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EPIDEMIOLOGICAL STUDY OF END STAGE RENAL DISEASE PATIENTS MAINTAINED ON HAEMODIALYSIS IN EL-MINIA GOVERNORATE; EGYPT.

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Abstract

Objective: The epidemiology of ESRD is important as it determines the need for RRT, a complex, costly and lifelong package of care for which demand and provision have grown significantly in the last decade. Aim of this study is to describe the prevalence and etiology of ESRD in EL-Minia Governorate using a structured questionnaire.

Methods; Epidemiological, clinical and laboratory data of patients with ESRD on regular hemodialysis from all districts of El-Minia governorate were collected on a structured questionnaire.

Results; Out of 1700 ESRD patients on regular HD (314 per million population, pmp), only 1433 patients (84.3%) agreed to participate in this study, with mean age of 51.6 ± 13.7 years. Male patients were 67.8% (n = 972), 79.9% were living in rural areas. Illiterates were 60.6% of all patients. HTN represents the main cause of ESRD 32.03%, while unknown etiology represents 26.87%, and 11.4% DM.

Conclusion; In Egypt, Low prevalence may be due to lack of documentation programs and registration for ESRD and short life expectancy for these patients due to lack of health care

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Introduction: -

CKD is a major cause of morbidity, mortality, and high medical costs in the United States, particularly among older adults. Nearly 1 in 7 adults has CKD, and recent data suggest that the number of deaths from CKD has doubled in the past 2 decades [1]. In people aged 65 through 74 worldwide, it is estimated that one in five men, and one in four women, have CKD [2]. The lack of community-based screening programs has led to patients being detected with CKD at an advanced stage. It is possible that early detection of kidney disease through community based screening programs might have an impact on this problem through earlier intervention [3]. The epidemiology of ESRD is important as it determines the need for RRT, a complex, costly and lifelong package of care for which demand and provision have grown significantly in the last decade. One year of dialysis costs about £25,000, the first year of transplantation £15,000, with subsequent years over £5,000. It has been estimated that RRT costs consume 1.5–2% of the NHS budget, a figure that is predicted to rise to at least 3% [1]. Aim of this study is to describe the prevalence and etiology of ESRD in EL-Minia Governorate using a structured questionnaire.

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Patients and Methods: -

Patients: -

The study included the patients with ESRD on regular hemodialysis in all districts of El-Minia governorate. El-Minia Governorate is one of the Upper Egypt's Governorates, about 234 kilometres to the south of Cairo, it comprises nine districts (fig.1), its population was 5405353 populations according to the records of the Egyptian Ministry of Health and population and the Central Agency of Egypt for public mobilization & Statistics 2015.

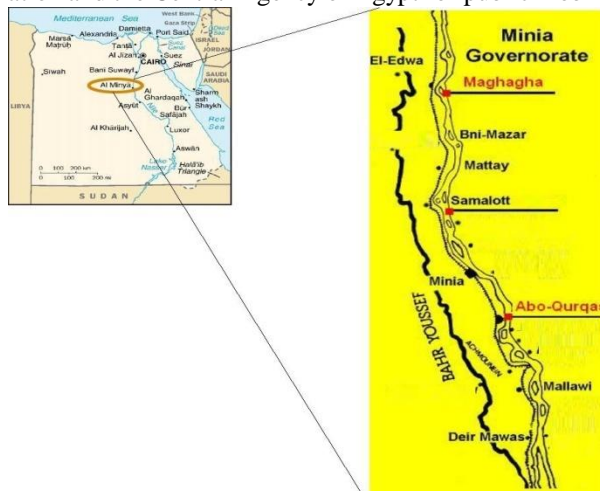


Figure.1: - El-Minia Governorate

The study was conducted between December 2014 to May 2015, the study included 14 dialysis unites, El- Minia University hospital, all general hospitals in the nine districts (El-Edowa general hospital, Maghagha general hospital, Bani-Mazar general hospital, Matti general hospital, Samalout general hospital, El-Minia general hospital, Abo-Korkas general hospital, Mallawi general hospital, Deir-Mawas general hospital), El-Minia Insurance hospital, El-Minia Fever hospital, and two special centers (Samalout One Day Surgery hospital and Konoze center).

Methods: -

Data were collected on a structured questionnaire. The questionnaire included name of the dialysis unit, name of the patient, age, sex, and residence, degree of education, marital status, and their occupation, history of smoking, and the cause of ESRD, history of HCV and HBV infection and if the patient was HCV positive we asked about the time of infection whether it was from the start of the dialysis or not, and asked about risk factor of HCV infection include the following (history of Blood transfusion, going to the dentist, chronic injection, surgeries, relatives infected by HCV, and if the patients deals with other HCV patients, history of bilharziasis and if he was injected with its medication (tartar treatment). Clinical examination was done with special attention to type of vascular access and blood pressure measurement. Blood pressure was measure with a standard sphygmomanometer while the patient was seated, BP measured according to the standared guidelines of the eighth report of the joint national committee (JNC-VIII) on prevention, detection evaluation and treatment of high BP [4]. Hypertension was considered as a cause of ESRD when renal failure was progressive in a patient with long-lasting hypertension, with moderate proteinuria, and no evidence suggestive of another diagnosis. Diabetic nephropathy was diagnosed as history of long-standing diabetes mellitus, with persistent proteinuria, occurrence of diabetic retinopathy and absence of any other renal disease. Diagnosis of chronic glomerulonephritis present on the base of presence of microscopic proteinuria and hematuria with hypertension. Obstructive uropathy was diagnosed by history of being a stone passer and imaging studies. Data obtained from the patients' files included date of the first dialysis session, their laboratory investigations include viral marker (HCV, HBV infection), Urea before dialysis, Urea after dialysis, Creatinine, Hb level, serum iron, Total iron binding capacity (TIBC), serum ferritin, albumin, serum Ca, serum Phosphorus, and parathrmone hormone level, random blood sugar for diabetic patients only, not all patients under go this investigation in dialysis units as it not reported in their files. Data obtained from imaging studies (abdominal ultrasound) the site, size, shape and echogenicity of both kidney, and the stat of the liver, spleen and other organs. Ultrasound can help to identify polycystic kidney disease, cancer, stones, and obstruction. Data obtained about dialysis units: Type of dialysate, type and size of filter. Ethical consideration; the study was conducted after obtaining approvals from the ethical committee of the faculty of medicine Minia University and Beni Suf Faculty of Medicine. Informed consent was obtained from every patient prior to starting filling the questionnaire.

Statistical methods: -

Data management; the collected data were coded and entered to the computer. SPSS "Statistical package for social sciences" Version 19 was used for performing the statistical analysis. Qualitative data is presented as frequencies and percentages whereas quantitative data were presented as means and standard deviations. Chi squared test, student t test and other tests of significance were performed whenever needed. P values of less than 0.05 were considered significant.

Results: -

Out of 1700 ESRD patients on regular HD (314 pmp), only 1433 patients (84.3%) agreed to participate in this study, their age ranged 13–93 years with mean age of 51.6 ± 13.7 years. Male patients 67.8% (n = 972) were more than female patients 32.2% (n = 461), 79.9% of ESRD patients are living in rural areas and 20.1% are living in urban areas, illiterates were 60.6% of all patients while 39.4% were educated (**table 1**). 14% were smoker, 24.5% were ex-smokers and 61.5% were non-smoker. About the marital status of ESRD patients, 10.9% were single, 76.6% were married and 11% were widow. Only 13.6% of ESRD patients work, and 86.4% not work (**table 1**). As regard causes of ESRD, patients with HTN represents 32.03%, unknown etiology were 26.87%, 11.4% DM, 15.14% were due to obstructive uropathy, 9.14% due to Glomerulonephritis (GN), 1.39% were due to Analgesic nephropathy, 1.95% were due to Polycystic kidney, 0.49% were due to bilharziasis, 0.49 were due to Systemic Lupus Erythematosus (SLE) and 1.12% were due to other causes (obstetric cause and malignancy) (**fig. 2**). 32.7% of the patients were in El-Minia city (the capital of El Minia governorate) as it contains 4 units so the main bulk of patients present in it, 12.6 % of the patients were in Abo-Korkas and 12.4% of the patients were in Mallawi(**fig.3**). The prevalence of ESRD among different age groups was 8.9% in those aged < 30 years, 12.1% in those aged 30–40 years, 19.3% in those aged 41–50 years, 31.8% in those aged 51–60 years, and 27.9% in those aged >60 years. The incidence increased by age and peaked in the 51–60 years age group, slightly decrease after the age of 60 years (**table 1**). 12.5% of female patients were less than 30 years, while only 7.2% of male patients were in the same age group. In female patients, the incidence increase by age, peaked at 41–50 years age group and slightly decrease after the age group 51–60, as regard male patients the incidence increased by the age, peaked in the 51–60 years age group and slightly decrease after the age of 60 years (**table 2**). 11.1% from all patients living in urban area were less than 30 years, while 8.4% from all patients living in rural area were in the same age group, the incidence increased by the age and peaked in the 51–60 years age group, slightly decrease after the age of 60 years and at this age the incidence of the disease were more in rural area (**table 2**). Table 2 show the highly significant difference (P-value <0.001*) between patients with different age groups according to their level of education as regard this table the incidence of educated patients with ESRD were decreased progressively with age, while the incidence of illiterate patients with ESRD were increased progressively with age (**table 2**). In our study, diabetic nephropathy as a cause of ESRD was found to be higher in urban area than rural area (13.2% vs 10.8%), also higher in female than male (14.2% vs 10%) and higher in illiterate than educated patients (12.8% vs 9.9%) (**table 3**). Obstructive uropathy was higher among male patients 19.6% with male to female ratio 7:1, polycystic kidney and bilharziasis higher among male patients 2.1%, 0.7% respectively, analgesic nephropathy was higher in female patients as 2.2% of female patients develop analgesic nephropathy, also SLE was higher in female patients 1.3% than male patients (**table 3**). The incidence of obstructive uropathy, analgesic nephropathy and bilharziasis as a cause of ESRD (16%, 1.6% and 0.5% respectively) were higher in patients living in rural area than those living in urban area, also the incidence of unknown cause was higher in patients living in rural area 28.4% but the incidence of GN, polycystic kidney, SLE as a cause of ESRD (13.5%, 4.3%, and 1.4% respectively) were higher in patients living in urban area than those living in rural area (**table 3**). The incidence of hypertensive nephropathy (34%), diabetic nephropathy (12.8%), obstructive uropathy (15.5%), analgesic nephropathy (1.7%) and bilharziasis (0.7%) were higher in illiterate patients but the incidence of GN (15.6%), and SLE (1.1%) were higher in educated patients (**table 3**). The incidence of house wife was higher in both areas (81.8% in urban, and in rural 98.7%) (**table 4**). The incidence of don't work male patients were higher in rural area 88.9%, worker patients were higher in urban 43.5% (**table 4**). The incidence of lupus nephritis 4.5%, analgesic nephropathy 2.3% were higher in female patients living in urban area (**table 5**). The incidence of obstructive uropathy (20.6%), analgesic nephropathy (1.3%), to bilharziasis (0.8%), were higher in male patients living in urban area (**table 5**). As regard virus status of HD patients in our study, there were 744 patients with positive HCV antibodies (52%) including 199 were negative at start of HD then seroconverted, while 689 patients were negative to HCV antibodies (48%), and only 1.4% were positive HBsAg (**table 6, fig.4**). Out of 199 seroconverted patients 164 patients (82.4%) were on different frequencies blood transfusion, only 35 patients (17.6%) never receive blood transfusion and were on erythropoietin and iron replacement therapy, 36.7% of them under go surgeries and 15.6% going to dentist (**table 7**). There was highly significant difference between seroconversion of HCVab+ve and those who remains HCVab–ve as regarding the age and duration of dialysis (P

value=0,000) (**table 8**). In **table 9** a correlation test show that seroconverted patients had longer duration of dialysis than other HCV negative patients. There was no statistically significant difference between seroconversion of HCVab+ve and those who remains HCVab-ve as regard the gender (P value=0.562) (**Tab 10**). The rate of seroconversion of HCVab is variable in different districts of ElMinia governorate, the highest in University hospital (44.7%) and the lowest in Malawi hospital (5.6%) (**Tab 11, Fig 5**). Our study showed that a highly significant difference was present among patients received parenteral therapy for Schistosomiasis than those who did not receive parenteral therapy, as 79.5% of patients who did not receive parenteral therapy was negative for HCV infection, while 51.1% of those received parenteral therapy for Schistosomiasis were positive for HCV infection (**Table 12**). Out of 1433 HD patients 20 patients were positive for HBVsAg (1.4%), 8 (0.6%) patients were Combined positive for HBVsAg and HCVabs and 12(0.8%) patients were positive for HBVsAg only (**table 13, fig 6**). The incidence of hypertensive patients was 67.06%, diabetic patients were 11.6%, cardiac patient were 2.7% (**table 14**). In our study diabetes represent 11.4% of the cause of ESRD, 60.73% of the diabetic patients were controlled with medical treatment, 38.05% patients were controlled without medical treatment and 1.22% was not controlled with medical treatment (**table 15**). 59.52% of hypertensive patients were controlled with medical treatment, 43.34% was not controlled with medical treatment (**table 16**). In our study number of patients undergoes laboratory investigation widely variant; Hb level, Creatinine and urea before dialysis were the most common laboratory investigation done to HD patients in El-Minia governorate (**table 17**). In our study, we found that the mean duration of dialysis was 59.1 ± 39.7 months. As regard the vascular access, only 2.6% of the cases used jugular venous catheter, 0.1% of the cases used femoral venous catheter during dialysis and 97.3% of patients used arteriovenous fistula (**table 18**). As regard type of dialysate solution used for dialysis, 1138 patients (79.4%) used acetate solution in dialysis while only 295 patients (20.6%) used bicarbonate solution. Dialysis units of Minia General hospital and Kono center are the only units that used only bicarbonate solutions for all patients (**table 19**). As regard Size of filters used for dialysis, 1036 patients (72.3%) used filters of size 1.3 m², while only 332 patients (23%) used filters of size 1.6 m² (**table 20**).

Fig2:-Causes of renal failure of the studied group

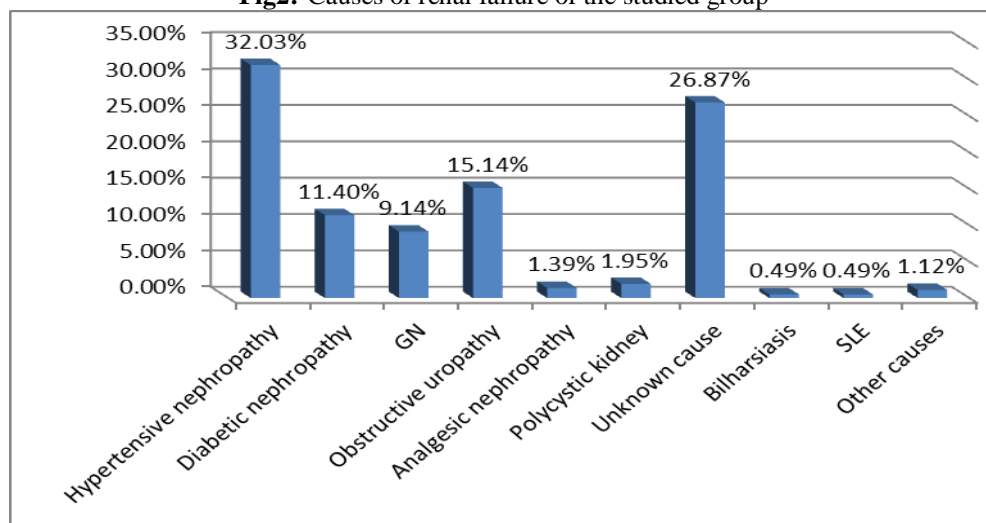
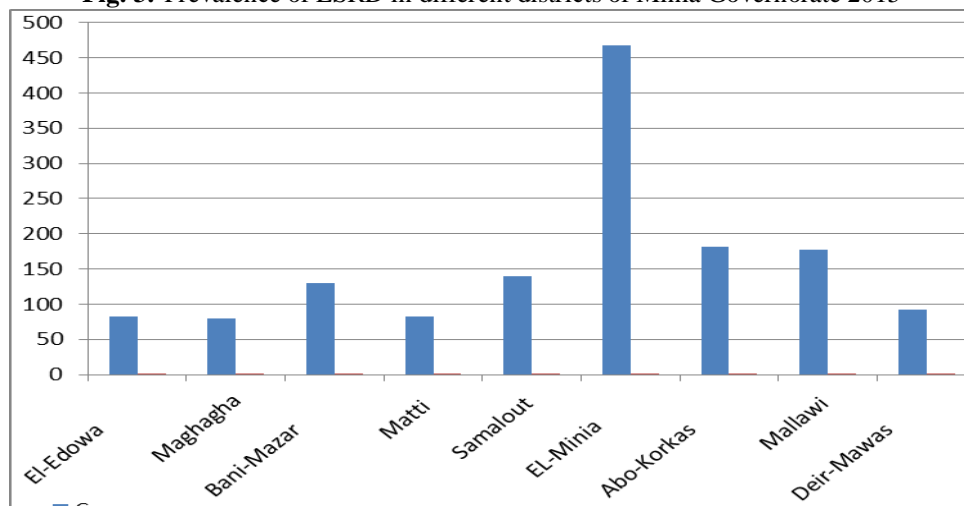


Fig. 3:-Prevalence of ESRD in different districts of Minia Governorate 2015**Table 1:-General characteristics of the studied group (N = 1433)**

| Baseline characteristics | | |
|--------------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Age (years) | Range | 13 – 93 |
| | Mean \pm SD | 51.6 \pm 13.7 |
| Age group in(years) | < 30 | 128 (8.9%) |
| | 30 – 40 | 173 (12.1%) |
| | 41 – 50 | 277 (19.3%) |
| | 50 – 60 | 456 (31.8%) |
| | > 60 | 399 (27.9%) |
| Sex | Male | 971 (67.8%) |
| | Female | 462 (32.2%) |
| Residence | Urban | 288 (20.1%) |
| | Rural | 1145 (79.9%) |
| Education | Illiterate | 869 (60.6%) |
| | Primary | 102 (7.1%) |
| | Preparatory | 102 (7.1%) |
| | Secondary | 276 (19.3%) |
| | University | 80 (5.6%) |
| | Higher education | 4 (3%) |
| Marital status | Single | 156 (10.9%) |
| | Married | 1098 (76.6%) |
| | Divorced | 21 (1.5%) |
| | Widow | 158 (11%) |
| Occupation | Don't work | 1238 (86.5%) |
| | Employee | 173 (12.2%) |
| | Business owner | 3 (0.2%) |
| | Handicraft | 5 (0.3%) |
| | Farmer | 6 (0.4%) |
| | Professional | 5 (0.3%) |
| | Missing | 3 (0.2%) |
| Smoking | Smoker | 200 (14%) |
| | Non-smoker | 881 (61.5%) |
| | Ex-smokers | 352 (24.6%) |

Table 2:- Comparison between different age groups and gender, residence and level of education among patients (N = 1433)

| | Age group | < 30 | 30-40 | 41-50 | 51-60 | > 60 |
|------------------|------------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Gender | Male N =971 | 70 (7.2%) | 110 (11.3%) | 190 (19.5%) | 303 (31.2%) | 299 (30.8%) |
| | Female N=462 | 58 (12.5%) | 63 (13.6%) | 87 (31.4%) | 153 (18.8%) | 100 (21.6%) |
| Residence | Urban N= 288 | 32 (11.1%) | 4 (14.2%) | 55 (19.1%) | 94 (32.6%) | 66 (23%) |
| | Rural N=1145 | 96 (8.4%) | 132 (11.5%) | 222 (19.5%) | 362 (31.6%) | 333 (29%) |
| Education | Illiterate N=869 | 31 (24.2%) | 68 (39.3%) | 163 (58.8%) | 307 (67.3%) | 300 (75.2%) |
| | Educated N=564 | 97 (75.7%) | 105 (60.7%) | 114 (41.1%) | 149 (32.7%) | 99 (24.9%) |

Table 3:- Comparison between gender, residence and level of education regarding the etiology of the ESRD.

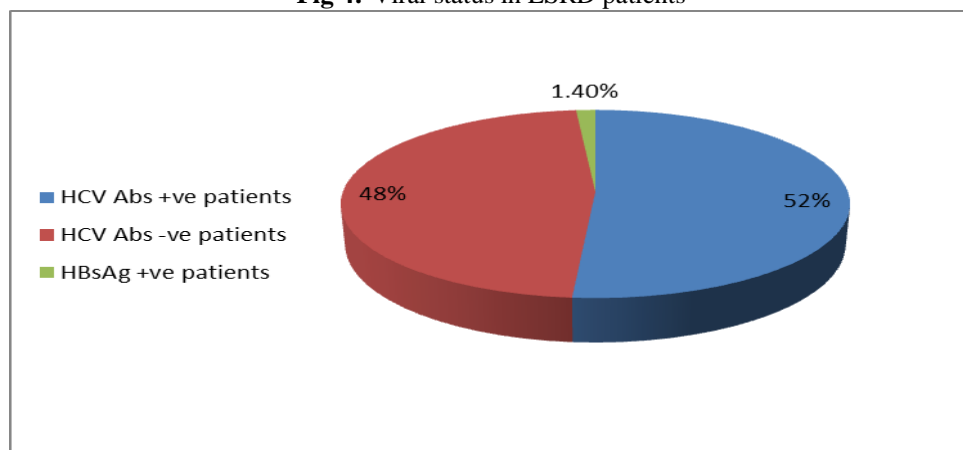
| | Male N=971 | Female N=462 | Urban N=288 | Rural N=1145 | Illiterate N=869 | Educated N=564 |
|---------------------------------|---------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Hypertensive nephropathy | 306 (31.5%) | 153 (33.3%) | 95 (33%) | 364 (32%) | 310 (34%) | 149 (26%) |
| Diabetic nephropathy | 79 (10%) | 66 (14.2%) | 38 (13.2%) | 125 (10.8%) | 109 (12.8%) | 54 (9.9%) |
| GN | 88 (9.1%) | 43 (9.4%) | 39 (13.5%) | 92 (8%) | 43 (5%) | 88 (15.6%) |
| Obstructive Uropathy | 190 (19.6%) | 27 (5.8%) | 34 (11.8%) | 183 (16%) | 135 (15.5%) | 82 (14.5%) |
| Analgesic nephropathy | 10 (1%) | 10 (2.2%) | 2 (0.7%) | 18 (1.6%) | 15 (1.7%) | 5 (0.9%) |
| Polycystic kidney | 20 (2.1%) | 8 (1.7%) | 12 (4.3%) | 16 (1.3%) | 11 (1.3%) | 17 (3%) |
| Unknown cause | 250 (25.7%) | 135 (29.3%) | 59 (20.5%) | 326 (28.4%) | 231 (26.6%) | 326 (28.4%) |
| Bilharziasis | 7 (0.7%) | 0 (0%) | 1 (0.3%) | 6 (0.5%) | 6 (0.7%) | 1 (0.2%) |
| Others | 2 (0.2%) | 14 (3%) | 4 (1.3%) | 12 (1.1%) | 8 (0.92%) | 8 (1.5%) |
| SLE | 1 (0.1%) | 6 (1.3%) | 4 (1.3%) | 3 (0.3%) | 1 (0.1%) | 6 (1.1%) |

Table 4:- Occupation per residence in female and male patients

| | female patient (N = 461) | | male patient (N = 972) | |
|-----------------|--------------------------|-------------|------------------------|-------------|
| | Urban N=88 | Rural N=373 | Urban N=200 | Rural N=772 |
| Not work | 72 (81.8%) | 367 (98.7%) | 113 (56.5%) | 686 (88.9%) |
| Work | 16 (18.2%) | 5 (1.3%) | 87 (43.5%) | 86 (11.1%) |
| Total | 88 (100%) | 373 (100%) | 200 (100%) | 772 (100%) |

Table 5:- Causes of ESRD according to residence in female and male patient (N = 461)

| Etiology | female patient (N = 461) | | male patient (N= 972) | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------|-----------------------|-------------|
| | Urban N=88 | Rural N=373 | Urban N=200 | Rural N=772 |
| Hypertensive nephropathy | 30 (34.1%) | 123 (33%) | 65 (32.5%) | 241 (31.2%) |
| Diabetic nephropathy | 12 (13.6%) | 54 (14.5%) | 26 (13%) | 71 (9.2%) |
| GN | 12 (13.6%) | 31 (8.3%) | 27 (13.5%) | 61 (7.9%) |
| Obstructive Uropathy | 3 (3.4%) | 24 (6.4%) | 31 (15.5%) | 159 (20.6%) |
| Analgesic nephropathy | 2 (2.3%) | 8 (2.1%) | 0 (0%) | 10 (1.3%) |
| Polycystic kidney | 3 (3.4%) | 5 (1.3%) | 9 (4.5%) | 11 (1.4%) |
| Unknown cause | 19 (21.6%) | 116 (31.1%) | 40 (20%) | 210 (27.2%) |
| Bilharziasis | 0 (0%) | 0 (0%) | 1 (0.5%) | 6 (0.8%) |
| Other | 4 (4.5%) | 10 (2.7%) | 1 (0.5%) | 1 (0.1%) |
| SLE | 4 (4.5%) | 2 (0.5%) | 1 (0.1%) | 1 (0.1%) |
| Total | 88 (100%) | 373 (100%) | 200 (100%) | 77 (100%) |

Fig 4:- Viral status in ESRD patients**Table 6:-** HCV Seroconversion in ESRD patients

| Status | N0 (%) |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|
| HCV Abs +ve patients from the start | 545 (38%) |
| HCV Abs -ve patients from the start | 888 (62%) |
| HCV Seroconverted patients | 199 (22.4%) |

Table 7:- Risk factor of HCV infection among seroconversion (N = 199)

| Risk factor of HCV among seroconversion | | |
|---|-----|-------------|
| Blood transfusion | Yes | 164 (82.4%) |
| | No | 35 (17.6%) |
| Going to the dentist | Yes | 31 (15.6%) |
| | No | 168 (84.4%) |
| Injection | Yes | 7 (3.5%) |
| | No | 192 (96.5%) |
| Surgeries | Yes | 73 (36.7%) |
| | No | 126 (63.3%) |
| Relatives infected by HCV | Yes | 24 (12.1%) |
| | No | 175 (87.9%) |
| Deal with HCV patient | Yes | 25 (12.6%) |
| | No | 174 (87.4%) |

Table 8:- Comparison between HCV seroconversion and both the age and duration of dialysis.

| Age(months) | Category | N | Mean | Std. Deviation | P |
|------------------------------|---------------|-----|-------|----------------|-------|
| | HCVab -VE | 689 | 49.77 | 14.84 | |
| | Seroconverted | 199 | 44.3 | 13.14 | 0,000 |
| Duration of dialysis(months) | HCVab -VE | 689 | 47.44 | 27.42 | 0,000 |
| | Seroconverted | 199 | 96.35 | 48.76 | |

Table 9:-Correlation between HCV seroconversion and both the age and duration of dialysis.

| Correlations | | Age | Duration of dialysis |
|--------------------|--------------------|----------|----------------------|
| HCV GROUP n=887 | Spearman's rho (r) | -0.16279 | 0.467 |
| | P value | 0,000 | 0,000 |

Table 10:-Comparison between HCV seroconversion as regard the gender

| | | | HCV Group | | P |
|--------|--------|--------------------|-----------|---------------|-------|
| | | | HCV –VE | Seroconverted | |
| Gender | Male | N Count | 429 | 129 | 0.562 |
| | | Within % HCV GROUP | 62 | 65 | |
| | Female | Count | 260 | 70 | |
| | | Within % HCV GROUP | 38 | 35 | |

Table 11:- Number and percentage of seroconversion of HCV Ab among different hospitals (N=199)

| Hospital | Seroconversion N 199 | | HCV Ab-ve N=689 | Total HCV Ab-ve before seroconversion |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|-------|--------------------|--|
| Samalout One day surgery hospital | 10 | 40% | 15(60%) | 25 |
| Samalout General hospital | 8 | 12.1% | 58(87.9%) | 66 |
| Minia University hospital | 42 | 44.7% | 52(55.3%) | 94 |
| Konoz center | 7 | 24.1% | 22(75.9%) | 29 |
| Health Insurance Hospital | 24 | 27% | 65(73%) | 89 |
| Minia General hospital | 27 | 37.5% | 45(62.5%) | 72 |
| Mattai General hospital | 12 | 23% | 40(77%) | 52 |
| Bani-mazar hospital | 22 | 31.4% | 48(68.6%) | 70 |
| Abo-korkas hospital | 11 | 9.2% | 109(90.8%) | 120 |
| Maghagha General hospital | 11 | 23.4% | 36(76.6%) | 47 |
| El-Edowa hospital | 9 | 18.4% | 40(81.6%) | 49 |
| Der-mawas hospital | 9 | 16.4% | 46(83.6%) | 55 |
| Malawi hospital | 6 | 5.6% | 101(94.4%) | 107 |
| Fever hospital | 1 | 7.7% | 12(92.3%) | 13 |
| Total | 199 | 100% | 689 | 888 |

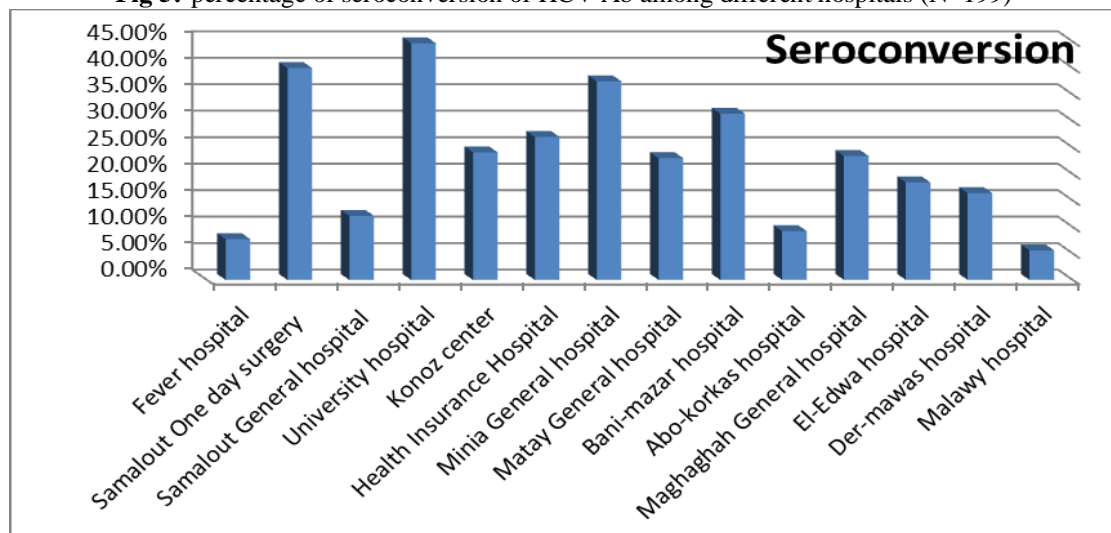
Fig 5:-percentage of seroconversion of HCV Ab among different hospitals (N=199)

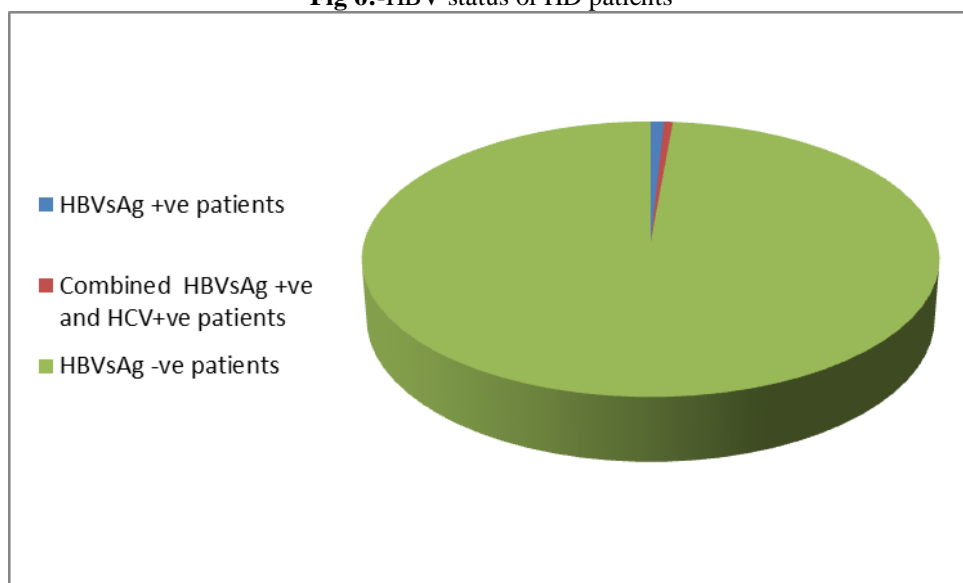
Table 12:-Comparison between HCV +ve and HCV -ve according to parenteral therapy for Schistosomiasis

| Parenteral therapy for Schistosomiasis | HCV +ve N(%) | HCV -ve N(%) | P – value |
|--|--------------|--------------|-----------|
| Yes | 364 (48.9%) | 141 (20.5%) | <0.001* |
| No | 380 (51.1%) | 548 (79.5%) | |
| Total | 744 (100%) | 689 (100%) | |

*: Significant difference (p value ≤ 0.05)

Table 13:-Classification of patients according to their HBV status

| HBV infection | |
|---|--------------|
| HBVsAg +ve patients | 12 (0.8%) |
| Combined HBVsAg +ve and HCV+ve patients | 8 (0.6%) |
| Total HBVsAg +ve | 20 (1.4%) |
| HBVsAg -ve patient | 1413 (98.6%) |
| Total | 1433 (100%) |

Fig 6:-HBV status of HD patients**Table 14:-**Co-morbidities associated with ESRD

| | | |
|-----------------|----------------|-------------|
| Chronic disease | No | 430 (30%) |
| | DM | 163(11.4%) |
| | HTN | 961(67.06%) |
| | Cardiac | 39 (2.7%) |
| | Others disease | 9(0.6%) |
| Bilharziasis | Yes | 48 (3.3%) |
| | No | 645 (45%) |
| | Don't know | 740 (51.6%) |
| Back pain | Yes | 462 (32.2%) |
| | No | 971 (67.8%) |

Table 15:- Diabetic control state in HD patients

| | | |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------|
| Diabetic patients N=163 | Controlled with treatment | 99 (60.73%) |
| | Controlled without treatment | 62 (38.05%) |
| | Not controlled with treatment | 2 (1.22%) |

Table 16:- HTN control state in HD patients

| | | |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Hypertensive patients N=961 | Controlled with treatment | 572 (59.52%) |
| | Controlled without treatment | 59 (6.14%) |
| | Not Controlled with treatment | 330 (34.34%) |

Table 17:-Laboratory data of all patients

| Laboratory data | Number | Range | Mean \pm SD |
|------------------------|---------------|--------------|---------------------------------|
| Urea before dialysis | 1365 | 90 – 320 | 144.2 \pm 42.8 |
| Urea after dialysis | 308 | 50 – 186 | 70.6 \pm 22.6 |
| Creatinine | 1364 | 2.5 – 17.3 | 7.3 \pm 3.14 |
| HB | 1432 | 4.2 – 16 | 9.5 \pm 1.8 |
| Ca in blood | 281 | 3.25 – 11.2 | 7.7 \pm 1.36 |
| Phosphorus | 275 | 1.2 – 10.5 | 5.87 \pm 1.42 |
| Parathormon | 280 | 24 – 5841 | 95.8 \pm 368.4 |
| Albumin | 143 | 3 – 4.5 | 3.9 \pm 0.29 |
| Serum iron | 147 | 10 – 614 | 83.5 \pm 67 |
| TIBC | 174 | 11 – 2645 | 239 \pm 238 |
| Feritin | 171 | 11.4 – 8781 | 1158 \pm 1422 |

Table 18:-Duration and site of dialysis of the studied group (N =1433)

| Dialysis | | |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Duration of dialysis (months) | Range | 7 – 281 |
| | Mean \pm SD | 59.1 \pm 39.7 |
| Vascular access | A-V shunt | 1395 (97.3%) |
| | Jugular catheter | 37 (2.6%) |
| | Femoral catheter | 1 (0.1%) |

N.B: Quantitative data represented by Range (mean \pm SD), While Qualitative data represented by number and (%).

Table 19:-Solution used for dialysis among different hospitals

| Hospital | Acetate solution | Bicarbonate solution | Total |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| Samalout One day surgery | 54(100%) | - | 54(100%) |
| Samalout General hospital | 72(83%) | 14(16%) | 86(100%) |
| Minia University hospital | 146(100%) | - | 146(100%) |
| Konoz center | - | 34(100%) | 34(100%) |
| Health Insurance Hospital | 154(100%) | - | 154(100%) |
| Minia General hospital | - | 114(100%) | 114(100%) |
| Mattai General hospital | 54(65.1%) | 29(34.9%) | 83(100%) |
| Bani-mazar hospital | 96(73.8%) | 34(26.2%) | 130(100%) |
| Abo-korkas hospital | 158(87.3%) | 23(12.7%) | 181(100%) |
| Maghagha General hospital | 79(100%) | - | 79(100%) |
| El-Edowa hospital | 78(94%) | 5(6%) | 83(100%) |
| Der-mawas hospital | 92(100%) | - | 92(100%) |
| Malawi hospital | 154(87%) | 23(13%) | 177(100%) |
| Fever hospital | 1(5%) | 19(95%) | 20(100%) |
| Total | 1138(79.4%) | 295(20.6%) | 1433(100%) |

Table 20:-Size of filters among different hospitals

| Hospital | 1.2m ² | 1.3 m ² | 1.4 m ² | 1.6 m ² | 1.8 m ² | Total |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------|
| Samalout One day surgery | - | 54 (100%) | - | - | - | 54 (100%) |
| Samalout General hospital | - | 13 (15%) | 27 (31.6%) | 45 (52.4%) | - | 86 (100%) |
| Minia University hospital | - | 146 (100%) | - | - | - | 146 (100%) |
| Konoz center | - | 34 (100%) | - | - | - | 34 (100%) |
| Health Insurance Hospital | - | 154 (100%) | - | - | - | 154 (100%) |
| Minia General hospital | - | 114 (100%) | - | - | - | 114 (100%) |
| Mattai General hospital | - | 83 (100%) | - | - | - | 83 (100%) |
| Bani mazar General hospital | - | - | - | 94 (72.3%) | 36 (27.7%) | 130 (100%) |
| Abo-korkas hospital | 1 (0.6%) | 129 (71.3%) | - | 51 (28.2%) | - | 181 (100%) |
| Maghagha General hospital | - | 23 (29.1%) | - | 256 (70.9%) | - | 79 (100%) |
| El-Edowa General hospital | - | 58 (69.9%) | - | 25 (30.1%) | - | 83 (100%) |
| Der mawas hospital | - | 47 (51.1%) | - | 45 (48.9%) | - | 92 (100%) |
| Malawi hospital | - | 161 (91%) | - | 16 (9%) | - | 177 (100%) |
| Fever hospital | - | 20 (100%) | - | - | - | 20 (100%) |

Discussion: -

The lack of community-based screening programs has led to patients being detected with CKD at an advanced stage. It is possible that early detection of kidney disease through community based screening programs might improve this problem through earlier treatment [3]. Hemodialysis is the most frequent type of RRT. Mortality is highest during the first 3 months of hemodialysis. Treatment with dialysis or kidney transplantation produces an immense financial burden for many patients who need it [2]. The total cost of the ESRD program in the US was approximately \$49.3 billion in 2011. Medicare costs per person per year were more than \$75,000 overall, ranging from \$32,922 for transplant patients to \$87,945 for those receiving hemodialysis therapy [5]. The epidemiology of ESRD is significant as it limits the need for RRT. The rapid increase in the prevalence of ESRD requires practical strategies to prevent its development and progression, especially in the developing world [6]. El-Minia Governorate is one of Egypt Governorates located in the central part of Egypt. In the current study, the total number of patients on RRT were 1700 living in nine districts covering 5.4 million populations only 1433 patients (84%) agree to participate in this study, in El-Minia Governorate in 2006 the total number of patients on RRT were 1356 only 800 patients (59%) agree to participate in the study and in 2007 they were 1615 only 950 patients (59%) agree to participate in the study [7]. As regard these results the number of ESRD patients was increased annually. The results of our study revealed that in El-Minia Governorate the prevalence of ESRD patients on regular hemodialysis were 314 PMP, this rate was 250 PMP in 2002 [8] and progressively increased to 260 PMP in 2005 [9] then became 308 PMP in 2006 [10], and was 367 pmp in 2007 [7]. In other Egyptian governorates, the prevalence of ESRD patients on regular hemodialysis was 330 pmp in Menoufia Governorate in the year 2013 [11], 282.6 pmp in Kafer El-Shakh Governorate during the year 2012 [12]. The prevalence worldwide was greatly differing. According to USRDS the prevalence was highest in Taiwan with 2447 pmp and was lowest in Philippines with 110 pmp. In United States was 1811 pmp[13]. In Europe, the prevalence in 2004 was 760 pmp and increased to 889 pmp in 2008 [14]. In Egypt, Low prevalence may be due to lack of documentation programs and registration for ESRD also short life expectancy for these patients due to lack of health care may play a rule. In the current study 32.7% of patients on regular HD present in El-Minia city this due to the presence of three large hospitals (university hospital, health insurance hospital, and El-Minia general hospital) in addition to Konozcenter. In the current study, the mean age was 51.6 ± 13.7 but in the year 2006 it was 46 ± 13 years [10], this difference may also reflect improvement in the medical services provided for diagnosis and management of ESRD patients which is still much less than in developed

countries. In France, the median age of patients on RRT is 70.4 years [15]. This marked increase in median age in patients in the European countries may reflect the improvement in ESRD care that requires strong support from the government. The incidence of ESRD in our study increased by age peaked in the 51–60 years age group, and slightly decrease after the age of 60 years. In Bani Suef governorate the mean age was 42.45 ± 16.2 years [16], in Menoufia Governorate in the year 2013 the mean age was 52 years [11], and it was 51 years in Kafer El-Shakh Governorate during the year 2012 [12]. In Egypt, the mean age was 45.6 years in 1996 and increased to 49.8 years in 2008 [17]. On studying the patient's residence and its relation to ESRD we find that large number of ESRD patients (79.9%) live in rural areas and have limited contact to healthcare, only 20.1% are living in urban areas, also in El-Minia Governorate at the year 2006, 55% of patients were living in rural areas and 45% are living in urban areas [10]. In the current study, we found that in the age groups < 30 years patients living in urban area (11.1%) were more than those in rural area (8.4%) while the reverse occur after the age > 60 as 23% in urban area and 29% in rural area this difference in the age groups reflects the difference in awareness of the patients as 75.2% of the age > 60 years were illiterate. The incidence of obstructive uropathy, analgesic nephropathy, bilharziasis and unknown aetiology as a cause of ESRD was higher in patients living in rural area than those living in urban area. The incidence of hypertensive nephropathy (34%), diabetic nephropathy (12.8%), obstructive uropathy (15.5%), analgesic nephropathy (1.7%) and bilharziasis (0.7%) were higher in illiterate patients but the incidence of GN (15.6%), and SLE (1.1%) were higher in educated patients. These differences may reflect the strong link between level of education, living in rural area, health services available and awareness of the patients about the disease status and early referral to nephrologist. In the United Arab Emirates, the highest incidence rate of ESRD was reported in Abu-Dhabi city among the 45–55 years age group [18], while in Kuwait it was 45 years [19]. The incidence of ESRD was more common in male gender worldwide, as USRD System, 2012 revealed that in the US males constituting 56%, UK, 2009 revealed that males constituting 60% in the UK, in the KSA males constituting 54.5% [20]. In our study the prevalence in male was nearly twice that of females (67.8% vs 32.2%). Our results show that only 13.6% of ESRD patients work, and 86.4% not work, this reflects the major health problem of ESRD patients because it is a devastating medical condition, and the cost of treatment is a huge economic burden. In the current study the incidence of ESRD of unknown etiology was 26.87%, and during the year 2006 was 27% [9], in Bani Suef governorate was 42.2% [16], in Menoufia Governorate in the year 2013 was 20.5 % of all causes of ESRD [11], and it was 15.2 % in all Egypt [21]. In Sudan, uncertain etiology of ESRD was estimated to be more than 40% [22]. While in the US it was only 3.9% [13]. In Saudi Arabia it was 19.9 % [23]. The incidence of ESRD due to unknown etiology in Egypt is like that in Saudi Arabia, but so much higher than that in the US. This difference may be attributed to lack of awareness of the patients, delay referral to nephrologist in developing countries and reduced health care system. In the current study, hypertensive nephropathy was the first leading cause of ESRD in El-Minia Governorate and the incidence was 32.03%, while it was 27% in the year 2002 [8], 20% in the year 2006 [10]. In Bani Suef governorate hypertension represented 15.2% [16]. In Menoufia Governorate in the year 2013 hypertension (31.1 %) was the main cause of ESRD [11], also the main cause of ESRD in Cairo was hypertension (29.7%), followed by DN (12.5%), in Canal governorates it was 27.3%, followed by DN (10.7%) [12]. In Tabuk Saudi Arabia 24% of patients were hypertensive [24]. In Sudan hypertension was responsible for about 26% [22]. Similarly, In US it was 28% [13]. But this percentage of HTN may be not accurate as a cause of ESRD as it is difficult to decide if long-standing hypertension is the cause of ESRD or a previous undiagnosed renal disease is the cause of secondary HTN. In our study the prevalence of hypertension was higher in females 33.3% than in males 31.5%. In our study the incidence of diabetic nephropathy was 11.3%, it was 5% during the year 2005 [8], 8% during the year of 2006 [10], and 13% in the year of 2007 [7]. In Bani Suef governorate it was 13.2% [16]. The prevalence of diabetic nephropathy was higher in females 14.2% than in males 10%, and more in urban 13.2% than in rural 10.8%, this agree with [7] in 2007 diabetic nephropathy was higher in urban (8%) than in rural areas (5%), also in Emarate prevalence of diabetic nephropathy appears to be higher in urban and more developed areas than rural areas [18]. In Menoufia Governorate in the year 2013 diabetic nephropathy was 15.9 % [11], 14% in Kafer El-Shakh Governorate during the year 2012 [12]. The prevalence of DN in Egypt as a cause of ESRD was 8.9% in 1997 and increased to 13.5% in 2008 and accounting the 2nd cause of ESRD as the main cause is hypertension 36.6% [21]. In South Africa, it was 14% to 16%, and in Sudan it was 9% [25]. In France, during the year 2007, 39% of patients with ESRD on HD were diabetics [15]. According to the 2008 United States Renal Data System annual report the major cause of ESRD leading to kidney failure in the US was diabetes [26], 28.9% of patients on RRT while in Iran diabetes mellitus constitutes 30.1% of ESRD patients [27]. In Gulf countries like Qatar, diabetic nephropathy was the commonest cause of ESRD 48% [28], and in Saudi Arabia it was 25.2 % [23]. In France in year 2007, 39 % of ESRD on regular hemodialysis was due to DN [15]. In United Kingdom DN accounts 14.7 % the 2nd cause of ESRD following GN 16% [29]. This difference in prevalence of DN as a cause of ESRD may be due to the low prevalence of obesity in the less developed areas compared to that in the developed regions because of their

rapid economic growth and associated changes in lifestyle. Chronic glomerulonephritis was seen in 9.14% in the current study, in 2006 it represented 11% of ESRD patients [10], while it was only 1% in the US. In our study hepatitis C prevalence was found to be 52%, In Menoufia Governorate in the year 2013 hepatitis C prevalence was 38.6 % [11], and was 39.7% in the Kafer El-Shakh Governorate during the year 2012 [12]. In Bani Suef governorate was 55.79% [16]. There was a wide variation in hepatitis C prevalence in dialysis patients present worldwide. It was 52% in Egypt [21], 54.4 % in Syria [30], 21 % in Jordan [31], and in Saudi Arabia 18.9 % [32]. Our study showed that 51.1% of patients received parenteral therapy for Schistosomiasis were positive for HCV infection, this is because previous parenteral therapy for Schistosomiasis without adequate sterilization techniques has been concerned as the cause for this high prevalence rate of hepatitis C in Egypt. Hepatitis C prevalence was high in El-Minia Governorate may be credited to the high hepatitis C prevalence in the general population, also blood transfusion used by high rate in dialysis units to treat anemia instead of erythropoietin and iron therapy, as it is costly, and lack of infection control standard methods in dialysis units. In our study, HCV seroconversion rate was 22.4% among patients who were HCV-free at the start of the study, while it was 14.5% in Menoufia governorate [21], and in Bani Suef governorate was 7.33% [16]. In the current study the duration of dialysis was significantly high (P-value 0.0001) in seroconverted patients than those remain HCV ab negative, this agree with a study in Bani Suef governorate as the duration of dialysis was significantly high in HCV seroconverted patients [16], in Menoufia governorate **Zahran, 2014** showed that the duration of dialysis was the predictor of HCV seroconversion [34]. Also, in India a study demonstrated that the duration of haemodialysis was the important risk factors for HCV seroconversion [35]. **Okuda and Hayashi, 1996** showed that 31.6% were seroconverted at a large dialysis unit in USA a study on 152 patients who had not received blood, and seroconversion was correlated with the dialysis duration [36]. In our study the age was a highly significant risk factor for seroconversion as age decreased incidence of seroconversion increased, the study of **Selm, 2010** in Yemen showed that old age was significant risk factor for seroconversion [37], while in Bani Suef governorate age was insignificant risk factor for seroconversion [16]. Our results agree with a study in Bani Suef governorate that gender was insignificant risk factor for seroconversion [16], while in Yemen male gender was significant risk factors for HCV seroconversion [37].

Recommendations:-

As a significant proportion of ESRD patients discovered their kidney problem very late and were not well equipped for renal replacement therapy with a high prevalence of hepatitis C. We recommend the following; first, education program for physicians should be strengthened with special emphasis on etiological factors causing ESRD, increase awareness of primary health care physician and treating physician about the proper time for referral to the nephrologists and increase awareness of nephrologists about the proper time for preparing patient for renal replacement therapy. Statistical evaluation and patient registry of ESRD patients for each governorate is useful to explain the characteristics of ESRD patients and dialysis therapy, to assess complications on the scientific evidence basis, for improving quality of dialysis therapy and to provide information about socioeconomic health administration for a future health plan. Another study for assessment of dialysis adequacy, anemic state of the ESRD patients would be practical and beneficial in providing safe and cost-effective HD treatment. Also, to improve the quality of dialysis therapy all laboratory investigation must be regularly evaluated to all ESRD patients. Proper control of hypertension and follow-up of diabetic patients and annual registry of diabetics on HD. Using of iron therapy and erythropoietin instead of the high rate of blood transfusion to treat anemia in dialysis units and proper use of guidelines for infection control in dialysis units to prevent HCV Seroconversion.

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