

**The title of the research study:** Haemodialysis Nursing Sensitive Indicators

Before you decide to participate in this study, we ask you to read this information sheet carefully.

What is the purpose of the study?

In the discipline of nursing, the ability to precisely define and assess the quality of care provided is paramount to ensuring that patients receive the best possible quality care and optimise patient outcomes. A set of haemodialysis nursing-sensitive indicators has been developed, and based on these indicators, we want to determine the quality of nursing care in haemodialysis units and to identify areas for improvement. This will be achieved through two phases. Firstly, we would like nurses working in haemodialysis to answer a survey, which is based on the set of indicators, together with some demographic questions. Secondly, we will ask for you to participate in an online focus group to discuss the results from the survey.

Why am I being asked to take part?

You are being asked to take part because you are a nurse working within haemodialysis units with at least one year experience providing haemodialysis care to adults.

What is the plan for the study?

You will be given access to a survey at the end of this information sheet by either following a link or a QR-code, whichever is best for you. You will be required to confirm you meet the inclusion criteria prior to accessing the survey. If you do not meet the criteria, you will be excluded from the study. The survey will take approximately 15 minutes and will be presented in English. At the end of the survey you will be asked if you wish to participate in an online focus group. The focus group will be conducted online using Zoom, will be held in English, and will last approximately between 60-90 minutes. The focus group will be audio-video recorded to allow for transcription and analysis of responses.

Do I have to take part?

No, taking part is completely voluntary. If you agree to take part, we will ask you to confirm you have read this information sheet and provide consent before completing the survey. At the start of the survey, you will be asked whether you would like to take part in the focus groups. Again, your decision to take part is voluntary. You are free to withdraw from the study at any time without providing a reason. Please note that this will not affect your ongoing membership of EDTNA/ERCA.

What are the potential benefits of the study?

The findings from this project will describe the quality of nursing care in haemodialysis settings to identify positive and negative aspects of care. Based on the results we will be able to make recommendations for improving the nursing care and patient outcomes in the haemodialysis setting. The findings may also be used for decision-making in haemodialysis units.

What are the potential risks, complications or disadvantages?

We are not aware of any risks, complications or disadvantages of participating in this research project. Confidentiality will be strictly maintained throughout the study and your data will only be accessible by the research team. This research will be conducted in compliance with data protection legislation. The information you provide will be kept confidential; however, if you disclose information that raises concerns about patient safety or unprofessional behaviour, the researcher may need to report this in line with ethical and professional guidelines.

For more information about how we look after your information, how to access your rights and who to contact if you have any queries or concerns about data protection please visit the Queen's University Belfast website -

[https://www.qub.ac.uk/privacynotice/Research/ListofResearchPrivacyNotices/PrivacyNoticefor ResearchParticipants.html](https://www.qub.ac.uk/privacynotice/Research/ListofResearchPrivacyNotices/PrivacyNoticeforResearchParticipants.html)

Who is organising this study?

This research project is being led by member of the EDTNA/ERCA Scientific Board and the School of Nursing and Midwifery at Queen's University Belfast.

Who has reviewed the study?

The study has been reviewed and approved by the Medical, Health, and Life Sciences (MHLS) Research Ethics Committee at Queen's University Belfast (Reference: MHLS 25_93).

Who is funding the study?

No funding has been received to conduct this study.

What if there is a problem?

If you have any concerns about the research study, please get in touch with the Research Team using the contact details provided at the end of this information sheet.

What do I do if I wish to withdraw my data?

When the survey is submitted it is not possible to remove your data. In addition, your data cannot be removed from the focus group once the discussion has started.

Where can I get access to the results of this study?

The results will be published in the Journal of Renal Care, and information about publication will be shared on the EDTNA/ERCA webpage; publication is expected in July/August 2027.

If you want to know more about the research project, you are welcome to contact Professor Jeanette FINDERUP, Member of the EDTNA/ERCA Scientific Board (jeajee@rm.dk) OR Dr Afra Masià Plana, Member of the EDTNA/ERCA Scientific Board (afra.masia@udg.edu) OR Dr Clare McKeaveney Lecturer at Queen's University Belfast (c.mckeaveney@qub.ac.uk).

Thank you for your interest in this study and for taking the time to read through this information sheet.

Here is the link to the survey: <https://run.pavlovia.org/pavlovia/survey-2025.2.0/?surveyId=6e35b8c6-04ef-4450-9d05-832e4a16dea7>