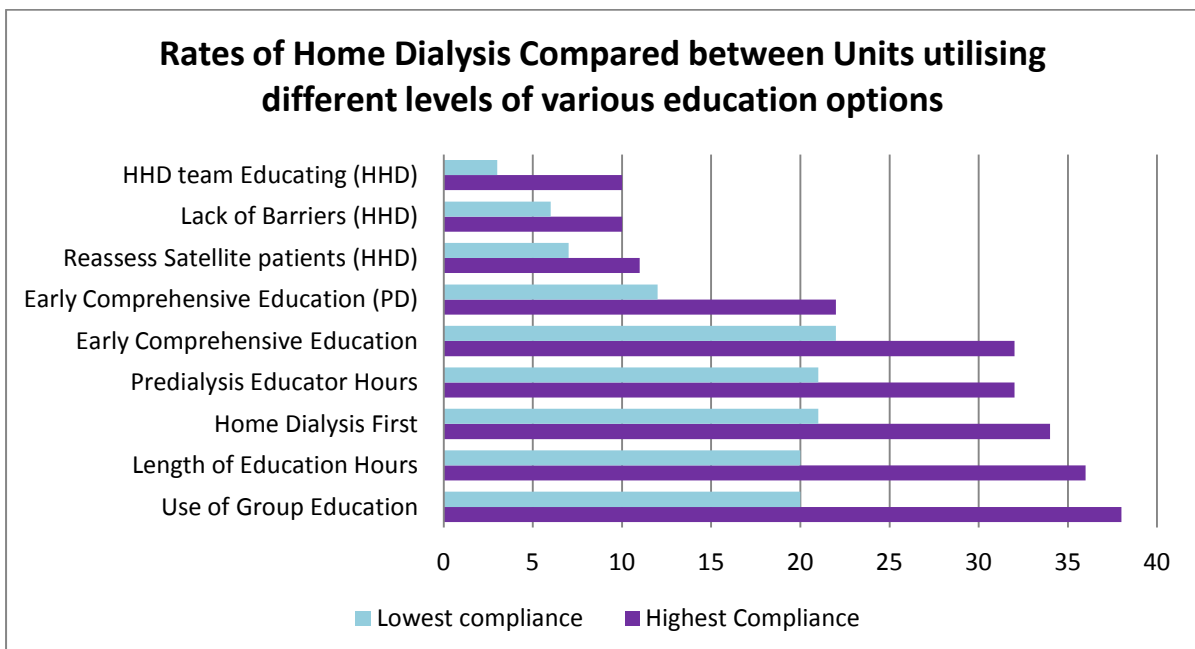


# Australian Survey of Pre-Dialysis Educators

## Impact on Home Dialysis Summary

- Less than 10 hours of pre-dialysis Educator was correlated with lower home dialysis rates
- The ratio of pre-dialysis educators varied from 2–31 pts per hour an educator employed
- Units reporting higher early comprehensive education had higher home dialysis rates 32% if 91-100% educated, reducing to 22% if less than 50% comprehensively educated PD was most affected reducing from 22% down to 12%
- Units that regularly reassess patients in satellite units increase their HHD rate
- The time spent on education influences the uptake of home dialysis >3hours had 36% at home, compared to <1hour at 20%
- The use of group education increased home dialysis rates from 20% to 38%
- Reporting of a high rate of barriers correlated with less patients on HHD
- Significant others were widely encouraged but did not always attend. No correlation with rates.
- HHD teams were only used in 65% of programmes, PD staff in 83%. Use of HHD staff increased the rate of HHD uptake
- Always having Home Dialysis First policy correlated with higher home uptake at 34% v 10% if sometimes/rarely or never policy



Note that many units that rated positively in one area rated positively in many areas compounding the effect of the results