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Dear **Nephron Digest** Reader

This is to draw your attention to the online publication of the UK Renal Registry Report (UKRR) 2008. This is an annual publication summarizing and commenting on all the UK renal activities, with emphasis on renal replacement therapy statistics as well as a thorough comparative analysis of UK renal unit's performance in a number of key target areas of clinical governance. The UKRR is an excellent example of clinical governance and monitoring of renal services delivery of quality nephrological care. By naming and comparing performances across UK renal units, the UKRR leads the way internationally in auditing activities and highlighting high and low performers. Undoubtedly, the UKRR has raised the standards of nephrological care in the UK.

Unfortunately, the majority of countries doesn't have a renal registry to report and monitor renal services activities. Efforts should be made to improve the documentation and outcomes of renal services worldwide. National and regional renal registries should be fostered by local and regional governmental and non-governmental organizations. A global renal registry reporting on World Kidney Day may one day become a reality.

THE UKRR report has been published in *Nephron Clinical Practice* as a [free electronic supplement](#).

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