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Structured pre-dialysis programmes can increase the number of home dialysis patients

This article presents the results of the Dutch pre-dialysis programme GUIDE, with regard to the following question: Does the implementation of a structured pre-dialysis programme with a home-focused approach increase the number of pre-dialysis patients that choose and receive home dialysis? To put it in a nutshell: Yes, it does.

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New composition of the Ethics Committee

On the 23 May 2016, at the General Assembly in Vienna, Sir Netar Mallick (UK) was confirmed as a member of the Ethics Committee following his nomination at the Spring Council Meeting in Manchester, 2016.

As Prof Keller (Germany) had completed his term as Chair of the Ethics Committee the Ethics Committee proposed F. P Schena (Italy) as its new Chair and he was subsequently confirmed at the post-Congress Council Meeting in Vienna on 24 May 2016.

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