Table 1

Options for renal replacement therapy for those with end-stage renal disease

	Transplantation	Home dialysis	Hospital haemodialysis	Conservative
Advantages	Better survival Better quality of life	Independence Better survival home-HD vs hospital-HD	Suitable for most patients All care provided	Non-invasive
Disadvantages	Risks of long-term immunosuppression	PD limited duration Risks of acute dialysis complications	Hospital dependency Limitations on long-term survival	Limited survival
Considerations for suitability	Fitness for: ● General anaesthetic ● Transplant surgery (anatomically) ● Long-term immunosuppression	● Physical ● Mental ● Emotional	● Waiting for transplant ● Unsuitable for transplant ● Unsuitable for home dialysis	● Substantial comorbidity ● Very advanced age ● Declined dialysis