

ADDITIONAL FILE 1:

Questionnaire on patients' experiences with, and preferences for, shared decision-making on dialysis or conservative care

1. What is your marital status?^a
2. What is your education level?^b
3. What is your religion?^c
4. Have you ever thought whether you would like to start dialysis, before dialysis treatment was discussed in the hospital? *(yes/no)*

 If yes, how did you feel about dialysis? *(open text answer)*

 If no, do you know why you did not have thought about it yet? *(open text answer)*
5. With which health professional did you have the first discussion about whether or not to start dialysis (choose one)? *(categories: nephrologist; nephrology nurse; resident; general practitioner; other, namely...)*
6. Do you think that counselling about dialysis was started at the right time? *(yes/no)*

 If no, why? *(open text answer)*
7. With whom did you discuss treatment? *(categories: partner; relatives; friends; general practitioner; nephrology nurse; social worker; dietician; other patients; other, namely...)*
8. How many discussions about treatment do you think you have had with your healthcare team?

(estimated number)
9. How much time did it take between the first discussion about treatment and the final decision?

(estimated time; free to choose unit of time)
10. What was your final treatment decision? *(categories: dialysis, conservative care)*
11. Why did you choose to start or withhold dialysis? *(open text answer)*
12. Which medical factors played a role in your treatment choice? *(categories: prognosis with or without dialysis; quality of life with or without dialysis; your age; presence of comorbidities; other, namely...)*
13. Do you think there was enough time to make an adequate decision? *(11-point Likert scale)*
14. Did you feel forced to make a decision? *(yes/no)*

 If yes, why? *(open text answer)*

15. Did you feel supported by:
- a. your nephrologist and/or nurse in your decision whether or not to start dialysis? *(11-point Likert scale)*
 - b. your partner and/or relatives in your decision whether or not to start dialysis? *(11-point Likert scale)*
16. How much confidence did you have in your nephrologist's advice whether or not to start dialysis? *(11-point Likert scale)*
17. Whose opinion has been most important in making your decision (choose one)? *(categories: own opinion; partner; relative; friend; nephrologist; nephrology nurse; social worker; dietician; general practitioner; other, namely...)*
18. Who explained dialysis treatment to you? *(categories: nephrologist; nephrology nurse; social worker; dietician; general practitioner; patient association; other, namely...)*
19. In what way did you receive information about dialysis? *(categories: oral information; written information; video or film; websites; decision aid; other, namely...)*
20. Did you visit the dialysis unit during decision-making? *(yes/no)*
21. Have different treatment options been discussed during decision-making about dialysis? *(yes/no)*
22. Was withholding dialysis discussed as treatment option? *(yes/no)*
- If yes, who mentioned it first (choose one)? *(categories: nephrologist; yourself; nephrology nurse; social worker; general practitioner; other, namely...)*
23. Was the possibility to postpone a decision mentioned? *(yes/no)*
24. Do you think you have received enough information to choose whether or not to start dialysis? *(11-point Likert scale)*
25. Did you miss information? *(yes/no)*
- If yes, what information? *(open text answer)*
26. Are you satisfied with the decision-making process? *(11-point Likert scale)*
27. Do you think that decision-making could have been better? *(yes/no)*
- If yes, how? *(open text answer)*
28. Did you receive sufficient guidance? *(yes/no)*
- If no, what did you have missed? *(open text answer)*
29. Are you satisfied with your final decision to start or withhold dialysis? *(11-point Likert scale)*

If no, why? (*open text answer*)

30. Do you still have doubts about your decision? (*yes/no*)

If yes, about what? (*open text answer*)

^areategorised into: currently living with partner (*yes/no*).

^breategorised into: stated to be religious (*yes/no*).

^creategorised into: primary, secondary, or tertiary education—based on the International Standard Classification of Education [53].