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Dear Dialysis Patient:

The Comprehensive Dialysis Study (CDS) is a special data collection study designed to addresses nutrition and rehabilitation/quality of life issues in incident dialysis patients. The CDS investigators, along with the National Institutes of Health (NIH), recognize the importance of community involvement and individual participation. Patients like you are the most important contributors to the ongoing research process by which we seek to improve the health of all dialysis patients.

It has been brought to our attention that you recently consented to participate in the Comprehensive Dialysis Study. Unfortunately, because of scheduling constraints that were set during the planning of the study, the CDS has recently come to a close. Therefore, we are no longer enrolling participants.

Nonetheless, we greatly appreciate your support and thank you for your consideration.

If you have any further questions, please call 415-476-2173.

Thank you VERY MUCH for your help.

Sincerely yours,

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