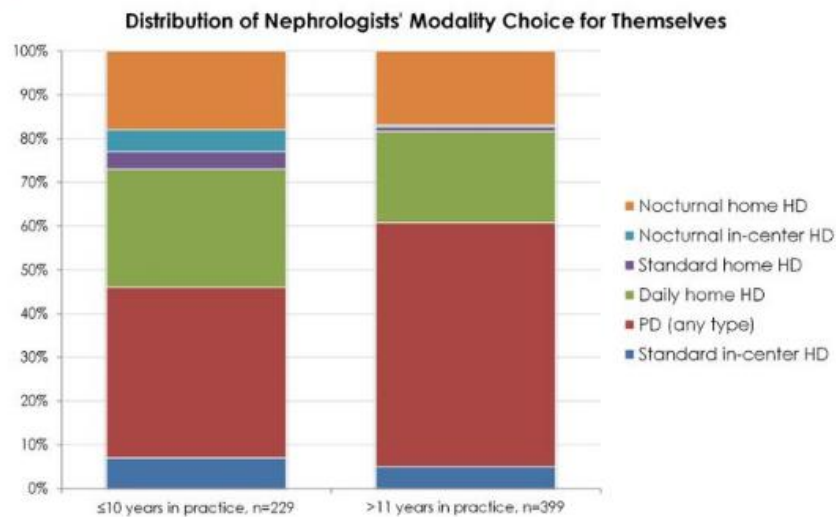


Home Therapies: A Viable Option



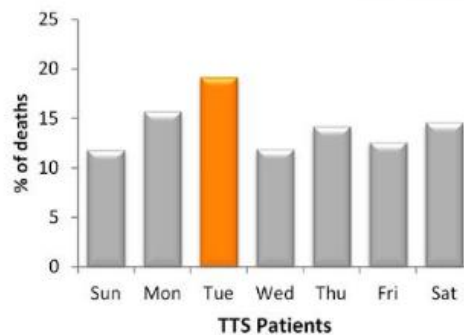
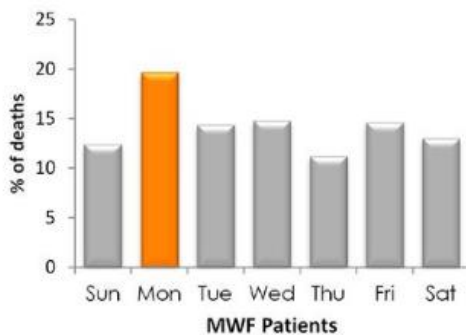
Most Nephrologists Would Choose Home Therapies for Themselves

- If nephrologists' kidneys failed and there was a 5-year wait for a transplant, 91% would choose home therapies



Higher Mortality During Treatment Gaps

- Deaths are increased on Mondays and Tuesdays in conventional HD, especially cardiac-related deaths¹⁻³



Distribution of deaths by day of the week for patients receiving dialysis on Monday–Wednesday–Friday (MWF) and Tuesday–Thursday–Saturday (TTS)³



Greater Patient Satisfaction With Home Therapies Compared to In-Center HD

- Patients receiving PD were 1.5 times more likely to rate their care as “excellent” than those using in-center HD¹
- Patients and caregivers perceive that home HD offers the opportunity to thrive; improves freedom, flexibility, and well-being; and strengthens relationships²



Factors Patients Consider When Choosing Modalities

Modality	Advantages	Disadvantages
In-center HD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feels secure (supervision by known professionals) • Freedom from illness at home and on dialysis free days • Socializing with staff and other patients 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transport time to clinic • Fixed dialysis time and no flexibility • Limitations on holidays or family time
Home HD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greater flexibility • No travel time to a facility • Better social life • Possibility of continuing a career • Possibility of night-time treatment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Takes up space in the home and is unsightly • Technical problems and noise • Difficult to take equipment on holidays
PD (all forms)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greater flexibility • No travel time to a facility • Better social life • Possibility of continuing a career • Possibility of night-time treatment • Good for those who fear needles 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PD bags are heavy • Takes up space in the home and is unsightly • Technical problems and noise

Data derived from six focus groups involving 27 patients and 18 relatives