



Dialysis is often seen as a BRIDGE TO TRANSPLANT



While many patients wait for kidney transplant, they go on dialysis – the process of removing excess water, solutes, and toxins from the blood of people whose kidneys no longer perform these functions.

Across our organization, we provide dialysis to patients at all three sites. Through a partnership between two of our sites, Providence and St. Michael's, Providence began offering peritoneal dialysis to patients in November 2018 and their numbers of patients are increasing with each month.

DIALYSIS BY THE NUMBERS:



Number of Patients: **5**

30 newly trained staff members offer dialysis to patients

Number of Patients: **336**

Number of Patient visits: **30,576**

Number of Patients: **770**

Number of Patient visits: **38,950**

"Offering our patients dialysis has been a team effort with our unit – A5 – and other units such as the stroke team. This is a time of learning for us and we're truly proud to offer this new component of care to rehabilitation patients. This new opportunity serves our patients and us well."

Sofia da Silva, Patient Care Manager, A5, Providence

"As we see our patients often, we hope they feel like we're one big family and are here for them. I know there is a fear of starting dialysis, but I want people to know that most of our patients say it does make them feel better. The patient is part of our team and we're here to help them navigate through this journey."

Pat Pollard, Independent Dialysis Coordinator, St. Joseph's

"Dialysis patients are taught that this is their lifeline – and they protect it. Often, it's seen as a bridge to transplant because until someone is properly fit for transplant, dialysis will keep them healthy. Sometimes dialysis is the end goal, and that's alright too. We work with patients to understand their choices."

Fatima Benjamin Wong, Care and Transitions Facilitator, Home Dialysis, St. Michael's