

Patients Profiles

Patients are typically referred to the Foundation by medical social workers and are subjected to means-testing⁶. KDF has served over 962 patients to date, 84 of whom have gained a new lease of life through kidney transplants.

Patient Statistics

Patients under the haemodialysis programme are cared for at KDF dialysis centres, while those under the peritoneal dialysis programme receive portable subsidies for their treatments and laboratory tests.

As at 31 March 2021, our total patient count stood at 288. Of these, 96% of our patients opted for haemodialysis.

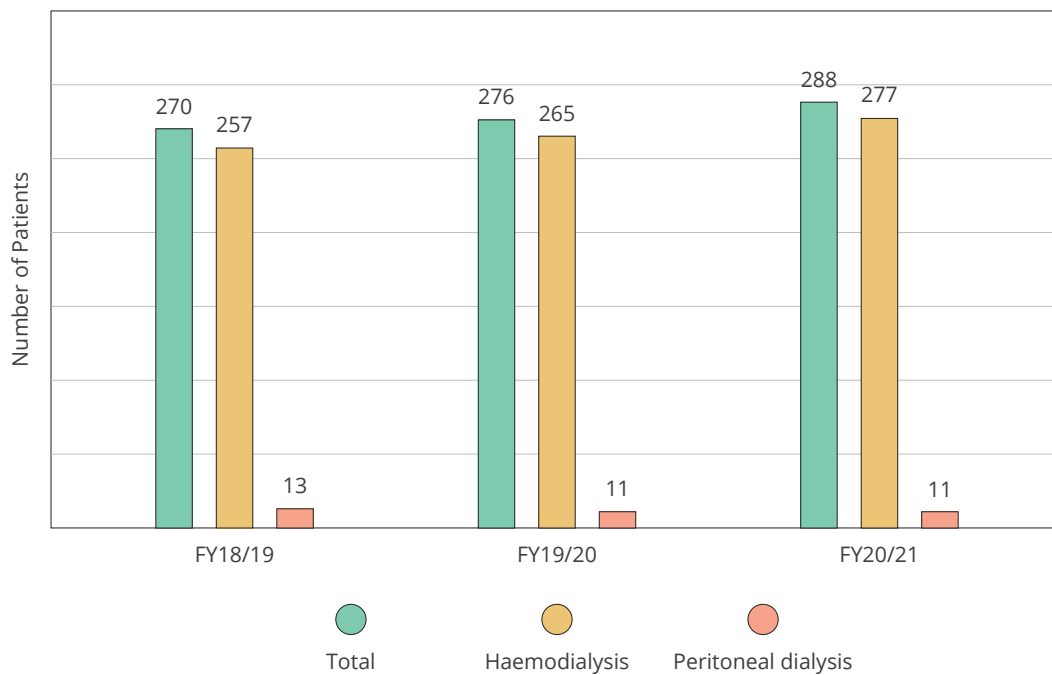


Figure 1: Distribution of patients by treatment type

For patients who are unable to receive treatment at KDF dialysis centres due to their complex medical conditions, they will receive portable subsidies from KDF to dialyse at a private centre.

As at 31 March 2021, nine patients have benefitted from our portable subsidies.

⁶ Means-testing is used to determine the amount of subsidies each patient is eligible for. Persons from lower-income households will be granted higher subsidies under the means-testing framework

Age

Elderly patients (above 61 years old) form the largest segment of patients served at KDF, followed by those in the middle-age range (41 – 60 years old).

As at 31 March 2021, 61% of KDF patients were elderly and 35% were middle-aged, and 4% in the 40 years and younger age group.

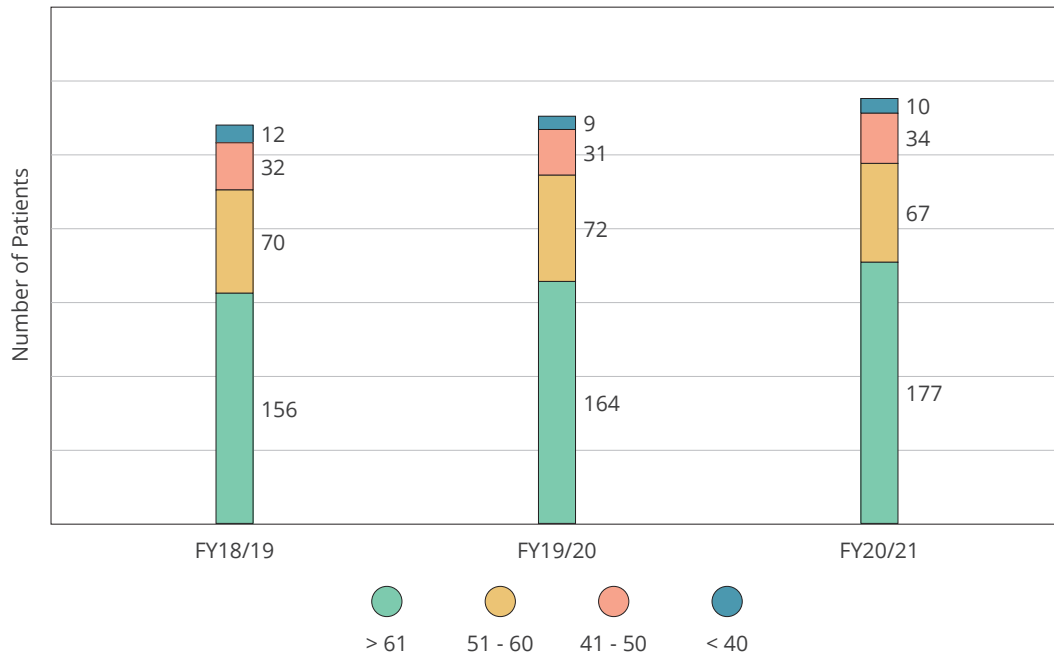


Figure 2: Distribution of patients by age

Gender and Race

Gender distribution among KDF patients was fairly equal. In terms of racial composition, Chinese patients accounted for 68%, while Malay patients formed close to a quarter of the total patient population.

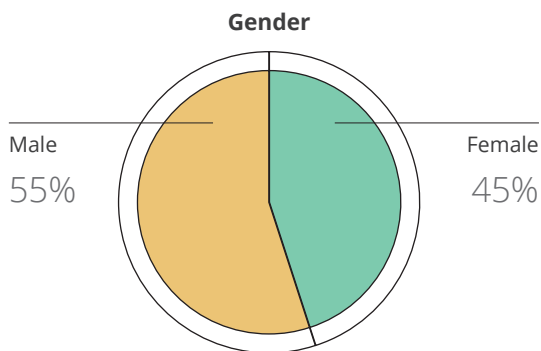


Figure 3: Distribution of patients by gender

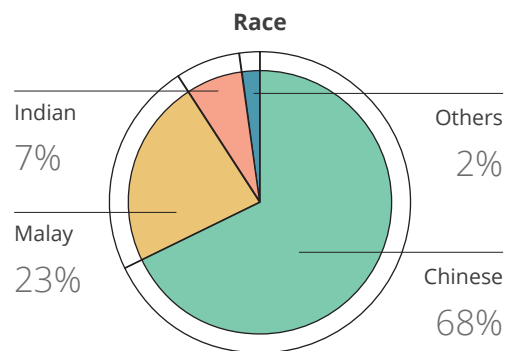


Figure 4: Distribution of patients by race

Employment Status

20% of KDF patients were employed, with the rest either retired, homemakers or unable to find employment. Those employed were mostly blue-collar workers such as drivers, machine operators, cleaners or general workers.

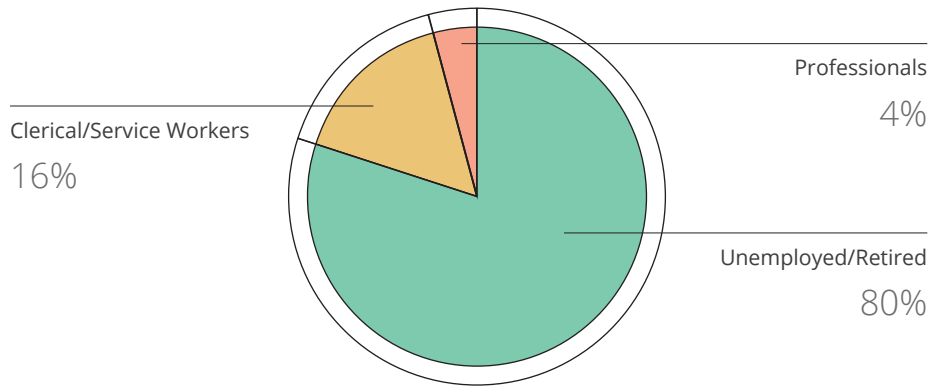


Figure 5: Distribution of patients by employment type

Mobility

While the majority of our patients were independent, more than a quarter of our patients were either wheelchair-bound or required some form of assistance or supervision. Dialysis aides were hired to support these patients at our dialysis centres, so as to prevent injuries and accidents.

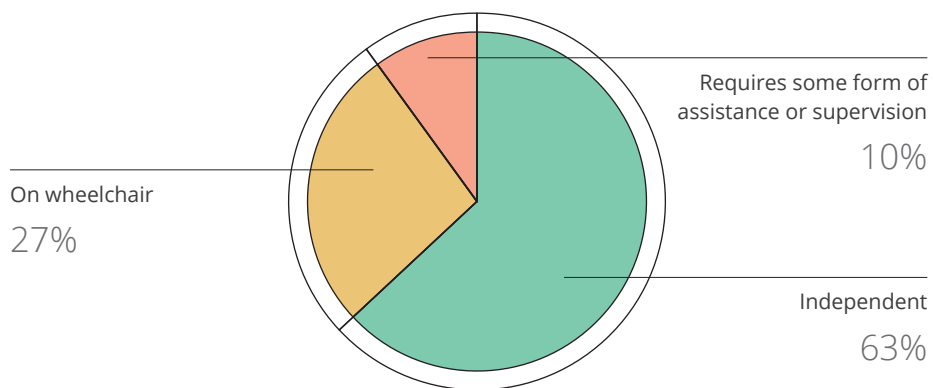


Figure 6: Distribution of patients by mobility

Patient Subsidy

KDF patients receive subsidies of varying amounts for their dialysis treatments depending on their household income. KDF provides a range of subsidies to our patients.

As at 31 March 2021, 83% of our patients did not have to pay any expenses for dialysis treatments.

Patient Out-of-Pocket Expenses	Patient Count			Percentage
	HD	PD	Total	
\$0	230	8	238	83
\$1-\$200	32	3	35	12
\$201-\$400	8	0	8	3
Above \$400	7	0	7	2
Total	277	11	288	100%

Table 1: Out-of-Pocket expenses of patients for dialysis treatments

Based on means-testing criteria set by the Ministry of Health (MOH), 93% of KDF's patients qualified to receive government subsidies. The table below shows the number of KDF patients who were under the various income bands under the MOH means-test.

Monthly per capita income	Patient Count			Percentage
	HD	PD	Total	
\$0-800	135	5	140	49
\$801 - 1,200	41	2	43	15
\$1,201 -1,900	51	1	52	18
\$1,901 -2,000	9	1	10	3
\$2,001 - 2,800	23	0	23	8
Above \$2,800	18	2	20	7
Total	277	11	288	100%

Table 2: Patients per capita income based on MOH means-test