



National Institute of Diabetes and
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Division of Kidney, Urologic and
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6707 Democracy Boulevard
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Month, Date, Year

Dear Dialysis Patient:

Using information completed by your doctor and your dialysis center, you have been identified as a person who started dialysis during the past six months.

We hope that you will help us with a study of people on dialysis. Dr. Glenn Chertow (University of California San Francisco) and Dr. Nancy Kutner (Emory University) and their associates are doing research to better understand the needs of new dialysis patients.

You have no obligation to actually participate in any study, and you may withdraw permission to be contacted at any time. Declining to participate will have no influence on your present or future status as a patient in the dialysis unit. You will receive the same care as any other patient seen in the dialysis unit. There will be no penalty or loss of benefits to which you are otherwise entitled. Your clinic records will indicate that you do not want to be asked about future research by or through anyone but your treating physician.

A Packet has been mailed to your home address. If you wish to participate, please return the signed consent form and the information sheet indicating your availability in the return envelope you will receive. If you do not wish to participate, please return the information sheet indicating your wish not to be further contacted about the study. If you do not return the sheet within approximately two weeks, you will receive a follow-up telephone call to determine whether you wish to participate.

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

Thank you VERY MUCH for your help.

**IF YOU CHOOSE TO PARTICIPATE, YOU WILL RECEIVE A CHECK FOR \$25
APPROXIMATELY FOUR WEEKS AFTER COMPLETING THE TELEPHONE SURVEY.**

Sincerely yours,

Glenn Chertow, MD Nancy Kutner, PhD Lawrence Agodoa, MD Paul Eggers, PhD