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While at most Dialysis Clinics there are modern conveniences such as personal televisions and reclining chairs, most have the unmistakable feeling of a hospital, wouldn't you agree? Well, studies are finding that for the typical Dialysis patient, this is a turn off.

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Patients who are dissatisfied with the clinical feeling of their Dialysis facilities, have been known to skip treatments or transfer to other treatment centers where they feel more comfortable. In an effort to retain more patients and encourage those on Dialysis to attend regular treatments, Dialysis Companies are giving their facilities a makeover. They have one primary goal: Make their clinics feel less like a hospital and more like a spa, by dispelling "the clinical air of typical dialysis treatment."

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Currently, one of the first things Chronic Kidney Disease patients on Dialysis may notice when walking into their Dialysis Clinics are the walls which are usually all white or a standard, neutral hospital color, right? Trash cans scatter most facilities to safely dispose of waste, and the smell of sanitizer and sterile cleaning solution typically fill the air. Now, according to the Wall Street Journal's Sunday September 14th, 2014 publication, many Dialysis Companies are, "upgrading their décor and offering free amenities from aromatherapy to tea service."

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You may ask, "Which companies are upgrading their facilities?" Specific names mentioned were KidneySpa LLC., Dialyspa, and Fresenius in North America (treats about one-third of U.S. dialysis patients). Fresenius specifically plans to increase high-bandwidth Internet access to more of its Dialysis Centers, along with adding heated chairs and upgraded architectural design.

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This all may sound great, but patients should be mindful of the fact that a pretty and decorated exterior/interior does not necessarily mean quality care. Hence remain watchful that Patient Care Technicians abide by the same rules such as washing their hands and changing gloves, even as these upgrades may occur in your facility.

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En France nous voulons également savoir quels sont les centres et unités de dialyse qui offrent les meilleurs services.

Pour cela un observatoire semble nécessaire, afin de valider les critères pris en compte, avec l'accord des professionnels de santé.

Mais dans un premier temps, on devrait pouvoir faire remonter dans l'anonymat le plus complet des indices de satisfaction patients dialysés.

On peut, en effet, imaginer que les plus satisfaits ont des bonnes raisons de l'être.

Le but est de connaître déjà ce qui se fait de mieux au niveau du confort en hémodialyse, de la souplesse des horaires et de la dépendance, de l'offre à côté des soins permettant notamment aux dialysés d'améliorer leurs connaissances.

Nous souhaitons en France un palmarès des établissements de soins (dialysés et transplantés), s'il le faut réaliser par les malades eux-mêmes. LRS

