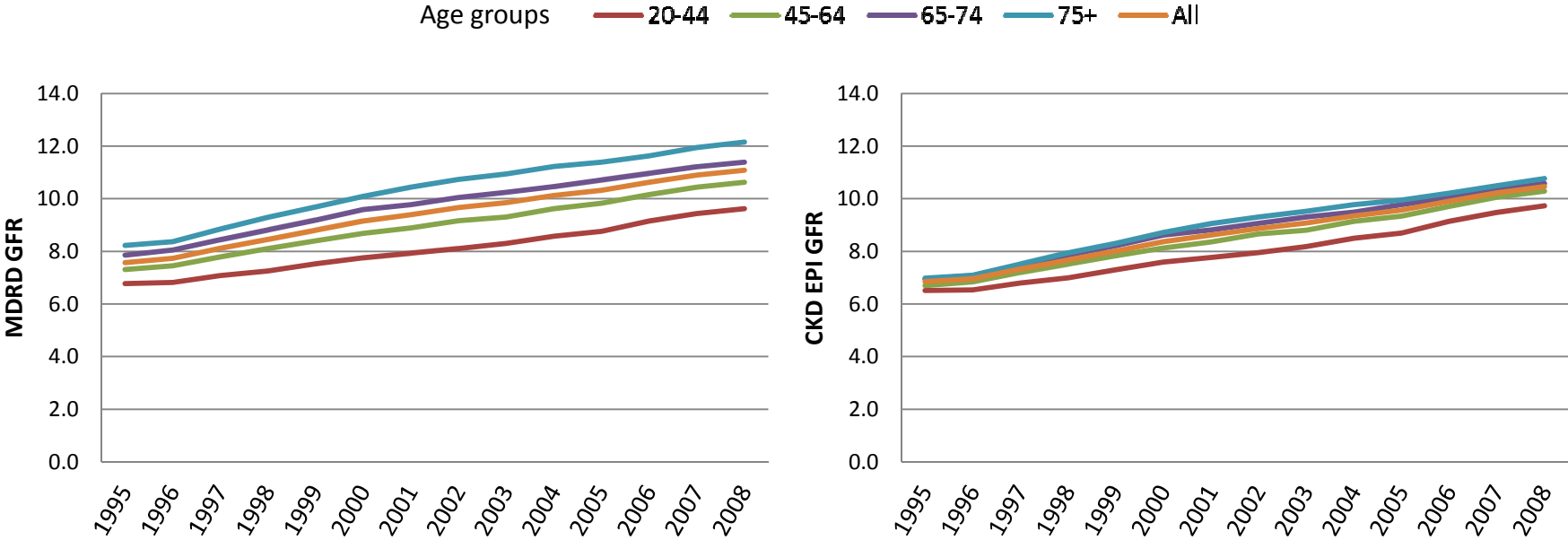


Data from Canadian, UK and ANZDATA Renal Registries

GFR at Initiation of HD & PD by Year: UK

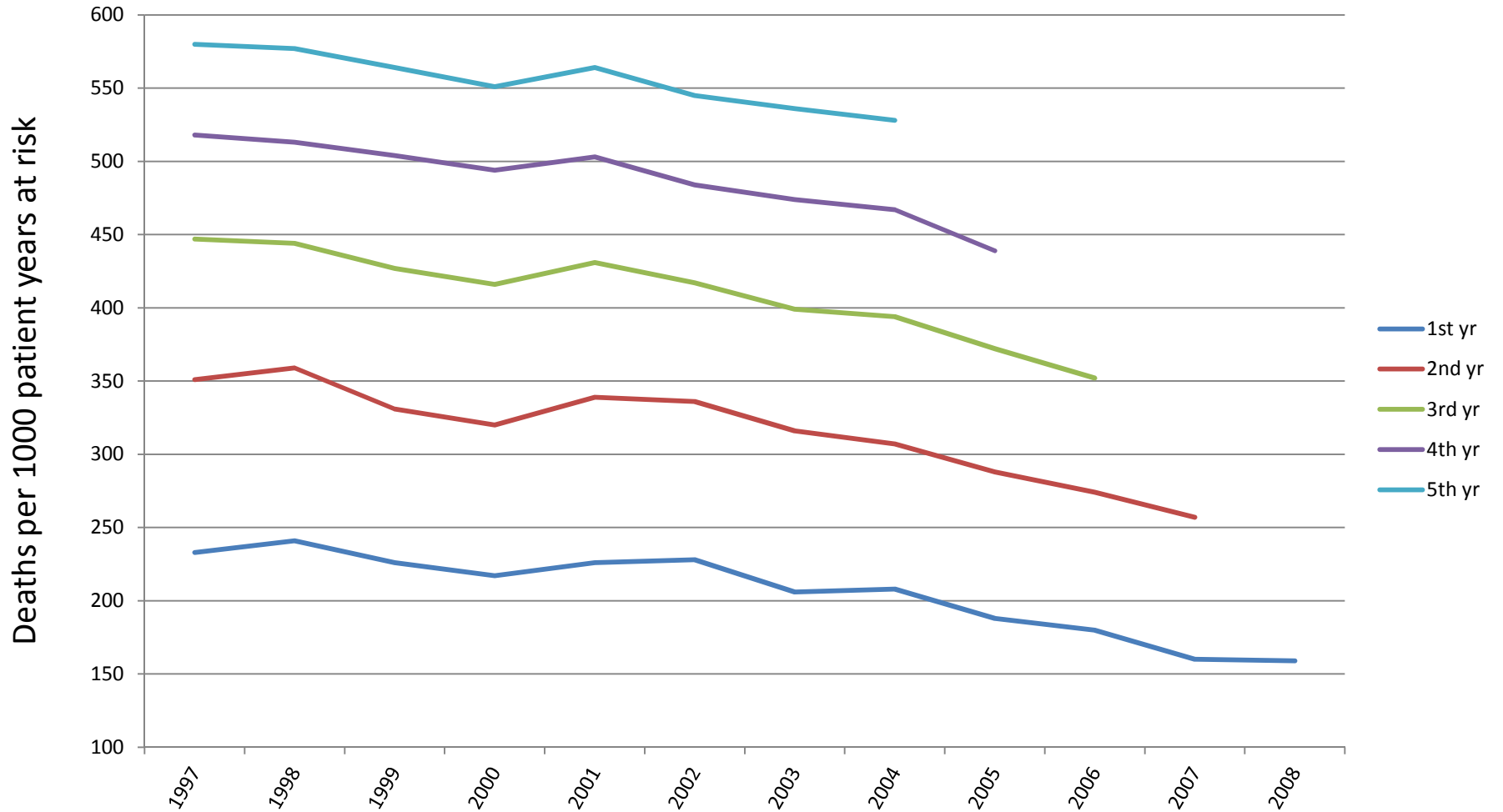


GFR at Initiation of Dialysis by Year: USA

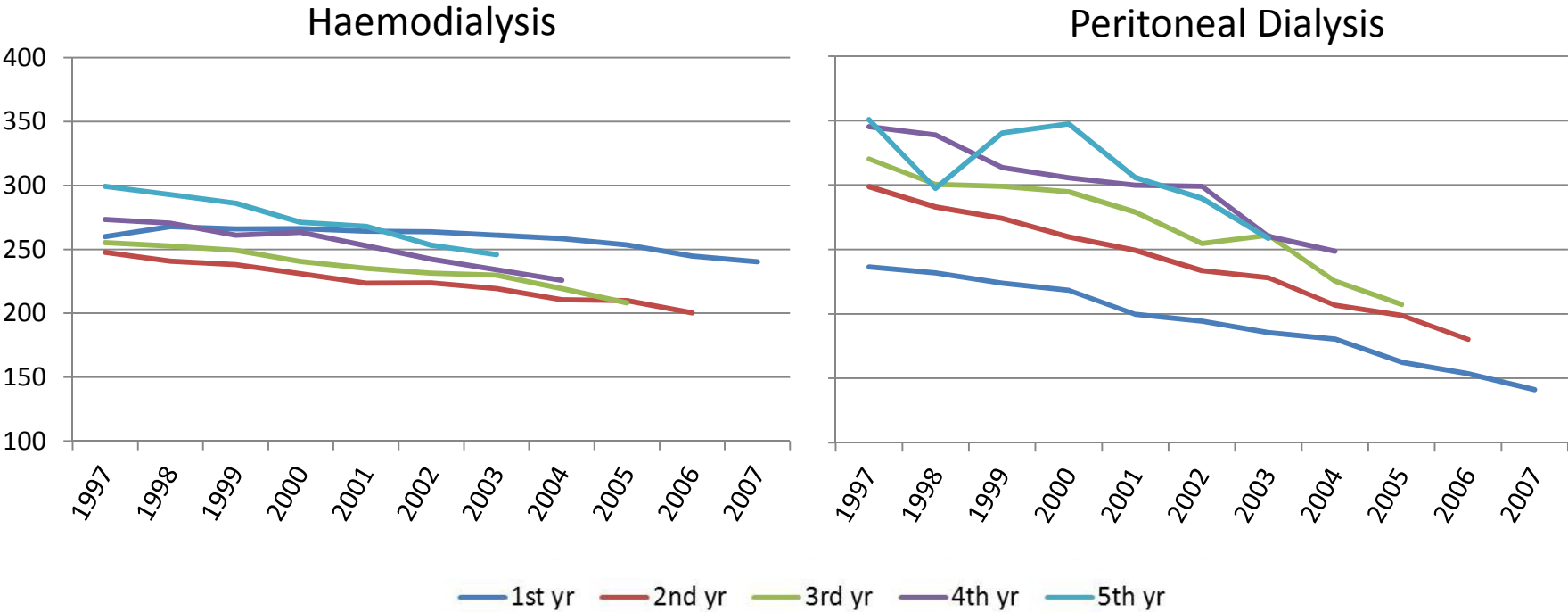


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Unadjusted UK Incident HD & PD Mortality



Adjusted US Incident ESRD Mortality



Adjusted for age, gender, race and primary diagnosis

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Early Referral Versus Late Referral

Consequences of Late Referral	Benefits of Early Referral
Anaemia and bone disease	Delay need to initiate RRT
Severe hypertension & fluid overload	↑ proportion with permanent access
Low prevalence of permanent access	Greater choice of treatment options
Delayed referral for transplant	↓ need for urgent dialysis
↑ initial hospitalisation rate	↓ hospital LOS and costs
↑ 1-year mortality rate	Improved nutritional status
↓ patient choice of RRT modality	Better CVD and comorbid condition management
Worse psychosocial adjustment	↑ patient survival

Studies Comparing Early & Late Referral (1)

Definition, Studies & Number of patients	Mortality: LR vs ER	Temporary Access & Hospitalisation: LR vs. ER
≤ 3 months pre-RRT 21 studies, n=15,655 25-57% late referral	26-40% vs. 13-28% HR for LR 1.19-2.77	Temp. access 34-70% vs. 6-48% HR for LR 1.42-2.89 LOS: 25-31 d vs. 7-15.1 d HR for LR 1.56-3.51
≤ 4 months pre-RRT 10 studies, n=10,142 22-49% late referral	28-35% vs. 6-16% HR for LR 1.37-2.7*	Temp. access 34% vs. 6% LOS: 16-18 d vs. 10-11 d

*2 studies recorded no significant difference in mortality

Studies Comparing Early & Late Referral (2)

Definition, Studies
& Number of
patients

Mortality: LR vs ER

Temporary Access &
Hospitalisation: LR vs. ER

≤ 6 months pre-RRT
9 studies, n=141,565
30-72% late referral

37-65% vs. 21-28%
HR for LR 1.50-1.58

Temp. access 83% vs. 45%
HR for LR 1.48

LOS: 18 d vs. 4 d

Not specified
16 studies, n=7,161
22-58% late referral

12-45% vs. 5-24%
HR for LR 1.2-1.52*

Temp. access 69-96% vs. 17-36%
HR for LR 1.67

LOS 17-25 d vs. 3-12 d

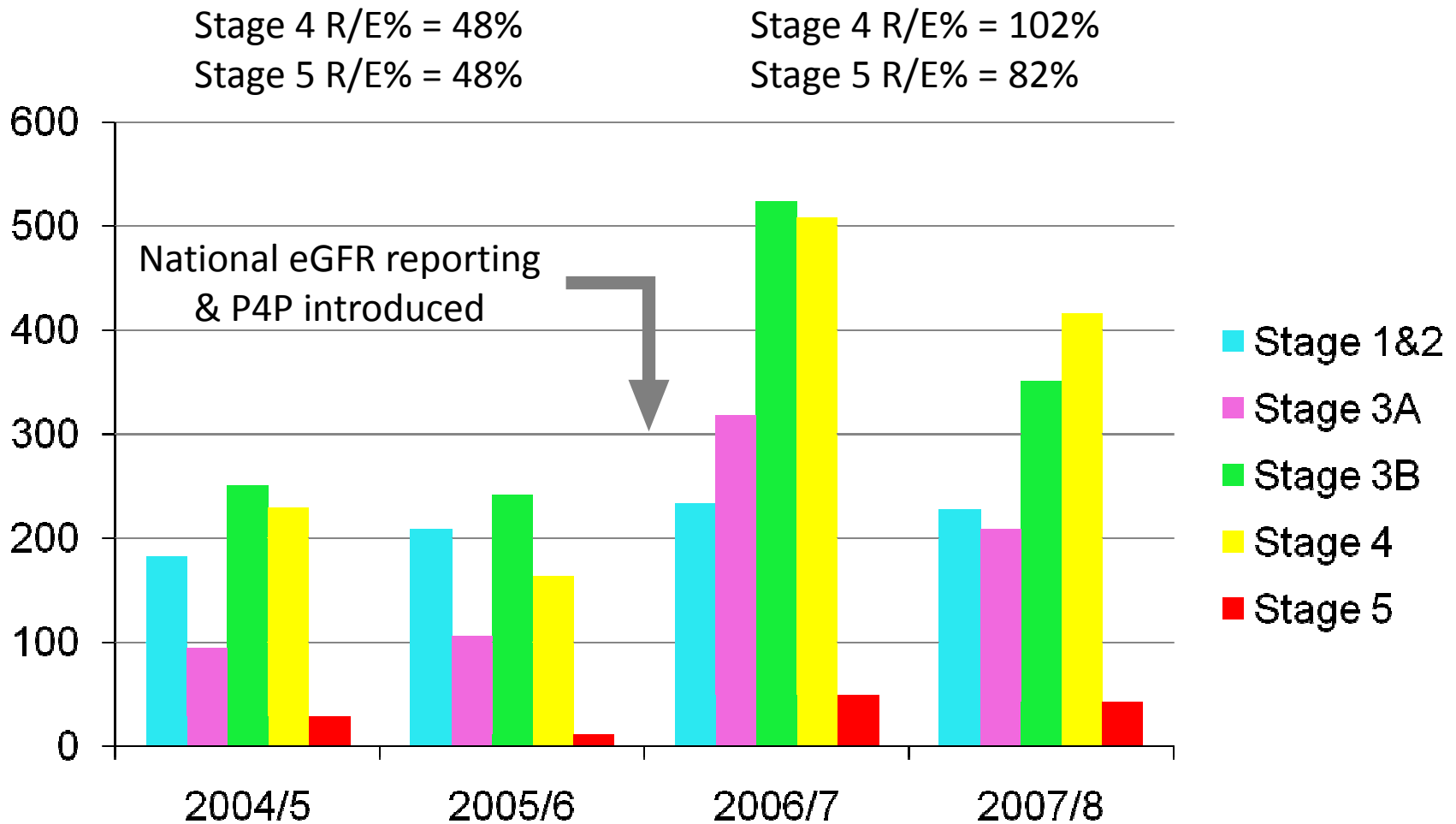
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Meta-analysis of Late Referral

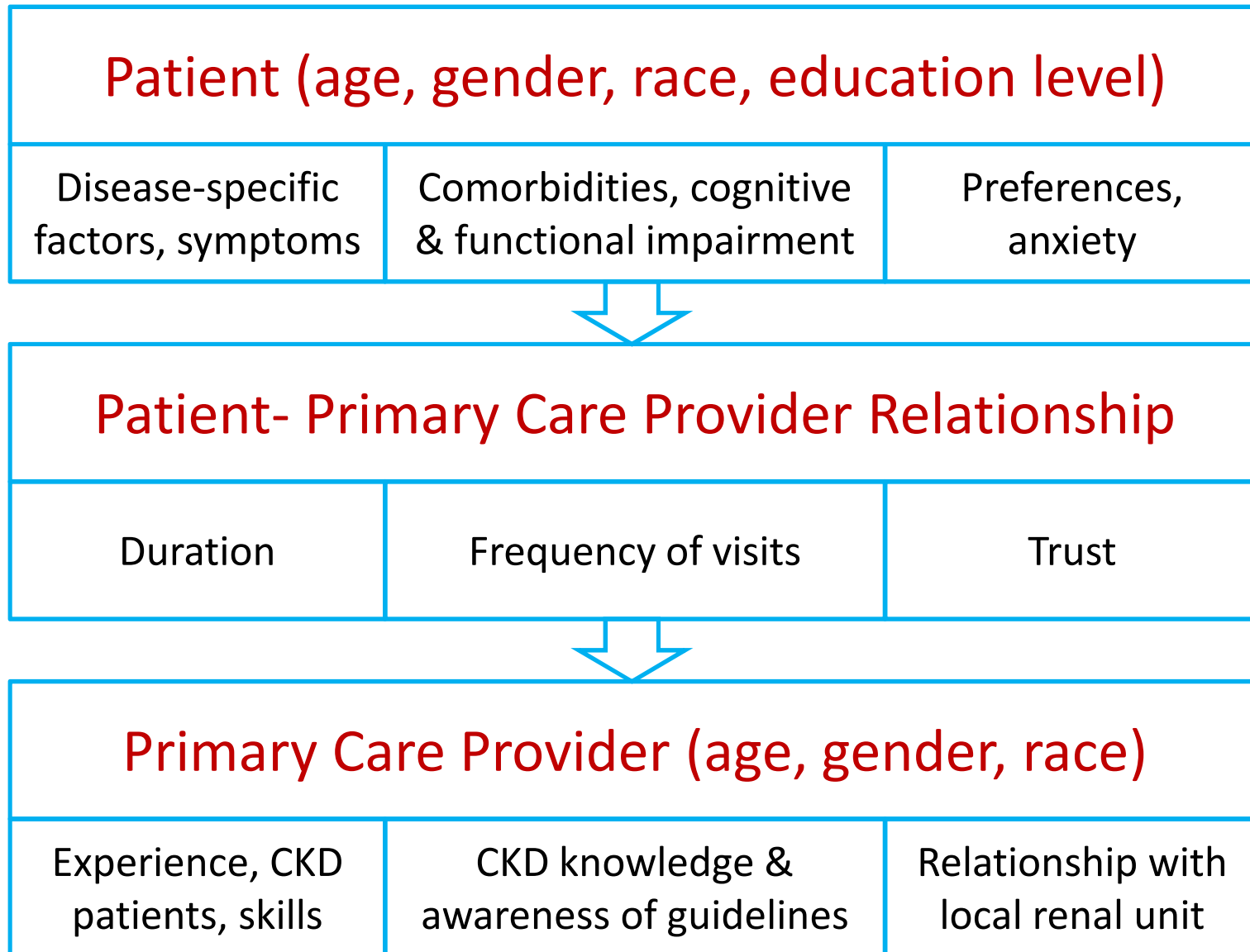
- 22 studies from 10 countries
- 7 <1/12, 8 <3/12, 5 <4/12, 2 < 6/12 prior to RRT
- 12,749 subjects, age 55.6 y, 57.3% male

Variable	Early Referral	Late Referral	P value
Mortality, % (SD)	11 (3)	23 (4)	<0.0001
Hospital LOS, days (SD)	13.5 (2.2)	25.3 (3.8)	0.0007
Serum albumin, g/L (SD)	3.62 (0.05)	3.40 (0.03)	0.001
Haematocrit, % (SD)	30.54 (0.18)	29.71 (0.10)	0.013

Kent New Referrals by CKD Stage



Conceptual Model of Referral Decision Making



Health System Barriers



Early Versus Late Dialysis Initiation



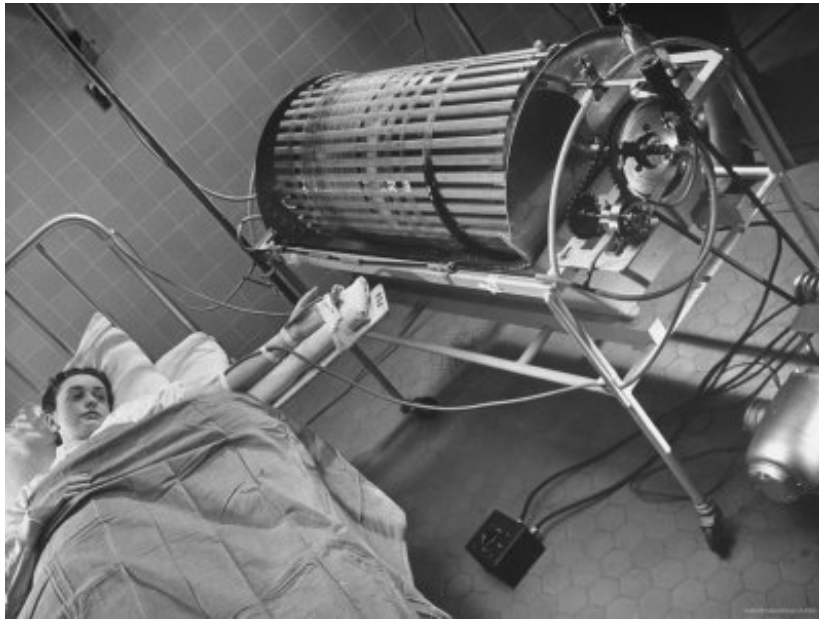
Benefits of Early Dialysis Initiation

- Over a 15 y period 82 patients had 'early start' dialysis and 308 'late start'
- Mean CrCl at dialysis intitation 12.9 ml/min (ES) vs. 2.1 ml/min (LS)
- 12 y survival 77% (ES) vs. 51% (LS)
- LOS 7 (ES) vs. 16 (LS) days/patient/y
- Employment 72% (ES) vs. 42% (LS)

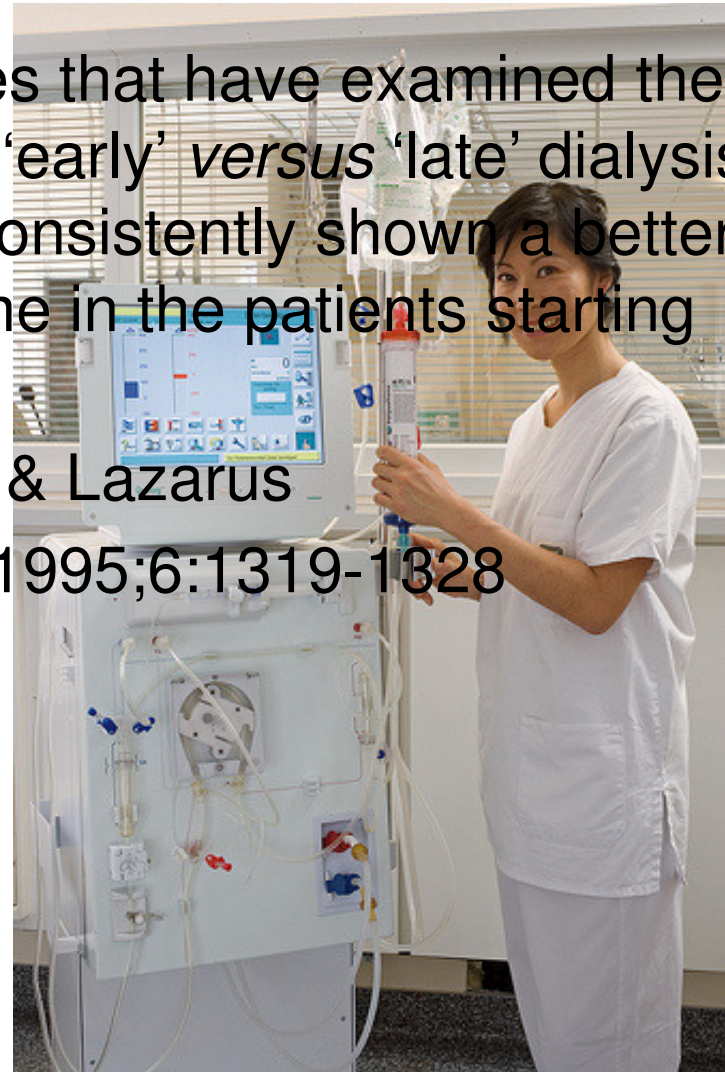
Protein Malnutrition and Progression of Renal Failure

- Spontaneous decline in DPI
 - 1.1 g/kg/d above CrCl 50 ml/min
 - 0.85 g/kg/d at CrCl 25-50 ml/min
 - 0.7 g/kg/d at CrCl 10-25 ml/min
 - 0.54 g/kg/d below CrCl 10 ml/min
- Ideal body weight fell by 0.38% for each 10 ml/min fall in CrCl

Early Dialysis Initiation vs Late



does
“Studies that have examined the
role of ‘early’ versus ‘late’ dialysis
have consistently shown a better
outcome in the patients starting
early”
↓
Hakim & Lazarus
JASN 1995;6:1319-1328



Age and comorbidity may explain the paradoxical association of an early dialysis start with poor survival

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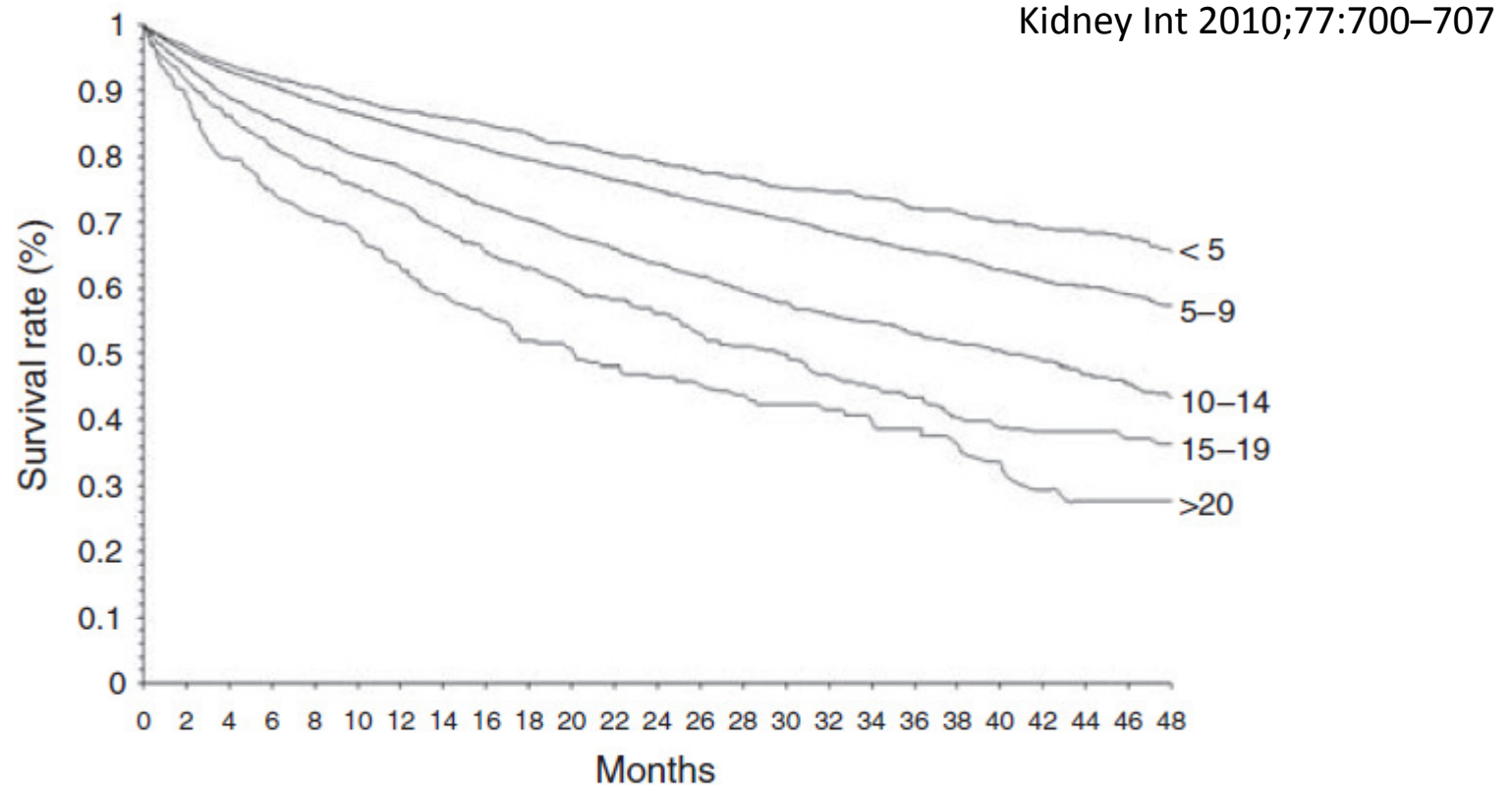


Figure 3 | Kaplan-Meier survival curves according to MDRD eGFR in ml/min per 1.73 m² at start of dialysis.

A Situation Far From IDEAL

- **Lead time bias**
 - Extra period of life gained by delaying dialysis not accounted for (biases results in favour of ES)
- **Problems with estimating equations**
 - Low muscle mass = low creatinine generation
 - Fluid overload dilutes serum creatinine
 - Both associated with greater comorbidity
- **Symptoms and/or ↑comorbidity likely to result in early start**
- **Patient included when they started dialysis**
 - those dying before start excluded = survivor bias

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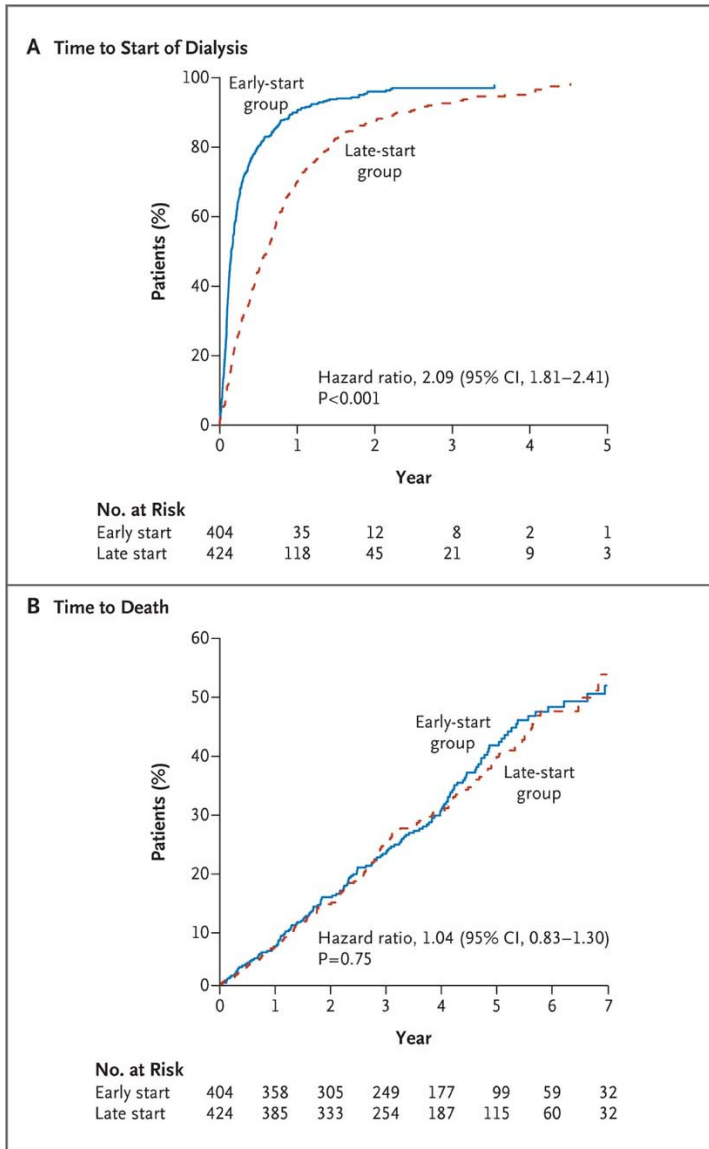
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A Randomized, Controlled Trial of Early versus Late Initiation of Dialysis

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- 828 adults with progressive CKD and CrCl 10-15 ml/min/1.73m² randomly assigned to early or late initiation of dialysis

IDEAL Study



- 404 early (planned 10-14 ml/min) and 424 late (5-7 ml/min) initiation of dialysis
- Protocol allowed earlier start where clinically necessary
- PD/HD 195/118 (ES) vs. 171/215 (LS)
- Mean CrCl 12.0 (ES) vs 9.8 (LS) [MDRD 9.0 (ES) vs. 7.2 (LS)]
- HR for death (ES) 1.04; 95% CI, 0.83 to 1.30; P = 0.75
- No difference in other outcomes

Update Guidance for Dialysis Initiation

- Guideline 1.3
 - Prepare for RRT/conservative care before symptoms develop, including access. Supervise in a dedicated clinic (1C, strong recommendation, low quality evidence)
 - GFR<15 ml/min consider dialysis when clinically indicated; note majority will be at 9-6 ml/min (1A, strong rec., high quality evidence)
 - High risk and rapidly deteriorating pts require closer supervision (1C)
 - Asymptomatic patients presenting with advanced CKD may benefit from delaying dialysis to allow adequate preparation (2C, weak rec., poor quality)

Multidisciplinary CKD Care

“Once exposed to a formal teaching program of the various types of dialysis and transplantation, patients are much less reluctant to start and experience a more positive result, both long and short term. The team approach, including a nephrology nurse, social worker, dietitian, transplant coordinator, and nephrologist, is essential to this process”

Hakim & Lazarus JASN 1995;6:1319-1328

CLINICAL SCIENCE

Early nephrology care provided by the nephrologist alone is not sufficient to mitigate the social and psychological aspects of chronic kidney disease

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Multidisciplinary Team Care May Slow the Rate of Decline in Renal Function

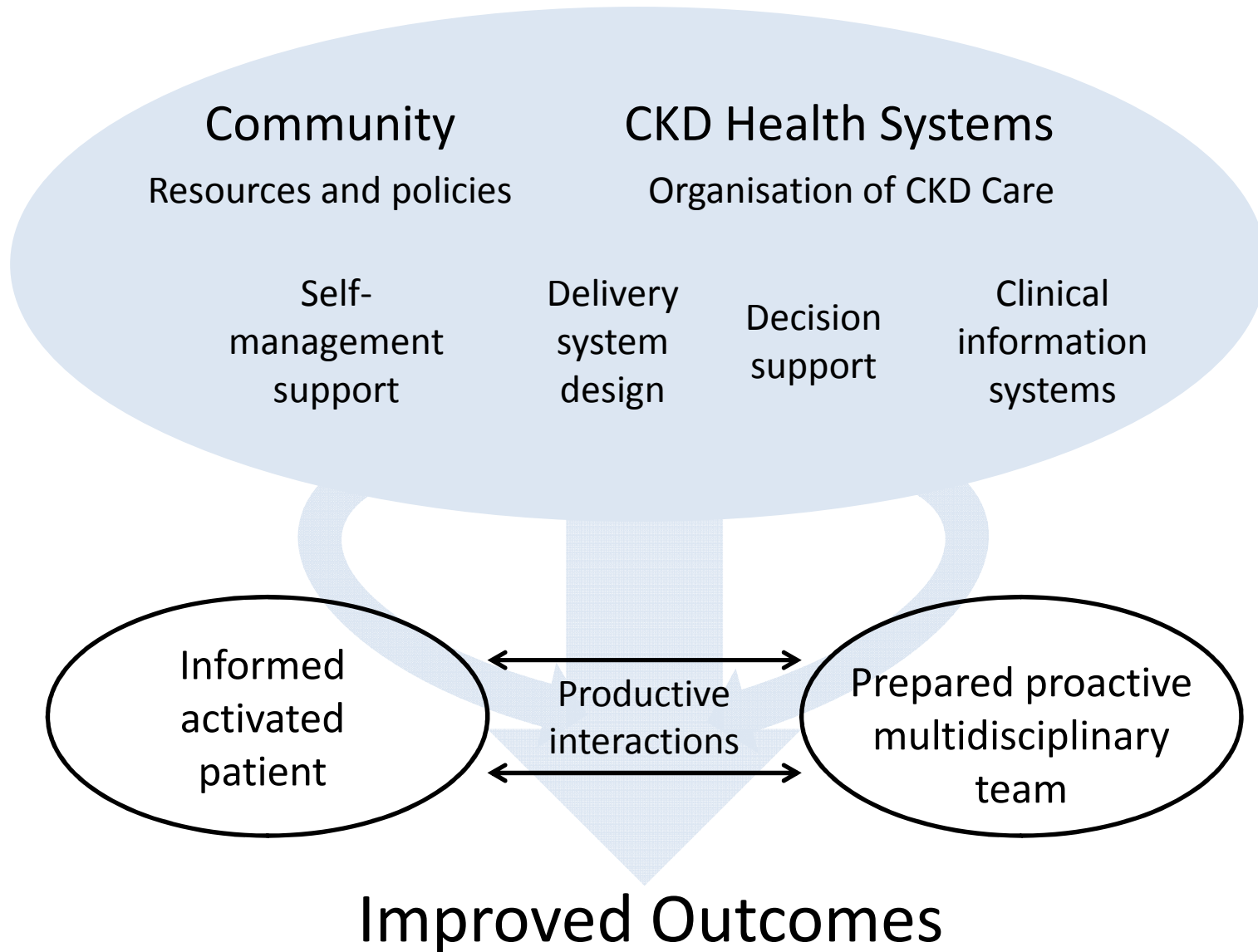
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Summary

Background and objectives A multidisciplinary team (MDT) approach to chronic kidney disease (CKD) may help optimize care of CKD and comorbidities. We implemented an MDT quality improvement project for persons with stage 3 CKD and comorbid diabetes and/or hypertension. Our objective was to decrease the rate of decline of GFR.

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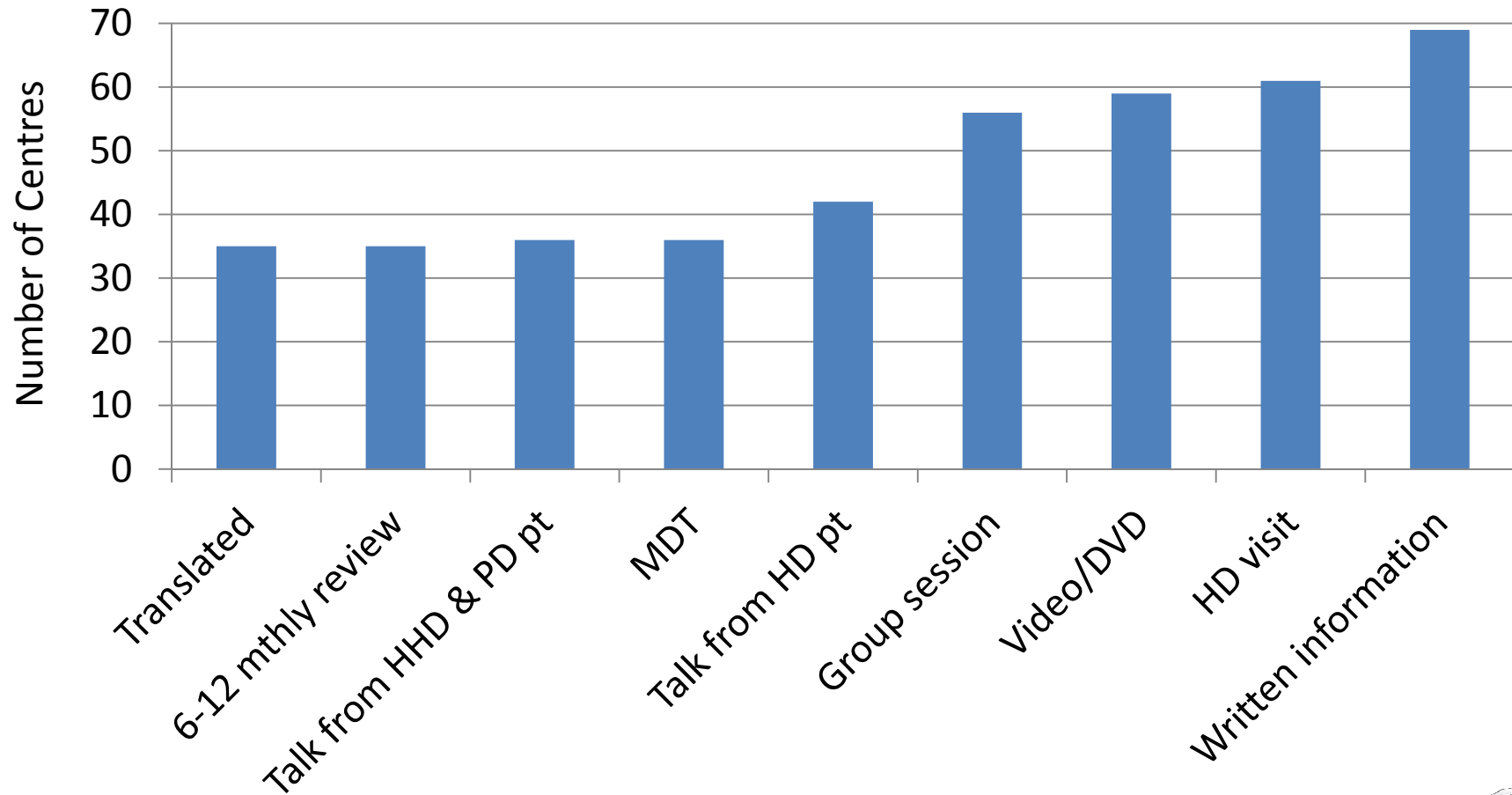
The CKD Chronic Care Model



CKD Models of Care

- Multidisciplinary team
 - dietitian, educator, anaemia co-ordinator, pharmacist, social worker, access co-ordinator, counsellor, diabetic nurse, occupational therapist, psychologist, nephrologist
- Shared care scheme
- Low clearance clinics
- Pre-dialysis education programme

Components of Pre-Dialysis Education Programme Provided by 70 UK Centres



Original Article

Chronic kidney disease care program improves quality of pre-end-stage renal disease care and reduces medical costs

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“A CKD Care Program is found to help pre-ESRD patients prepare for dialysis initiation and is associated with a **reduced probability of emergency dialysis and hospitalization and lowered medical costs**”

7 Objectives of CKD Models of Care

1. Provide specific therapy based on diagnosis
2. Slow CKD progression where possible
3. Evaluate and manage co-morbid conditions
4. Prevent and manage CVD
5. Identify, prevent and manage CKD specific complications (e.g. malnutrition, anaemia, bone disease, acidosis)
6. Plan and prepare for RRT (e.g. choice of modality, access-placement and care, pre-emptive transplantation)
7. Psychosocial support and provide conservative care and palliative care options where required.

Some of the Questions

- What are the consequences of late referral and the benefits of early referral?
- What are the factors involved in late referral and how do we improve them?
- Is early dialysis initiation good or bad?
- What's changed?
- What are the best models of CKD care and how can they be implemented?
- Is there evidence for clinical and cost effectiveness?
- What about the international perspective?

Guidelines – EBPG 2002

Guideline 1.2.3 – When to refer to a nephrology clinic

GFR <30 ml/min and declining should receive nephrologist care and be prepared for RRT (choice of modality & location, discussion with patients & carers, psychosocial support)

Guideline 1.3 – When to start dialysis*

GFR <15 ml/min plus symptoms & signs, inability to control hydration status or blood pressure, progressive deterioration in nutritional status

GFR ≥6 ml/min, even if no symptoms and optimal pre-dialysis care, aim to start at 8-10 ml/min (*Evidence level: C*)

High-risk patients e.g. diabetics may benefit from an earlier start
(*Evidence level: C*)

Guidelines – KDOQI 2006

1.1 Preparation for kidney failure

Patients who reach CKD stage 4 (estimated GFR < 30 mL/min/1.73 m²) should receive timely education

Patients' family members and caregivers also should be educated about treatment choices for kidney failure. (B)

1.3 Timing of therapy

When patients reach stage 5 CKD (eGFR < 15 mL/min/1.73 m²), nephrologists should evaluate the benefits, risks, and disadvantages of beginning kidney replacement therapy.

Particular clinical considerations and certain characteristic complications of kidney failure may prompt initiation of therapy before stage 5. (B)

Guidelines – CSN 2008

Components of care prior to initiation

Patients with eGFR <30 mL/min/1.73m² should receive care in a multidisciplinary setting that includes physicians, nurses, dietitians and social workers (grade C)

Education program should include lifestyle modification, medication management, modality selection and vascular access as well as options for renal transplantation (grade D, opinion).

Timing of initiation

No evidence to recommend a GFR at which RRT should be initiated in the absence of CKD complications (grade D, opinion).

eGFR < 20 mL/min/1.73m² may require RRT initiation if symptoms, refractory metabolic complications, volume overload or a decline in nutritional status dictates (grade D, opinion).

Guidelines – UK RA 2009

Guideline 1.1&1.2 - RRT: Timely nephrology referral

Refer CKD stage 4-5 or CKD stage 3 and rapidly deteriorating function for assessment by a nephrologist (1B)

Refer at least a year before anticipated RRT (2B)

Guideline 5.2 - RRT: Initiating RRT

Decision to start RRT in patients with CKD stage 5 (eGFR < 15ml/min/1.73m²) based on discussion of risks and benefits of RRT considering symptoms & signs, nutritional status, co-morbidity, QoL, and the physical, psychological and social consequences of RRT (1D)

Guideline 5.3 - RRT: Initiating RRT

Start RRT when eGFR < 6ml/min/1.73m², even if the patient is asymptomatic (2C)

Guidelines – CARI 2005 & 2010

Referral to nephrology (2010)

Patients with an eGFR <30 mL/min per 1.73 m² should generally be referred to a nephrology service for assessment and multidisciplinary management of chronic kidney disease

Initiation of dialysis (2005)

GFR < 10 mL/min/ 1.73 m² and evidence of uraemia \pm complications such as malnutrition (Level III evidence)

GFR ≤ 6 mL/min/ 1.73 m² if no symptoms or complications (Level III)

Educate patients and staff about the strength of the evidence (at best, cohort studies) regarding the rationale for ‘early’ dialysis initiation

http://www.cari.org.au/dialysis_accept_published.php

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[Problems?](#)

Patient Details

Patient Details for RPVGEN TEST

Last Name	TEST
First Name	RPVGEN
Date of Birth (yyyy-mm-dd)	1978-01-03
NHS Number	203011978X
Hospital Number	00000000C
Address	A nice Flat The Village Someplace
Postcode	G4 0SF
Telephone 1	0101010101010101010
Diagnosis	No diagnosis stated
Treatment	Haemodialysis
Transplant Status	No status uploaded (Explain this)
Other Conditions	

This is a list of medicines as recorded on your renal unit's computer system. IMPORTANT - the list of medicines shown here may not be complete or accurate, because (1) Some renal units do not keep full records of medicines for all patients. (2) Any changes made outside the renal unit - for example any new changes made, or new medicines prescribed by your GP or someone else, will not be shown here. Please point out changes when you next attend a clinic appointment, or send a note or message to your renal unit.

This link to [Medline Plus](#) is quite good if you want more information on individual drugs, or on herbs and supplements.

Medicines for RPVGEN TEST

Start Date	Medicine Name	Dose	Source
28/06/09	Prednisolone	5 mg. Tablet/s Oral Daily For asthma	SGC05
12/11/08	Ramipril	5 mg. Tablet/s Oral Daily	SGC05
15/10/08	Darbepoetin alfa	15 micro g Injection Iv weekly. on HD	SGC05
15/06/08	Lignocaine	as charte Injection sub cut before dialysis 1% if required before AVF cannulation	SGC05
15/06/08	Folic acid	5 mg. Tablet/s Oral after dialysis	SGC05
15/06/08	Alfacalcidol	0.25 micro g Capsules Oral after dialysis	SGC05
15/06/08	Orovite	1 Tablet/s Oral after dialysis	SGC05
15/06/08	Heparin	as charte Injection Iv during dialysis	SGC05
05/08/05	Furosemide.	80 mg. Tablet/s Oral Daily	SGC05
29/07/05	Atenolol	25 mg. Tablet/s Oral Daily	SGC05

International Perspective

