

INTRODUCTION

NKF believes the welfare of the patient is paramount and the Welfare Unit ensures the physical, emotional, psychological, social and financial well-being of the patient is taken care through its many programmes.

With 24 dialysis centres nationwide and 1451 dialysis patients (as at April 2011) , the Welfare Unit determines whether an applicant qualifies for a place at any one of our 25 centres. Thus, the Welfare Manager, Mah Ah Noye and Senior Welfare Officer, Maniam Raman Chettiar assess the social and financial background of applicants through interviews and home visits where their social and financial background is checked to ensure they are patients who qualify for a place.

Applicants are required to fill in a comprehensive form together with all the necessary documents which when complete is then passed onto the Patient Selection and Welfare Committee which will decide whether the applicant is successful or not based on the information and home visit made by the Welfare Officers.

This stringency is necessary **as the fee per dialysis is subsidized both by the government and the National Kidney Foundation. The patient pays RM100 per dialysis on** admission, subsequently NKF will apply for the government subsidy of RM50 from the Ministry of Health on behalf of the patients.