



Treatment Options Comparison Chart

Things to think about		Transplant	Home Dialysis		Facility Based Dialysis Hemodialysis			Conservative Treatment (No dialysis)
			Peritoneal Dialysis	Home Hemodialysis	Self	Satellite	In-Hospital	
Lifestyle	Flexibility of when to dialyze	N/A	Yes	Yes	Sometimes	No	No	N/A
	Puts you in charge	Yes	Yes	Yes	Sometimes	No	No	Yes
	Portable equipment allows you to travel	N/A	Yes	No	No	No	No	N/A
	Diet and fluid intake more liberal	Yes	Yes	Yes	Sometimes	No	No	No
	Need to travel 3 times per week for dialysis	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
	Allows you to stay in the comfort of your own home	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes
	Easier to keep working or go to school	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	N/A
Clinical	Get more dialysis so you feel better	Yes	Yes	Yes	Sometimes	No	No	N/A
	Needle-free treatments	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	N/A
	Strong network of support from health care team	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Possible reduction in medications	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No
	Permanent catheter in abdomen	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No
	Permanent vascular access (fistula or catheter)	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
	Risk of infection	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
	Gentle therapy (less peaks & valleys)	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	N/A
	Less exposure to sick patients with potential infectious diseases	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes
You may have to wait for a donor kidney & requires major surgery	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	
Requires daily dialysis	N/A	Yes	No	No	No	No	N/A	
Considerations	You order supplies & space is required to store them	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No
	Requires several weeks of training	No	No	Yes	Sometimes	No	No	No
	Reliable sewer and septic required	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No
	Taught to needle yourself for hemodialysis	No	No	Yes	Sometimes	No	No	No
	Telephone in room needed	No	Sometimes	Yes	No	No	No	No
	You set up and monitor your dialysis	No	Yes	Yes	Sometimes	No	No	No
Financial	Cost of dialysis supplies and delivery (paid by hospital)	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A
	Possible home electrical and plumbing upgrades needed (paid by hospital)	N/A	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Additional cost of transportation to dialysis	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No