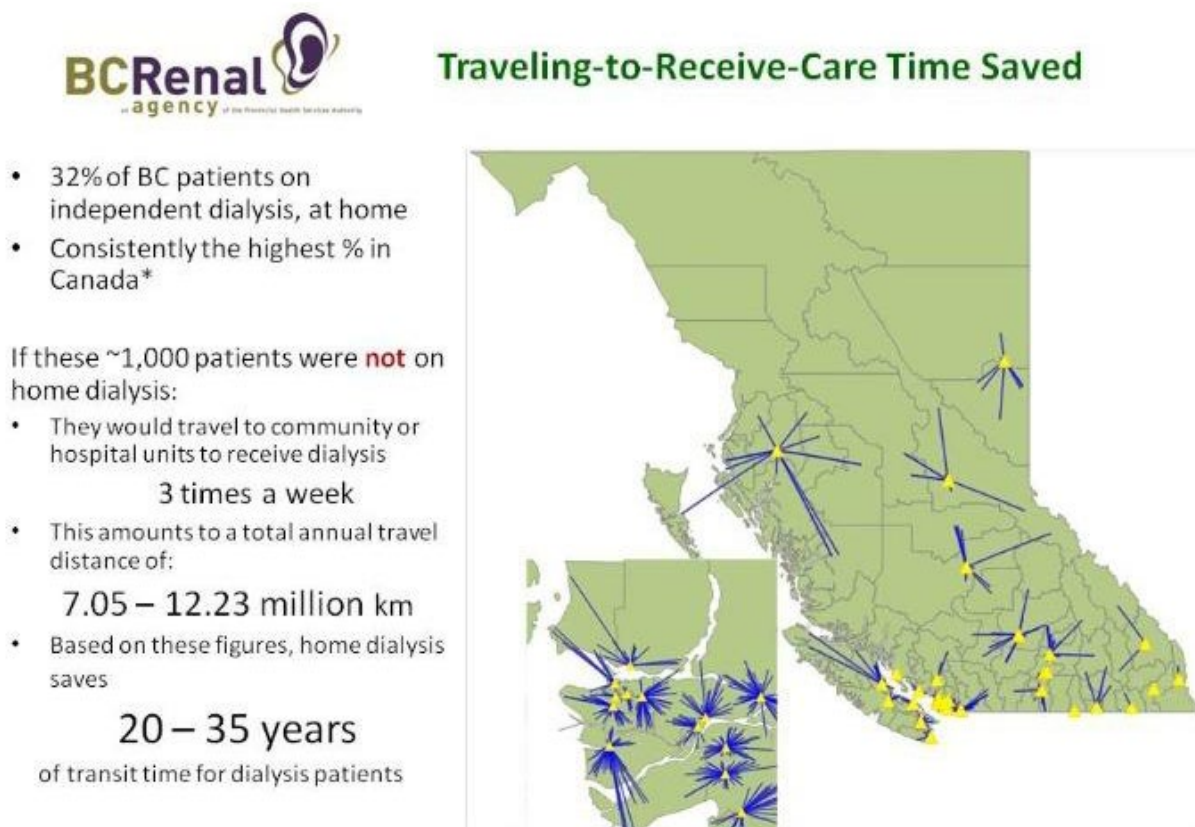


## Home dialysis saves patients seven million kilometres of travel per year

About 1,000 people in BC and the Yukon manage their dialysis care at home, representing 32 per cent of all dialysis patients in the province. In addition to being the highest percentage for home dialysis in the country, this statistic reflects a significant environmental benefit.

The BC Renal Agency statistics team recently calculated that by dialyzing at home, these patients are collectively avoiding the need to drive more than seven million kilometres a year for dialysis. Translated into time, this represents an annual avoidance of more than 20 years spent travelling for care. These benefits are summarized in the following graphic.



BC's distributed model of kidney care services, with 41 community and hospital-based centres across five regional health authorities, also supports closer to home care for the additional 14,800 CKD and dialysis patients across the province.

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