What is Renal Replacement Therapy? An illness is supposed by the medical condition that results in chronic kidney disease, also known as chronic kidney failure. This is when the kidneys are damaged to the point where they can no longer work properly. The kidneys filter waste products from your body and produce urine. When they are damaged, the waste products build up in your blood, and you need to replace the kidneys’ functions.

The global picture
It’s estimated that around 6 million people are currently requiring Renal Replacement Therapy. This is projected to rise to 13 million by 2050.

RRT in the United Kingdom
In 2015 the number of people on RRT in the UK was 1,374.

How the therapies have changed over the years
The number of RRT patients has increased since 2002. The increase is mainly due to more people receiving a transplant. The number on haemodialysis has been relatively stable.

Age, sex and RRT
The age and sex of the RRT population has changed over recent years. There are more male patients than female patients. Women are more likely to receive dialysis and men are more likely to receive a transplant. Over time the proportion of men and women receiving RRT has changed.

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