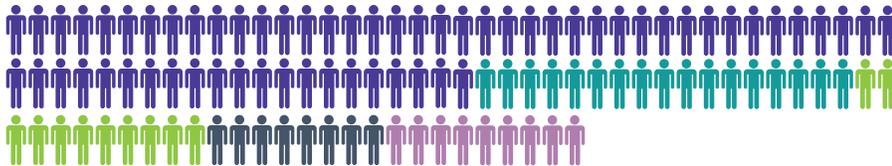




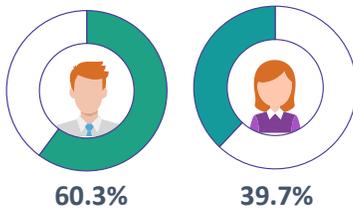
Project Demographics

106 participants interviewed so far:

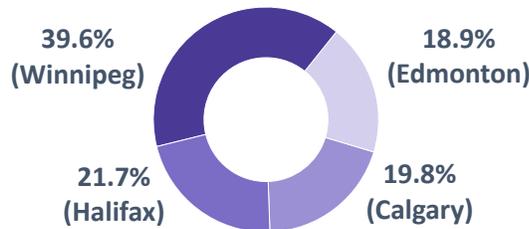


■ Patients (61) ■ Caregivers (17) ■ Nephrologists (11) ■ Nurses (8) ■ Allied Health (9)

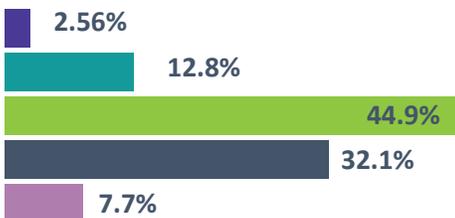
Patient/Caregiver Gender



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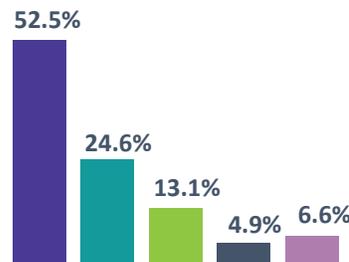


Patient/Caregiver Age



■ 18-33 ■ 34-49 ■ 50-65 ■ 66-81 ■ 82+

Years spent on In-Centre Dialysis



■ 0-2 ■ 3-5 ■ 6-8 ■ 9-12 ■ 13+

Project Update:

Data collection is now completed in Calgary, Edmonton, Winnipeg, and Halifax and will be completed for Ottawa in July 2018. Over the past months, we have analyzed patient data from the Prairie regions and presented it to our team at our annual project meeting. We are now using this data to begin Phase 2 and develop a patient/provider survey.

Next Steps:

After completing data collection, we will begin final analysis for Phase 1. Phase 2 is already underway, and a survey to determine issues of highest concern for a wider sample size of people will be pilot tested in Winnipeg from Aug – Sept, 2018. The survey will then be distributed to all study sites, along with other cities that are yet to be determined.

Project highlight:

Triple I sponsors several research pilot projects that rapidly address specific areas of concern for people on hemodialysis. In this spotlight, we introduce a web-application (app) that is intended to help doctors and dialysis patients with abnormal heart rhythms with the decision to use blood thinners for prevention therapy.

Blood thinners decrease the chance of stroke among patients with abnormal heart rhythms; however, they increase the risk of internal bleeding. Dialysis patient preferences for therapies may differ from that of the general population as dialysis patients often have multiple health conditions to consider.

There are currently no formal tools to help care providers and patients determine acceptable ratios of risk/benefit regarding blood thinners. Exploring acceptable risk/benefit ratios will further our knowledge, future research, and aid doctor and patient decision making.

This project will examine patient and doctor preferences regarding taking blood thinners for stroke prevention in dialysis patients with abnormal heart rhythms using a new app that assesses differing scenarios of risks and benefits. Patients and doctors will complete a survey on the app, and answers will be compared both within and between groups.

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