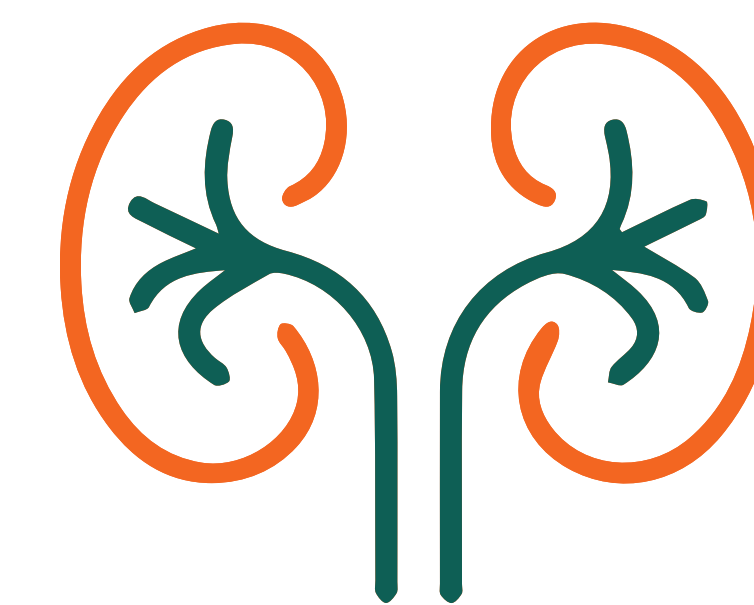


Enhancing Peritoneal Dialysis Programs in Romania: Strategies for Sustainable Growth, Provider Qualification, and Regional Collaboration to Address Patient Challenges

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Summary

Peritoneal dialysis (PD) programs in Romania face challenges including low uptake rates and the imperative of technique survival.

Methodology

An analysis of socioeconomic, cultural, and healthcare system factors influencing PD decline in Romania was conducted, alongside an examination of the unique needs and clinical complexities associated with patients experiencing HD vascular access failures and prolonged RRT duration. Additionally, the potential benefits of regional collaboration were explored through an assessment of the current landscape of PD programs in Romania and neighboring regions.

Results

A. Balancing Knowledge Preservation with Growth

1. Overview of PD Programs: Importance of PD in managing renal care:
 - Addressing Challenges in PD Care: Personalized Dialysis Prescription, tailored approaches for HD Vascular Access failure
 - Creating PD Hubs
 - Transitioning Hemodialysis Patients to PD
2. Balancing Growth with Preservation: Challenges of expanding PD programs while maintaining expertise:
 - Role of PD Hubs in Education and Motivation
3. Provider qualifications, digital health, and regional collaboration:
 - Knowledge Concentration and Community Building
 - Regional Collaboration for PD Programs - Sharing Best Practices

B. Enhancing Provider Qualifications

1. Educational Initiatives: Programs to enhance qualifications of PD providers
2. Policy Reforms: Supporting growth through targeted policies
3. Addressing the demand for higher qualifications amidst program expansion.

C. Leveraging Digital Health Technologies

1. Benefits: Improved patient monitoring and care optimization.
2. Implementation Strategies: Integrating digital tools into PD programs.
3. Success Stories: Case studies of successful digital health applications.

Conclusions

Balancing growth with the preservation of know-how is vital for PD program sustainability in Romania. By prioritizing provider qualifications, optimizing clinical outcomes, and leveraging growth opportunities while addressing patient challenges and promoting regional collaboration, PD programs can thrive and enhance visibility and attractiveness.

