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### Hospice News: Hospices Should Serve For End-Stage Renal Disease Patients, Study Suggests

Patients with End-Stage Renal Disease aren't receiving as much hospice care as they should. So implies a study, "Hospice Use and End-of-Life Care for Patients With End-stage Renal Disease: Too Little, Too Late," in the latest issue of JAMA Internal Medicine.

Utilization has increased, allow researchers from **University of Wisconsin-Madison**. While 11 percent of ESRD decedents studied used hospice in 2000, 27 percent did in 2012.

"However, this rate of hospice use lags far behind that of other patients with life-limiting illnesses," the study says. For example, cancer, dementia, and COPD rates are 60 percent, 48 percent, and 39 percent, respectively.

See a sample from the study and a link to purchase it at <https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jamainternalmedicine/article-abstract/2678829>.