

Dear Sir/Madam,

Within Europe there are large international differences in the number of patients treated with dialysis or kidney transplantation. For example in Norway 71% of the patients with end-stage kidney disease lives with a kidney transplant, whereas in Greece this is 20%.

Within the European EDITH project - supported by the European commission and the European Kidney Patients' Federation - one of the aims is to understand the reasons for these large differences. To do so, it is important to take the opinion of patients living in Europe into account.

The Academic Medical Center on behalf of the ERA-EDTA Registry in Amsterdam has designed a survey for patients on dialysis or with a kidney transplant to investigate information on provision, decision making and factors influencing modality choice in European kidney patients.

The results of the EDITH project could help improving the access to dialysis and especially kidney transplantation in all countries within Europe.

The survey is available online in multiple languages and even more languages will follow. It is anonymous and will take around 10-15 minutes to fill out.

You can find the EDITH Kidney patients surveys at; https://www.era-edta-reg.org/index.jsp?p=survey

The direct link to the French survey is; https://limesurvey.amc.nl/cru/index.php/984557?lang=fr

We kindly ask you to spread this information in your network and promote the survey among your patients. Information letters for patients, posters and paper versions of the survey are available upon request via edith@amc.uva.nl

If you have any questions or would like to have more information, please contact Mrs. Rianne de Jong (Academic Medical Centre, Amsterdam, The Netherlands) via edith@amc.uva.nl

More information on the EDITH project can also be found at www.edith-project.eu

The EDITH research team is grateful for your great help!