

Evidence Series: Case Report

Remote Monitoring of APD Patients: Assessing Clinical and Economic Value

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BACKGROUND

For chronic kidney disease patients with end-stage renal disease, survival depends on renal replacement therapy in the form of kidney transplantation or chronic dialysis.

Peritoneal dialysis (PD) at home, is both more convenient and less costly than haemodialysis, which requires

3 x 4 HOUR



VISITS PER WEEK

to the dialysis facility and complicated equipment.



Remote patient management (RPM),

technologies collect medical information and transmit it to healthcare providers for patient management. RPM has the potential to improve the outcomes of patients receiving automated peritoneal dialysis (APD) at home.



OBJECTIVES

Estimate through a simulation study the potential impact of RPM on APD patients' use of healthcare resources and costs in the United States, Germany and Italy.



ENDPOINTS

- Estimated cost savings of unscheduled visits and complications
- Associated cost savings of resource utilisation



STUDY DESIGN

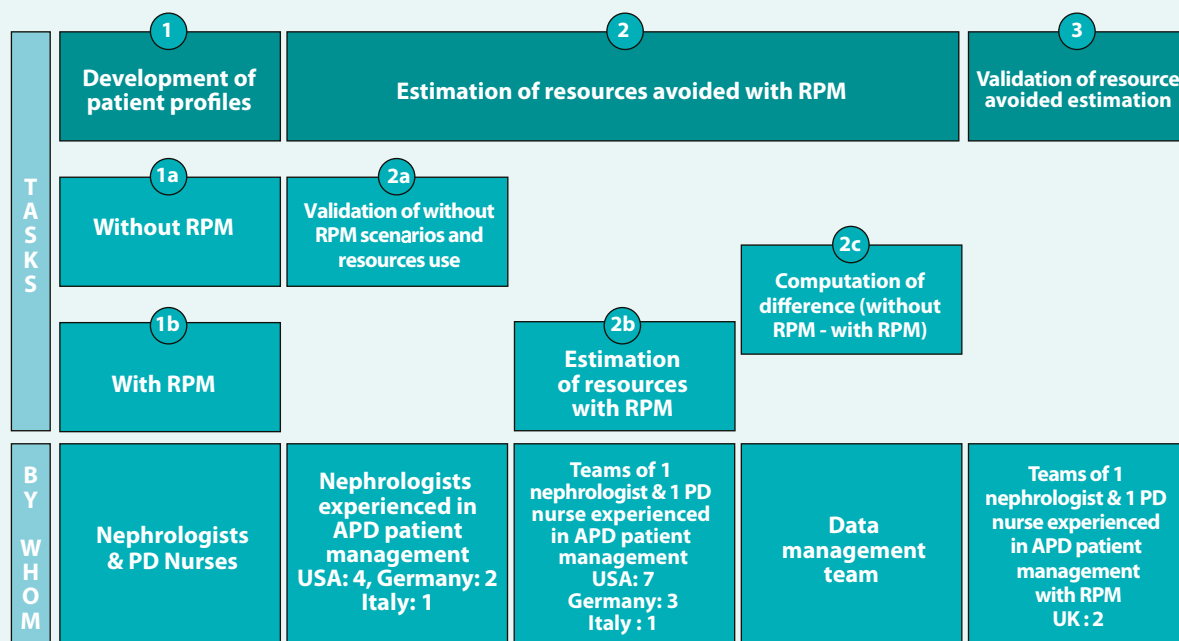
Twelve APD patient profiles (“simulations”)



- Two versions of each profile were created to simulate Healthcare resource use: one assuming use of RPM and one without (i.e. usual clinical practice)
- The RPM technology tested was a two-way, home based APD cyclor that records clinical and treatment data and electronically transfers it

were developed by a group of nephrologists and nurses based on potential clinical scenarios

- daily through a secure online portal for review by clinicians
- The technology also allows clinicians to make treatment modifications directly on the APD cyclor.
- Eleven APD teams estimated resources that would be used in the “with RPM” scenario using a separate on-line survey



Overview of study

STUDY POPULATION

Table 1 . Participant Practice Characteristics per County

PARTICIPANT PRACTICE CHARACTERISTICS			
COUNTRY	UNITED STATES (N=7)	GERMANY (N=3)	ITALY (N= 1)
Practice setting, n			
Hospital	2	1	1
Dialysis center	5	2	0
Average number of APD patients managed per year	82	48	80
Average number of years of experience in managing APD patients	17	21	27

APD, automated peritoneal dialysis



RESULTS

Resource Utilisation

Estimated **reduced resource utilisation** across the three countries ranged from

1-2 HOSPITALIZATIONS

1-4 HOME VISITS

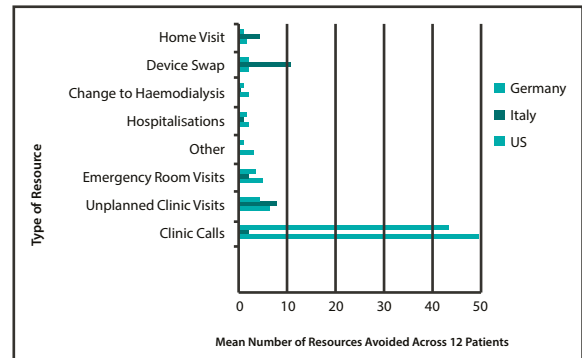
2-5 EMERGENCY ROOM VISITS

4-8 UNPLANNED CLINIC VISITS

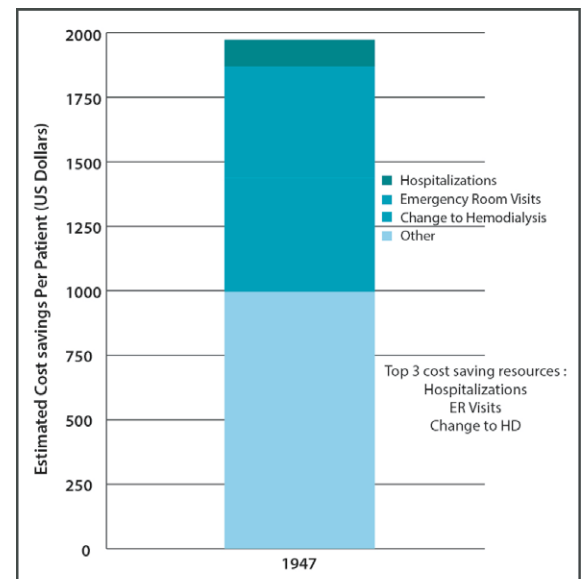
Resource Costs

Total savings across all scenarios were

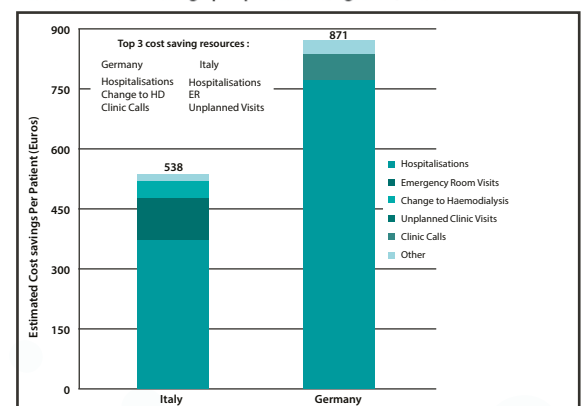
\$23,364 USA
\$11,477 GERMANY
\$7,088 ITALY



Healthcare resource avoidance with RPM



Estimated cost savings per patient using RPM, United States



Estimated cost savings per patient using RPM, Germany and Italy

CONCLUSIONS

In a simulated environment, RPM reduced healthcare system resource utilisation and costs in patients with problems such as treatment adherence, fluid overload, volume depletion, low drain/unidentified alarms, or factitious data. The data suggest that RPM may enable earlier intervention when these events occur, thus avoiding complications or treatment discontinuation and reducing the associated economic costs.

Results in actual clinical setting may vary. This study was conducted in a simulated environment which will require additional studies to confirm findings. Information derived from this study may not correlate with clinical outcomes.

The **Sharesource** portal is intended for use by healthcare professionals to remotely communicate new or modified treatment parameters with compatible dialysis instruments and transfer completed treatment data to a central database to aid in the review, analysis, and evaluation of patients' historical treatment results. This system is not intended to be a substitute for good clinical management practices, nor does its operation create decisions or treatment pathways.

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