

Supplemental Table S2. Complete list of study cohort baseline characteristics

Characteristic	Total study population (N = 31,055)
Age at dialysis initiation (years)	76.0 ± 6.6
Female	14,359 (46.2%)
Race	
Black	6,179 (19.9%)
White	23,356 (75.2%)
Other	1,520 (4.9%)
Hispanic	2,705 (8.7%)
GFR^a at dialysis initiation (mL/min/1.73 m²)	9.8 ± 5.2
Cause of end-stage kidney disease	
Diabetes	13,565 (43.7%)
Hypertension	11,636 (37.5%)
Glomerular disease	1,742 (5.6%)
Other	4,112 (13.2%)
Inpatient dialysis initiation	13,054 (42.0%)
Vascular access	
Catheter	22,398 (72.1%)
Fistula	6,580 (21.2%)
Graft	2,077 (6.7%)
Current smoker at dialysis initiation	1,090 (3.5%)
Employment status at dialysis initiation	
Employed	648 (2.1%)
Homemaker	1,251 (4.0%)
Retired	26,192 (84.3%)
Unemployed	2,964 (9.5%)
Body mass index	
≤ 18.4 kg/m ²	1,044 (3.4%)
18.5 – 24.9 kg/m ²	10,318 (33.2%)
25.0 – 29.9 kg/m ²	9,592 (30.9%)
≥ 30 kg/m ²	10,101 (32.5%)
Arrhythmia or conduction disorder	12,393 (39.9%)
Anxiety	1,545 (5.0%)
Cancer	6,251 (20.1%)
COPD or asthma	9,579 (30.8%)
Depression	3,071 (9.9%)
Diabetes	20,379 (65.6%)

Dyslipidemia	9,972 (32.1%)
Hearing loss	803 (2.6%)
Heart failure	18,370 (59.2%)
Ischemic heart disease	17,398 (56.0%)
Liver disease	648 (2.1%)
Peripheral arterial disease	9,046 (29.1%)
Stroke	5,834 (18.8%)
Valvular disease	2,464 (7.9%)
History of non-compliance	913 (2.9%)
Equilibrated Kt/V < 1.2	1,937 (6.2%)
Albumin^c	
≤ 2.9 g/L	3,327 (10.7%)
3.0 – 3.4 g/L	9,017 (29.0%)
3.5 – 3.9 g/L	13,440 (43.3%)
≥ 4.0 g/L	5,271 (17.0%)
Phosphorous^c	
≤ 3.4 mg/dL	6,976 (22.5%)
3.5 – 5.5 mg/dL	19,911 (64.1%)
≥ 5.6 mg/dL	4,168 (13.4%)
Pre-dialysis systolic blood pressure	
≤ 130 mmHg	8,475 (27.3%)
131 – 150 mmHg	12,240 (39.4%)
151 – 170 mmHg	7,736 (24.9%)
≥ 171 mmHg	2,604 (8.4%)
Under the care of a nephrologist at the time of dialysis initiation	
Yes	21,074 (67.9%)
No	6,470 (20.8%)
Unknown	3,511 (11.3%)
Under the care of a kidney dietician at the time of dialysis initiation	
Yes	2,571 (8.3%)
No	22,054 (71.0%)
Unknown	6,430 (20.7%)
History of needing assistance with daily activities	3,072 (9.9%)
History of an inability to ambulate	1,241 (4.0%)
Number of hospitalizations in the year prior to dialysis initiation	

0	12,774 (41.1%)
1	8,440 (27.2%)
2	4,537 (14.6%)
≥ 3	5,304 (17.1%)
Number of emergency department visits in the year prior to dialysis initiation	
0	7,853 (25.3%)
1	8,841 (28.5%)
2	5,694 (18.3%)
≥ 3	8,667 (27.9%)
Had ≥ 1 skilled nursing facility admission in the year prior to dialysis initiation	
	2,964 (9.5%)

Values are given as number (percent) for categorical variables and as mean ± standard deviation for continuous variables. Baseline covariates, including demographics, comorbid conditions and health care utilization metrics were obtained in the 365 days preceding dialysis initiation. Baseline laboratory and dialysis treatment-related covariates were obtained in the 30 days immediately after dialysis initiation. Covariate definitions are provided in Supplemental Table S4.

^a Estimated using the CKD-EPI equation.

Abbreviations: CKD-EPI, Chronic Kidney Disease Epidemiology Collaboration; GFR, glomerular filtration rate