

# ANZDATA



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Many years ago, people who look after kids with kidney disease got together as a big team. They wanted to learn more about how dialysis or a kidney transplant can affect the lives of kids. They called this big team “ANZDATA”.

ANZDATA has been working for a long time to answer important questions about kidney treatment. ANZDATA involves all kids and grown-ups in both Australia and New Zealand who have dialysis treatment or have a kidney transplant. People think that being part of ANZDATA is really important because it allows everyone to help people who have kidney disease a lot better.

Every year a special member of your hospital team answers questions about the treatments that kids with kidney disease just like you get from the hospital. We share a tiny amount of information about what has happened in the year about your medicines and your operations. When all these tiny bits of information from you are added together with all the information shared by other kidney kids in New Zealand, it helps us answer really important questions. Like which is the best medicine for kids with a kidney transplant.

We keep the information you share with ANZDATA private in a computer in Australia, which is where the people who look after ANZDATA live. We use a special code so that your name and your information is kept secret. No-one will know you are sharing your information with ANZDATA except the hospital team looking after you and your family.

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You can choose whether you would like to share information with ANZDATA or if you don't want to. Your mum or dad, and your kidney team won't mind whether you say yes or no. You can talk to anyone you would like to. You can decide together about sharing your information with ANZDATA.

If you have any questions, you can always talk to your mum or dad or the person who takes care of you, one of your nurses or your doctors.

**Thank you for helping.**

