

**Table 2-3-Distribution of Hematocrit Levels of Dialysis Patients, by Age, January 1988(a)
Percentage of patients with specified hematocrit level**

	=/< 14	15-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	=/>35	Cum Row % by age (b)
0-14	0	0.02	0.07	0.11	0.02	0.02	0.24
15-24	0	0.32	1	0.57	0.14	0.05	2.32
25-34	0.05	0.63	2.92	2.73	0.99	0.43	10.07
35-40	0.02	0.48	4.06	4.68	2.07	0.96	22.34
45-54	0.02	0.5	4.6	6.06	3.06	1.36	37.94
55-64	0.02	0.75	6.97	10.01	4.94	2.03	62.66
65-74	0	0.41	6.51	11.26	5.11	1.75	87.7
> 75	0	0.25	3.66	5.68	2.2	0.54	100.03
Col total (%)	0.11	3.36	29.79	41.1	18.53	7.14	
Cum total (%)	0.11	3.47	33.26	74.36	92.89	100.03	

source: Recombinant Erythropoietin: Payment Options for Medicare, OTA-H-451,
pg. 46, NTIS order #PB90-256124

(a)Based on data from approximately 13,200 patients tested by National Medical Care.
Data do not distinguish among patients' method of dialysis.

(b) Total does not sum to 100 because of rounding.

SOURCE: Berger, 1989 (11).

(11) Berger, E., Director of Government Relations
and Regulatory Affairs, National Medical Care,
Waltham, MA, personal communication, Nov.
13, 1989 and Dec. 15, 1989.