

Appendix B Definitions

Home haemodialysis

A home haemodialysis patient ceases to be classed as such, if they need greater than 2 weeks of hospital dialysis when not an inpatient.

Satellite dialysis unit

A satellite unit is a centre which is distinct from the parent hospital where the consultant nephrologist is based.

Treatment modality at 90 days

This is used by the USRDS and is the modality that the patient is on at day 90 regardless of any changes from the start. It is a general indicator of initial dialysis, but could miss failed CAPD. This would also miss patients intended for home haemodialysis, who will not be home yet. This modality is calculated by the Registry, which allows the definition to be changed.

Co-morbidity definitions

For simplicity, all the co-morbidity data are yes/no fields

The co-morbidity screen :-

<input type="checkbox"/> Angina	<input type="checkbox"/> Claudication
<input type="checkbox"/> Previous MI within last 3 months	<input type="checkbox"/> Ischaemic / Neuropathic ulcers
<input type="checkbox"/> Previous MI > 3 months ago	<input type="checkbox"/> Angioplasty (non coronary)
<input type="checkbox"/> Previous CABG or coronary angioplasty	<input type="checkbox"/> Amputation for Periph Vasc Dis
<input type="checkbox"/> Cerebrovascular disease	<input type="checkbox"/> Smoking
<input type="checkbox"/> Diabetes (not causing ESRF)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease	
<input type="checkbox"/> Liver Disease	
<input type="checkbox"/> Malignancy	

Angina

History of chest pain on exercise with or without ECG changes, ETT, radionuclide imaging or angiography.

Previous MI within last 3 months

MI diagnosed by :-

ST segment elevation, Q waves in relevant leads, enzyme rise > x2 upper limit of normal (or rise in CKMB above local reference range)

Previous MI > 3 months ago

From time of ESRF

Previous CABG or coronary angioplasty

Cerebrovascular disease

Any history of strokes (whatever cause) and including TIA caused by carotid disease

Diabetes (not causing ESRF)

This includes diet controlled diabetics

Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease

This is defined as a slowly progressive airways disorder characterised by obstruction of the expiratory airflow which does not change markedly over several months, may be accompanied by airways hyper-reactivity and may be partially reversible.

N.B. chronic bronchitis and emphysema may occur in the absence of airflow obstruction. Asthma patients may rarely develop airflow obstruction that does not improve with steroids

Liver Disease

This is defined as any abnormal LFTs at the time of registration

Malignancy

Defined as any history of malignancy (even if curative). e.g removal of basal cell carcinoma, melanoma.

Claudication

Current claudication based on a history, with or without Doppler or angiographic evidence.

Ischaemic / Neuropathic ulcers

Current presence of these ulcers.

Angioplasty (non coronary)

Amputation for Peripheral Vascular Disease

Smoking

Current smoker or history within the last year.