

Table 1. Baseline characteristics of study cohort, stratified by how peritoneal dialysis (PD) was initiated

	All (N=148)	Planned-start PD (n=57)	Early-start PD (n=23)	Deferred-start (n=68)	<i>P</i> value
Male, no. (%)	71 (48)	23 (40.4)	9 (39.1)	39 (57.4)	0.113
Ethnicity, no. (%)					0.401
Chinese	90 (60.8)	38 (66.7)	16 (69.6)	36 (52.9)	
Malay	35 (23.6)	10 (17.5)	6 (26.1)	19 (27.9)	
Indian	15 (10.1)	6 (10.5)	0 (0)	9 (13.2)	
Others	8 (5.4)	3 (5.3)	1 (4.3)	4 (5.9)	
Comorbidities, no. (%)					
Diabetes mellitus	112 (75.7)	42 (73.7)	17 (73.9)	53 (77.9)	0.840
Hypertension	133 (89.9)	52 (91.2)	20 (87)	61 (89.7)	0.817
Coronary artery disease	62 (41.9)	18 (31.6)	14 (60.9)	30 (44.1)	0.054
Congestive cardiac failure	39 (26.4)	12 (21.1)	12 (52.2)	15 (22.1)	0.010
Cerebrovascular disease	30 (20.3)	11 (19.3)	6 (26.1)	13 (19.1)	0.760
Malignancy	1 (0.7)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (1.5)	1.000
Peripheral vascular disease	21 (14.2)	8 (14)	4 (17.4)	9 (13.2)	0.901
Age at initiation of PD, median (IQR), years	62 (53–74)	63 (53–74)	64 (55–77)	60 (53–71)	0.487
eGFR at initiation, median (IQR), mL/min/1.73m ²	5 (4–7)	6 (4–9)	6 (5–7)	5 (3–7)	0.006
Serum urea at initiation of dialysis, median (IQR), mmol/L	31 (26–39)	28 (22–33)	32 (27–38)	37 (29–45)	<0.001
Days on HD, median (IQR)	26 (0–61)	0 (0)	18 (12–33)	67 (43–119)	<0.001
Duration of follow-up on PD, median (IQR), years	2.8 (0.9–4.4)	3.2 (1.3–6.2)	1.3 (0.7–3.3)	2.5 (0.7–4.2)	0.014

eGFR: estimated glomerular filtration rate; HD: haemodialysis; IQR: interquartile range; PD: peritoneal dialysis