



Kidney Disease: Advantages in Clinical, Social, and Environmental Aspects

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Chronic kidney disease affects a significant number of the population worldwide, up to 15% according to different registries. It is mostly observed in older people; however, occurrence may also differ according to sex, ethnicity, social, economic and environmental factors. Chronic kidney disease is associated with obesity, diabetes, hypertension, cancer diseases, or infectious diseases. Moreover, many of patients are unaware that they are affected. Therefore, it is of vital importance to define risk groups and detect kidney disease quickly in order to prevent progression. Despite many initiatives and programs, health care systems are still ineffective as the global population of patients requiring different forms of life saving renal replacement therapy is growing fast. It is expected to reach 5 million individuals. The fact produces a significant impact on the socioeconomic situation of all nations as the aim is to provide equal and unlimited access to effective treatment.





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