

Vascular Access Centers: From assistance to training: View from Japan

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Vascular access (VA) is essential for hemodialysis, and AVF make up the majority in Japan. Furthermore, interventional treatment for VA is widely used. VA-related academic societies are held and guidelines are created and standardized in each country and region, but production and management often depends on individual skills and principles. It should always be kept in mind that VA is just a tool for hemodialysis.

In 92% of cases, AVF creation was carried out by doctors involved in dialysis treatment. The unique characteristic of Japan is that the creation and management of vascular access is performed by doctors involved in dialysis across a wide range of disciplines, including nephrologists, surgeons, and urologists. This may be one factor contributing to the higher % of AVF and well patency rate in Japan. We proudly call us “Dialysisnist”