

**UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN FRANCISCO
CONSENT TO PARTICIPATE IN A RESEARCH STUDY**

Study Title: Comprehensive Dialysis Study

Study Sites: Selected Dialysis Units in the United States

Sponsor: National Institutes of Health
National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases
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Glenn M. Chertow, MD and his associates are conducting a study of quality of life, activities, and your medical care before starting dialysis. You are being asked to participate in this study because you have kidney disease and started dialysis within the last six months.

Approximately 3000 persons with kidney disease will participate in this study.

A. Procedures

If you agree to participate, the following will occur:

1. You will be contacted by phone by a professional interviewer working with the researchers. You can arrange a convenient time to participate in a phone interview.
2. During the phone interview, the professional interviewer will ask questions about your medical history and about your general health, activities and feelings. This will take around 30 to 45 minutes. You will be asked to complete a similar set of questions about one year later.
3. If you decide later that you do not want your information to be used for future research, you can tell us, and we will remove your information from the study.

B. Risks and Discomforts

Confidentiality: Participation in research will involve a loss of privacy, but information about you will be handled as confidentially as possible. Your name will not be used in any published reports about this study.

Treatment and Compensation for Injury: If you are injured as a result of being in this study, treatment will be available. The costs of such treatment may be covered by the University of California depending on a number of factors. The University does not normally provide any other form of compensation for injury. For further information about this, you may call the office of the Committee on Human Research at (415) 476-1814.

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C. Benefits

You will not receive any direct benefit from participating in this study. However, it is hoped that the information gained from this study will help in the treatment of persons with kidney disease who need dialysis in the future.

D. Alternatives

You may choose not to participate in this study. Refusal to participate will not affect your treatment in any way.

E. Payment

If you complete the phone survey, you will receive a check for \$25 in approximately 4 weeks.

F. Questions

This study has been explained to you by Dr. Chertow or the person who signed below and your questions were answered. If you have any additional questions, you can call Dr. Chertow at (415) 476-2173 or pager (415) 443-5369.

G. Consent

You will be given a signed copy of this consent form and a copy of the Experimental Subject's Bill of Rights to keep. PARTICIPATION IN RESEARCH IS VOLUNTARY. You have the right to decline to participate or to withdraw at any point in this study without jeopardy to your medical care.

If you wish to participate, you should sign below.

Date

Subject's Signature

Date

Signature of Person Obtaining or Reviewing Consent

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