THE EXPERIENCE OF CHRONIC KIDNEY DISEASE PATIENTS: THE RESULTS OF THE 2017 UK RENAL REGISTRY / KIDNEY CARE UK CHRONIC KIDNEY DISEASE PATIENT REPORTED EXPERIENCE MEASURE

PURPOSE

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METHODS

CKDPREM consists of 50 items across 13 domains covering patient experience of their renal unit, kidney disease and treatment. There are six demographic questions including age, sex, ethnicity and modality. The CKDPREM was distributed to all renal units in England and Wales in July 2017, with accompanying survey guidance and support provided to invite outpatient, pre-dialysis, dialysis and transplant renal patients to complete the CKDPREM online or in hard copy format. The survey was provided online in Welsh, Gujarati and Urdu as well as in English. Patients participated anonymously, returning hard copy CKDPREMs to their unit in return boxes or directly to the UKRR by post. Experience was scored on a scale of 1 (negative) to 7 (positive), and the mean score for all questions was estimated for each respondent. Analysis was conducted at individual unit and aggregate centre level (aggregate being the main hospital and all of its satellite units). Unit and centre means were estimated across respondents for that unit or centre. Patient characteristics were evaluated by comparing mean scores, and via regression models.

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CONCLUSIONS

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