

# Impact of Nutritional Status in the Maintenance of Haemodialysis Patients

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# ABSTRACT

Haemodialysis is a way of replacing purposes of kidney, when the kidneys have collapsed, the blood philtres and purifies like a computer. Blood from body is injected into a sequence of narrow tubes it into 'artificial kidney' or into a 'dialyzer' into the system. Blood is extracted from the bloodstream in haemodialysis and purified by a dialysis agent, and even the blood purified back to the person body. In order to administer haemodialysis, a blood flow from its body to just the dialyzer as well as back to the person body must become available. When kidneys no longer function, dialysis has extended the lives of many individuals suffering from End Stage Renal Disease. The most difficult part of treatment with dialysis is the need to follow a complicated and restrictive dietary regime. Protein-Energy Wasting (PEW) remains a fairly predominant issue amongst patients with adult Haemodialysis Patients (HDP). PEW remains a significant basis of indisposition and demises in HDP so the correct evaluation of Malnutrition (MN) in these patients is necessary for dieticians. HDP tends to be more vulnerable to MN production but this is not well known. The present study was conducted to assess the patient's nutrient intake.

Keywords: Dialyzer, End stage renal disease, Haemodialysis, Malnutrition, Protein-Energy Wasting (PEW)

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# INTRODUCTION

Removal of waste of body, regulation of the kidneys is responsible for electrolyte balance as well as blood pressure, as well as for stimulating red blood cells production. The ERD happens whenever the kidneys cannot operate to just the level that is required for each day life. When this occurs, dialysis or transplantation is required to prevent more complications and death from the accumulation of fluids and waste products inside the body. Renal disease patients will have a structured diet, a strict drug schedule and other lifestyle and behavioural adjustments [1]. Major improvements to lifestyle are needed for patients within HD (three days a week consisting self-administration of various medications, liquid and dietary constraints and daily dialysis attendance [2]. Among the most daunting aspects of dialysis seems to be the requirement to stick to a nuanced and fairly stringent eating regime. An early intervention of malnutrition as well as swelling, characterised through PEW, is necessary in patients with HDP since they are major mortality indicators and usage of the great available clinical resources to develop precise nutrient protocols that would predict outcomes, evaluate therapeutic outcomes and avoid serious nutritional degradation [3]. This contributes to the relevance and importance of the nutritionist position also at HD core to detect malnutrition soon and to take steps to avoid further disruption. As per recent US Renal Database Schema figures, 430,273 patients throughout U.S. are also on treatment dialysis

throughout phase 5 from Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD). In fact a great deal of change in the treatment of MDPs, however many succeed in losing their PEW level. PEW is indeed a dynamic topic in MDPs that combines metabolism, starvation, and inflammation and waste disorders [4].

Sodium the basic components including its HD diet being regulation and fluid consumption. The primary physiological determining factor of hypertension throughout HD patients was its additional cells volume extension (primarily controlled by decreasing the consuming of sodium) [5]. Hypertension is indeed a significant indicator of survival for an approximate 72 to 90% of dialysis sufferer. Besides, patients with substantial intradialytic improvements need improved intense filtration during dialysis throughout addition to cardiovascular impacts of liquid-volume excess. This has demonstrated signs of intradialytic hypotension including post dialysis [6]. Based on a study, the Malnutrition-Inflammation Scale (MIS) score is a measureable score evaluating State and extent of diet. The MIS was higher than conventional predictors like Creactive Protein Serum (CRP) grades and other scales for evaluating malnutrition throughout HD patients, including an international subjective appraisal. [7]. The MIS comprises ten items. 70 % of these are analysed qualitatively while 30% evaluated objectively. Demises and morbidity became highly associated for MIS in many trials in CKD non-dialysis sufferers and in HDP. This means that MIS will provide a simple and inexpensive method to earlier screen future MNs throughout HD centres. A further value of MIS remains that it is done by an educated nurse or even a representative of the healthcare professionals [8].

Regular monitoring of the food consumption of individual haemodialysis patients allows the understanding of dietary habits and the definition of appropriate prescriptive measures for improved diet, which is important in the prevention, treatment and monitoring of poor nutrition, whether it is a lack or an excess. While an understanding of these individual's food intake, taking into account the use of energy and nutrients and dietary patterns, is important to ensure dietary advice that is tailored to dialysis and includes reducing certain elements along with increased consumption of others. Most people have a decreased appetite for foods as kidney failure occurs and also persists after dialysis. HD patients are predisposed to malnutrition with proteinenergy despite various dietary restrictions and less than normal appetite [9]. Maintaining adequate food intake is a primary concern for renal dietitian therapy. Latest studies indicate that a reduced intake of protein energy is associated with excessive dietary restrictions, meal interruption due to the dialysis schedule, fatigue, anorexia, changes in taste and decreased appetite. These research studies found greater deficits of dietary energy on days of dialysis treatment relative to days of nondialysis care [10]. The most detailed of these trials included 1,901 prospective multi-centre clinical trial participants from the Haemodialysis Survey. In this

analysis, the consumption of dietary energy was less than 1.02 kcal/kgs/each day (p<0.001), as well as the consumption of nutrition protein was less than 0.06 g/kgs/each day (p<0.001), on days of Therapy on dialysis, even than non-dialysis times. No researches have measured the nutritional content of foods ingested on dialysis days to something on non-dialysis times with information. Although reduced appetite will lead to lower dietary consumption on dialysis weeks, as long-term HD therapies and several sufferers are exhausted after care, people believe that should consume healthier foods including lower nutritional content and greater level of sodium during dialysis days [11]. Few studies have, to our knowledge, investigated Sodium amounts of food eaten over the sessions of dialysis (e.g. the share of sodium grammes in the volume of food eaten total grammes).

The restrictions imposed on the patient by the need to monitor the gain in intradialytic weight and the serum levels of phosphorus and potassium can also cause major difficulties in following dietary guidelines and a healthy diet. Deficiencies in calorie and protein intake reflect the food issues most frequently observed in patients with haemodialysis. In view of the above parameters the present study was conducted to assess the intake along with calories and proteins of different nutrients such as carbohydrates, fats and micronutrients such as sodium, potassium and phosphorus. The purpose of this study is to evaluate the intake of nutrients and to compare it with the recommendations of the guidelines given by KDOQI.

# METHODOLOGY

It was a cross-sectional study conducted on 150 patients with haemodialysis at dialysis unit, Gujarat. The survey was performed using a questionnaire that included demographic details, anthropometric measurements, biochemical parameters, medical information, nutritional information, 24-hour dialysis day and non-dialysis day dietary recall and food frequency chart. Patients' inclusion criteria include CKD patients eligible to engage in the study, 18-73 year-old patients of both genders and patients undergoing routine haemodialysis from over 5 months. The exclusion requirements include patients less than 18 years of age and over 73 years of both sexes, patients who were unable to take part in the study and patients with acute inflammatory disease such as AIDS, hepatitis B, and malignancy. The hospital administrator was granted prior permission, and data collection was initiated. The data were gathered using interview form. The interview was administered during treatment for dialysis. The dialysis case reports obtained anthropometric measurements such as height, weight before and after dialysis and intradialytic weight gain (IDWG) and biochemical parameters such as haemoglobin, serum potassium, sodium, creatinine, blood urea, serum phosphate from patient's medical reports. For dietary assessment, each patient was interviewed using a 24 hour recall method on their daily consumption of different foods using standard cups, and then converted to grams and calculated macro and micro nutrients using IFCT tables. The food frequency was taken from most widely consumed foods.

## Statistical analysis

For collection, all data were fused into Excel sheet. Means, Standard deviation, and %ages were used to present demographic profile, SGA, BMI, consumption of energy and nutrients and anthropometry to the respondents. The researchers contrasted the biochemical parameters to standard values.

## RESULTS

The study consists of 86 males and 64 females aged from 18-73 years, of various age classes. The demographic profile revealed that the 15% of respondent's 75% were part of the high salary- group, and just 10% were part of the lower-salary group. Nearly half (49%) of the respondents are students and just 5% were alphabets. Many respondents are unemployed (65%), and 89% live in urban areas.

# Table 1. Parameters of biochemical.

#### Anthropometric measurements

Those patients took anthropometric measurements. Patient's average weight was  $68.5 \pm 9$ ; the Intradialytic Weight Gain (IDWG) average was  $3 \pm 1.5$ .

## Nutritional status

Nutritional status was assessed using updated SGA that showed well-nourished 59% of respondents. 61% are average, according to the BMI. The patient's medical records were collected, the findings showed that 77% are hypertensive and 43% are patients with diabetes. It is shown that approximately 59% of patients have dialysis three times a week. And 50% of the respondents spent more than 1 year on haemodialysis care. Biochemical parameters were taken from medical records from patients, and compared to standard values (Table 1). The findings showed that urea in the blood, serum creatinine, was higher than average.

Parameters of biochemical	General values	Observer values
Hemoglobin	Men: 13-17	9.5 ± 2.5
	Women: 12-16	
Potassium	4-6	$4.5 \pm 0.95$
Creatinine	0.75-1.5	7 ± 2.75
Urea	18-40	79 ± 5.5
TLC	4500-11500	7950 ± 2870
Calcium	7.9-10.9	7.9 ± 2
Phosphorus	3-5	4.9 ± 1.85

# **Dietary survey**

The study consists of 65% non-vegetarians and 20% ovovegetarian, and just 15% vegetarians. IFCT tables were used to measure the macro nutrients i.e. calories, proteins, carbohydrates and fats and micro nutrients sodium, potassium, calcium and phosphorus. The findings showed that the mean energy consumption is 1257.47 ± 190.8 kcal/day which is lower than the recommendations the patients met just 59% of RDA. The average intake of proteins was  $49.7 \pm 40.2$  gm/day which is lower than the intake of RDA, fat and carbohydrate was also lower than the guidelines, i.e. 33.7 ± 7.75 gm/day gm/day. and 199.33 ± 11.15 The dietary recommendations are determined using the guidelines set out in KDOQI. For the measurement of mean energy and protein average body weight (68kgs) was considered. Calories are 38kcal/kg body weight and protein-1.5 gm/kilograms body weight as per to KDOQI plans. The requirement for micronutrients is within the usual range except for phosphorus that is slightly less than the prescribed, fluid allowance varies from person to person; the average intake of fluid was 1500 ml/day. The dietary recall was taken on two separate days i.e. dialysis day and non-dialysis day the results revealed, the consumption of macro nutrients i.e. energy, protein, carbohydrates and fat on the dialysis day were comparatively higher than on the non-dialysis day but the guidelines were not followed by either of the days patients.

#### DISCUSSION

As diet plays a key role in increasing or decreasing the severity of any disease. In CKD, diet also plays an important role; this research was done to know the haemodialysis patients' dietary intake. The primary focus had been on dietary intake. During the days, there was a difference in intake; the energy and protein on dialysis day were high since the hospital offers 2 eggs, milk and bread during dialysis, which leads to the rise in protein and calorie. Most patients do not eat eggs on daytime without dialysis and result in lower protein intake. The same results are given in one of the researchers; the results showed that the mean energy intake of patients was the highest on a dialysis day when the results were evaluated according to the day of the week, and the lowest on the day after dialysis treatment. Dietician plays an important role in helping patients enhance their food intake and supplying them with advice on nutrient restrictions such as potassium, sodium, phosphorus and fluid.

The calorie and protein intake was slightly lower than the recommended levels in patients with haemodialysis while the sodium intake was high in this small sample of HD patients in the centre. Furthermore, some vitamins and zinc were below the minimum adult dietary intake. Given the small sample and the broad standard deviations observed, it is not surprising that there are inadequate variations in significance across care and day of the week. These data indicate some trends which warrant further study. While the result in this analysis of there is indeed a lower consumption trend of dialysis hours that are not dramatically different with low energy as well as protein consumption. These reports are consistent with those of others HD and peritoneal dialysis investigations. That the intake of food, energy and protein the outcomes of many of the authors on dialysis care days were the smallest. The result of a broken meal routine could be a lesser daily consumption of dialysis. Frequently, patients didn't need to feed during the procedure throughout dialysis units through which we enrolled respondents for the research study. As there is a possibility of insufficient dialysis in several patients through haemodialysis as well as the incidence of malnutrition throughout this population, therapies in these days should be explored to promote improved intake.

#### CONCLUSION

The present research that was conducted to determine the intake of nutrients found that intake was lower than guidelines. It is therefore concluded that the dietician will give advice about the diet and enable them to increase the intake of nutrients and that the risk of complications. There was no evidence from such a limited pilot sample that dietary intake differences over the days and days of dialysis weeks. The findings indicate poor calorific consumption with excess sodium intake, calcium and certain vitamins including minerals. Caution can therefore be used to draw conclusions about the nature of sufferer's diet with haemodialysis, due to sampling and measuring limitations. Further work is required.

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