

Supplementary File 2. Interview question guide

1. Outcomes currently measured and reported in research (trials) in haemodialysis?

- Based on your impression with research in haemodialysis in general, what outcomes tend to be measured and reported? Are there important to you and to patients on haemodialysis? Why?
- Can you identify any problems? (*unvalidated surrogates, outcomes are of little relevance to patients, variable outcome selection, bias in reporting outcomes*) How do these problems impact on clinical decision-making, and/or policy?

2. Identifying important and relevant outcomes for haemodialysis

- What outcomes (suggest 3-5) do you believe to be relevant and important to include in all trials in haemodialysis and why? (*impact on wider population, flow on impacts, severity, clinical decision-making, burden on patients*)

3. Core outcomes for haemodialysis

- A core outcome set is an agreed minimum set of outcomes to be measured and reported in all trials in a specific area i.e. in patients on haemodialysis. What are your reactions and thoughts, in principle, about establishing core outcomes for haemodialysis research?
- What are the potential benefits/pitfalls?
- Can you suggest key criteria an outcome must fulfil to be included as a “core outcomes” – why? (*feasibility, broadest impact, clinically relevant, cost*)
- What needs to be considered in implementing the core outcomes?
- Do you think core outcomes could be used outside the research context – why? (*e.g. registries, quality improvement*)
- What impacts (*e.g. research, practice, policy, patient outcomes*) do you think the implementation of core outcomes will have?