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## **ABSTRACT**

Renal transplantation is the treatment of choice for many patients with end stage renal disease (ESRD). Transplantation by itself is a complex and demanding process that requires efforts of health care providers as well as patient himself to achieve the optimal outcome. Among them, adherence to therapeutic recommendation and the effective adjustment in the post transplant life are of critical importance. These, in turn, are determined by the level of knowledge and attitudes towards renal transplantation pre-operatively.

Given the lack of data about patients' perception of renal transplantation, we undertake this study to investigate the knowledge and attitudes among 70 ESRD patients receiving dialysis in a renal unit of a public hospital. With a structured questionnaire, we propose to explore the psychosocial aspects of the dialysis patients before receiving renal transplantation. Better understanding of this area would further define the targets for renal nurses to tailor make pre-transplant education programme.