

STUDY OF THE QUALITY OF LIFE (QOL) IN DIALYSIS PATIENTS

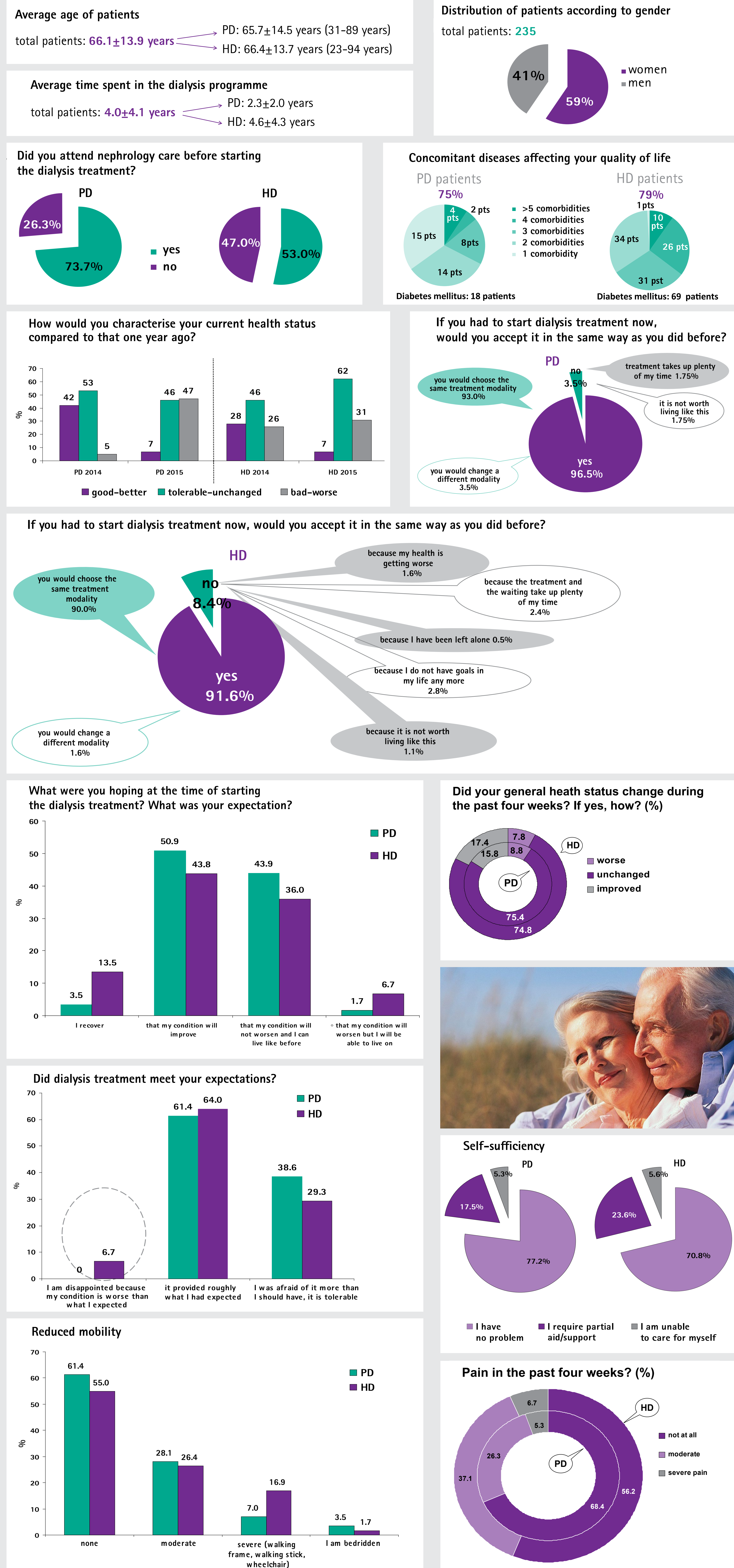
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INTRODUCTION

- Quality of life (QOL) is one of the most important aspects (or rather the most important aspect) for patients treated in a dialysis programme.
- The question arises how and to what extent the existing disease and the presence of the developing complications affect the quality of life of kidney disease patients.
- For patients with end-stage renal disease kidney transplantation would result in the most favourable quality of life.

RESULTS



SUMMARY

The majority of patients consider their health status acceptable, despite the fact that 75% of PD patients and 79% of HD patients have multiple concomitant diseases affecting their quality of life. Only a small proportion of the patients feel disappointed compared to their expectations, and 92.8% would choose the same treatment even now. We would like to have our respondents complete the questionnaire again one year from now.