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The Evaluation of Hemodialysis Centers: Taiwan versus Others

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The number of patients receiving hemodialysis and that of dialysis facilities are increasing globally; however, there are no universal surveillance programs validating that the equipment and practice of hemodialysis units meet specified safety and quality standards. There is a concern that without regular appropriate evaluations, some dialysis facilities may omit certain obligations, intentionally or unintentionally, and thus jeopardize patients' health. Developed countries often have their own regulations to provide initial certification and monitoring to ensure that these hemodialysis centers continue to meet basic requirements. We therefore compare the surveillance programs of other countries to that of Taiwan, and highlight the uniqueness of onsite surveillance of Taiwan's program.

