

Details of patient participants			
Name	Age range (years)	Duration on haemodialysis	Comorbidity
Michael	61 – 65	5 months	Hypertension, diabetes mellitus
David	18 – 25	5 months	None
Peter	61 – 65	3 years	Hypertension, diabetes mellitus
Martha	26 – 30	3 years	None
Richard	51 – 55	3 years	Hypertension, diabetes mellitus
Daniel	46 – 50	3 years	Hypertension
Sandra	36 – 40	8 months	Hypertension
Paul	65 – 70	3 years	Hypertension, diabetes mellitus
Raymond	56 – 60	5 years	Hypertension
Details of informal caregivers			
Name	Age (years)	Relationship to ESKD patient	
Gloria	51 – 55	Mother	
Margaret	46 – 50	Mother	
Doreen	51 – 55	Wife	
Douglas	31 – 35	Brother	
Paulina	26 – 30	Sister	
Eric	18 – 25	Nephew	

Table 1: Characteristics of study Participants

Themes	Sub-themes
Motivation for initiating Haemodialysis	Facing life-threatening prognosis
	Mistaken expectations of cure
Facing realities of haemodialysis	Financial demands of haemodialysis
	Becoming a burden to family
	Worsening quality of life
Considering palliative care	Death is inevitable
	Desiring dignified death

Table 2: Themes and sub-themes