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   Response: The data used in the study are potentially identifiable and are not publicly available. The datasets used in the study remain the property of the agencies that supplied the data.

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Response: The study protocol (HREC 2014-2211) was approved by the Human Research Ethics Committee of Northern Territory Department of Health and Menzies School of Health Research (EC 00153).

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Response: The study was conducted within the Northern Territory Department of Health. PL was supported by an RACP Jacquot Research Establishment Award, and an NHMRC Early Career Fellowship #1120640.

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Response: We obtained approval from the data custodian for the Northern Territory Department of Health for Hospital Morbidity and Primary Care Information System datasets. We obtained permission from the Registry Executive Committee for the Australia and New Zealand Dialysis
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