

# Appeal for support / donation

HKKF needs to raise \$3,000,000 each year to support all the subsidized services and charitable programs

You are cordially invited to support the following programs.

## **(1) The subsidized haemodialysis programs**

- (a) A Home haemodialysis patient @ \$36,000\* (for 150 treatment/year)
- (b) An in-center haemodialysis patient @ \$15,000\* (for 150 treatment/year)  
(\*or part of)

## **(2) An Automated Peritoneal Dialysis machine for free loaning to patient**

@ \$84,000 each

[Each machine can be used by a patient every night for 10 years]

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**Donation of any amount  
will be deeply appreciated.**

(1) By direct account transfer to  
Hong Kong Kidney Foundation Limited  
Hang Seng Bank account no: 280-531120-002

(2) By cheque payable to  
“Hong Kong Kidney Foundation Limited”

Please send donation (cheque / payment receipt) to  
**Hong Kong Kidney Foundation Ltd.**  
First Floor, 376-378 Prince Edward Road, Kowloon, Hong Kong.  
If donation is by credit card, can fax form to 2718-5074

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香港腎臟基金會

# Donation Solicitation to Support Dialysis Services for Rehabilitation of Kidney Disease Patient

End-stage kidney failure is an agonizing chronic disease. Replacement therapy by means of dialysis is required when a patient is diagnosed to be end-stage kidney failure. There are two types of dialysis: haemodialysis and peritoneal dialysis, which both impose certain time and money burdens on patient. Therefore, offering subsidized dialysis service to patient has been lastingly one of the core services of Hong Kong Kidney Foundation (HKKF).

## Why subsidize kidney patient?

Hospital Authority commits to provide continuous ambulatory peritoneal dialysis (CAPD) to all end-stage kidney failure patients. Nevertheless, CAPD method requires three treatments a day, and each treatment takes about 45 minutes to complete. This method apparently creates much inconvenience to many patients, particularly for those who need to continue working or studying. With the help of APD machine, the problem can be relieved by taking peritoneal dialysis once a day at home overnight.

On the other hand, Hospital Authority is only able to provide limited haemodialysis to qualified patients. The two daytime haemodialysis centres of HKKF allow more patients to acquire haemodialysis in accordance with their preferences and medical needs. There are still haemodialysis patients failing to attend daytime in-centre treatments, for example, patients need to work in daytime. The self-care nocturnal haemodialysis program is therefore preferred to facilitate working patients to perform haemodialysis by themselves at home during night time.

Owing to various medical and social reasons, many patients have to choose different therapies on self-financing basis to cater their own needs. Dialysis machines are however expensive: HK\$84,000 for an APD machine and HK\$150,000 for a haemodialysis machine. These sums are hardly affordable to many patients.

## You improve patient's quality of life

Current service capacity of HKKF:

Kowloon City Dialysis Centre and Shatin Jockey Club Dialysis Centre are capable to accommodate maximum of 132 patients for haemodialysis. There are totally 12 qualified nurses and 4 supporting staff for in-centre operation at present.

Since the inception of free loan program in 1997, HKKF has purchased a total of 395 APD machines, and the accumulated number of beneficiaries has reached a figure of 1,008. All usable machines are presently loaned out to patients. It is quite often the machine supply cannot meet the service demand, for instance, over 20 patients are now queuing for APD machine free loan service.

More and more patients desire for home haemodialysis, but the treatment is expensive. HKKF is presently subsidizing 50 patients enrolled into the self-care nocturnal home haemodialysis program. Each patient receives HK\$3,000- subsidy each month for self-care home treatment.

Adopting home dialysis enables patient to continue their full time work or study during daytime. In many cases, it is noted that both workplaces colleagues and schoolmates often do not aware of beneficiaries being end-stage kidney failure patients, which in a way help patients alleviating psychological impact and regaining self-esteem. Furthermore, continuation of work surely helps relieve patient's family financial burden, and hence patient's quality of life can be sustained.

### Subsidized dialysis services rendered by HKKF

- 1 Operating two haemodialysis centres providing budget daytime haemodialysis services to patients;
- 2 Granting subsidies to patients for self-care nocturnal home haemodialysis.
- 3 Free loaning automatic peritoneal dialysis (APD) machines to patients for peritoneal dialysis at home overnight;

# Patient sharing

In the press conference of 2012 Charity Concert for the Hong Kong Kidney Foundation, organized by The Hong Kong Medical Association Charitable Foundation in collaboration with The Hong Kong Medical Association, a young girl and a senior, who both have received free loan APD machines for home treatment, mentioned in the interview that they were able to continue studying and working to maintain normal lives with the help of APD free loan program. The young girl also revealed that her university colleagues had not noticed her being an end-stage kidney failure patient during her 4 years university life. This patient subsequently rehabilitated from kidney transplant.

HKKF organized Pu-erh Tea Cakes Charity Sales in Harbour City in 2012. A kidney transplanted patient (Miss Pui L. W.) supported the event by sharing her APD experience with the public. Miss Pui recalled that her social life was greatly affected by CAPD as the treatment required 3 liquid exchanges per day. She never dined with working colleagues during lunch time because she had to perform CAPD in that resting hour. This social problem was simply resolved by taking overnight dialysis at home with an APD machine.

## You can benefit more patients

End stage kidney failure is a chronic disease. There are about 1,000 new patients found to have kidney disease each year. Moreover, there is a trend that patients are getting younger. Many of them are fully engaged in full time working or studying. To help patients resume a normal life, to continue working or studying is a major step toward rehabilitation.

HKKF is a registered charity organization without subvention from government. The Foundation relies very much on the support from the public. Please consider to support end-stage kidney failure patients via the program from the right: **A + B + C + D\***

[Reference: APD machine HK\$84,000- each, Subsidy to Nocturnal Home Haemodialysis Services HK\$3,000- / patient / month]



### Donation slip

I am willing to donate to "Hong Kong Kidney Foundation Limited"

Donor details (for mailing receipt):

Donor: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: HK\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address for Official Receipt: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

By cheque: Please mail a cross cheque payable to "Hong Kong Kidney Foundation Limited" to First Floor, 376-378 Prince Edward Road, Kowloon.

By direct bank in / transfer to (Cash):  
**Hong Kong Kidney Foundation Limited**  
 Hang Seng Bank A/C No.: 280-531120-002  
 Bank of China (HK) A/C No.: 012-885-0-003382-2

By credit card: Fax to: (852)-2718-5074  
 Credit card:  Visa  MasterCard  American Express Card  
 Cardholder's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Signature should correspond to specimen signature on the credit card)  
 Credit Card No.: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Cardholder's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Credit Card Expiry Date (MM/YY): \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ (valid for two months)  
 \* Supporting Program:  A  B  C  D

**Remark:**  
 Donations of HK\$100 or above is eligible for tax exemption; please send us cheque or bank in slip by mail.  
**Hong Kong Kidney Foundation Ltd, First Floor, 376-378 Prince Edward Road, Kowloon.**