

Table S3. Association of signs and symptoms prior to dialysis initiation with various definitions of earlier initiation. Results are expressed as multivariable adjusted odds ratio (OR) and 95% confidence interval (95% CI). Models are adjusted for individual sign or symptom and resident characteristics.

Sign or Symptom	MDRD eGFR ≥15 ml/min/1.73m ² (N=440)	CKD-EPI eGFR ≥15 ml/min/1.73m ² (N=291)	Cockcroft Gault CrCl ≥15 ml/min (N=449)
Extensive assistance needed in all ADLs	1.23 (0.95-1.62)	1.23 (0.90-1.69)	1.45 (1.09-1.91)
Moderate to severe cognitive impairment	0.84 (0.67-1.04)	0.88 (0.68-1.14)	0.65 (0.51-0.82)
Edema	1.54 (1.24-1.92)	1.74 (1.35-2.25)	1.71 (1.36-2.14)
Dyspnea	1.95 (1.40-2.73)	2.43 (1.68-3.50)	2.23 (1.59-3.13)
Nutritional problem	1.17 (0.91-1.50)	1.04 (0.80-1.36)	0.68 (0.53-0.87)
Vomiting	0.71 (0.43-1.15)	0.80 (0.46-1.39)	0.81 (0.51-1.28)
Body mass index (kg/m ²)			
≤18.5	1.34 (0.86-2.10)	1.71 (1.03-2.84)	0.25 (0.14-0.45)
>18.5 and ≤25	0.93 (0.71-1.21)	0.88 (0.64-1.21)	0.21 (0.15-0.28)
>25 and ≤30	0.81 (0.60-1.08)	1.04 (0.75-1.46)	0.39 (0.30-0.52)
>30	1.00 (Referent)	1.00 (Referent)	1.00 (Referent)

Abbreviations: eGFR - estimated glomerular filtration rate, MDRD - modification of diet in renal disease equation, CrCl - creatinine clearance.