

**Table S1.** Characteristics of incident Georgia dialysis patients, 2005–2011, overall and by patient referral for kidney transplantation within 1 year of dialysis initiation

Patient characteristic	Overall	Referral for kidney transplantation within 1 year of dialysis start		P*
		No	Yes	
<i>N</i> (%)	12,926 (100%)	9649 (74.7%)	3277 (25.4%)	---
		<u>Demographic</u>		
Age at dialysis start	53.5 (11.5)	54.8 (11.1)	49.5 (11.8)	<0.001
Female, <i>n</i> (%)	5883 (45.5%)	4510 (46.7%)	1373 (41.9%)	<0.001
Race/ethnicity, <i>n</i> (%)				<0.001
Non-Hispanic white	4094 (31.7%)	3285 (34.1%)	809 (24.7%)	
Black	8368 (64.8%)	6054 (62.8%)	2314 (70.6%)	
White Hispanic	245 (1.9%)	172 (1.8%)	73 (2.2%)	
Other	214 (1.7%)	133 (1.4%)	81 (2.5%)	
Insurance at dialysis start, <i>n</i> (%)				<0.001
Private	3177 (24.6%)	1921 (20.0%)	1256 (38.4%)	
Medicare	2829 (21.9%)	2336 (24.3%)	493 (15.1%)	
Medicaid	3278 (25.4%)	2658 (27.6%)	620 (18.9%)	
Other	1185 (9.2%)	934 (9.7%)	251 (7.7%)	
None	2428 (18.8%)	1774 (18.4%)	654 (20.0%)	
		<u>Clinical**</u>		
ASCVD, <i>n</i> (%)	4287 (33.2%)	3517 (36.5%)	770 (23.5%)	<0.001
Cancer, <i>n</i> (%)	635 (4.9%)	571 (5.9%)	64 (2.0%)	<0.001
Smoking, <i>n</i> (%)	1289 (10.0%)	1027 (10.7%)	262 (8.0%)	<0.001
		<u>Indicators of quality care</u>		
Pre-ESRD nephrology care, <i>n</i> (%)	7108 (60.8%)	5242 (60.3%)	1866 (62.1%)	0.09
Starting dialysis on PD, <i>n</i> (%)	916 (7.1%)	670 (6.9%)	246 (7.5%)	0.3
Starting dialysis with a permanent access, <i>n</i> (%)	4050 (33.8%)	2890 (32.2%)	1160 (38.3%)	<0.001
On ESA prior to dialysis, <i>n</i> (%)	2414 (22.6%)	1825 (23.0%)	589 (21.4%)	0.08
Informed of transplant option, <i>n</i> (%)	9799 (77.5%)	7110 (75.2%)	2689 (84.4%)	<0.001

*N*=12,926 except for race/ethnicity (*N*=12,921), insurance (*N*=12,897), pre-ESRD care (*N*=11,691), ESA prior to dialysis (*N*=10,696), fistula at dialysis initiation (*N*=12,001), and informed of transplant options (*N*=12,641). ASCVD, atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease; ESA, erythropoietin-stimulating agent; ESRD, end stage renal disease; PD peritoneal dialysis.

\**P* by *t* test or chi-square test, as appropriate.

\*\*Provider documentation of presence of condition within 10 years prior to initiating dialysis.