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Glomerular disease is rare and the care for the patients should be centralized not only because of the ability to perform renal biopsy (within 24 hrs), but also because of the necessity to have the biopsy described by the pathologists ASAP (within hours) and especially because of having sufficient experience with the treatment of glomerular disease, including rarer diagnoses. The ability to perform renal biopsy in the small hospital is only one (the less important) part of this difficult and for the fate of the patient so important job.

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