

55% of new dialysis patients diabetic: Doc

KUALA LUMPUR: Diabetes has been detected in more than half of new dialysis patients in the country, with many developing multiple organ complications and generally, gaining poorer outcomes on dialysis.

As many as 55% of new dialysis patients in Malaysia were diabetic, World Kidney Day (WKD) 2010 organising committee chairman Dr Sunita Bavanandan said yesterday.

Speaking at a news conference on WKD, she warned that Type 2 Diabetes, in particular, could go undetected for many years. During that time, uncontrolled blood sugar levels might have caused damage to tissues and organs such as blood vessels, eyes and kidneys, she added.

World Kidney Day 2010 falls on March 11. It is themed 'Protect Your Kidneys-Control Diabetes'. – Bernama