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- 1 The slightly positive trend for both incidence and prevalence of paediatric renal replacement therapy patients in Slovakia during the past decade suggests that prevention and care has been improved somewhat, especially for patients in the youngest age groups.
(this thesis)
- 2 The significantly lower prevalence of end-stage renal disease (ESRD) in Slovakia compared with the European average in the presence of no significant difference in incidence suggests that room exists for the improvement of its treatment in Slovakia.
(this thesis)
- 3 A significant decrease of costs for renal replacement therapy might be achieved by targeting at the populations at high risk for ESRD for instance at Roma in whom the relative risk for prevalent ESRD is substantially higher than in the majority population.
(this thesis)
- 4 Earlier diagnosis of kidney diseases in Roma children might be achieved by improving their access to specialized care.
(this thesis)
- 5 A significant portion of patients with solitary functioning kidney (SFK) have an unfavourable prognosis which justifies a close follow up of these patients, especially of those with structural anomalies in SFK kidney.
(this thesis)
- 6 The significant improvement of left ventricular hypertrophy in some patients suggests that an improvement may be reached by better control of risk factors, especially blood pressure.
(this thesis)
- 7 Substantial health gains can be reached by improved prevention of and care for renal disorders in children.
- 8 “Medicine is a science of uncertainty and an art of probability.”
William Osler
- 9 “Gettin' good players is easy. Gettin' them to play together is the hard part.”
Casey Stengel
- 10 “All are lunatics, but he who can analyze his delusions is called a philosopher.”
Ambrose Bierce