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Podcast Transcript:

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Diabetic Kidney Disease

“Diabetic Kidney Disease: Will dialysis help?”

Patient: If I have to go on dialysis, will the diabetes get better or worse?

Dr Mottl: Dialysis in and of itself will not treat the diabetes. However, when patients start dialysis, frequently the small fraction of kidney function that remains dwindles and hence, people are left with zero kidney function.

As a result, any insulin that is secreted by the pancreas tends to hang around in the blood longer and allows blood sugar to be taken up more effectively. Sometimes people on dialysis who have required multiple medications for their diabetes, will find that they start needing them less and less.