

DIALYSIS ABROAD AFTER BREXIT

THE IMPACT OF BREXIT FOR RIGHTS UNDER EHIC



Reciprocal healthcare is provided through the European Union for Kidney Dialysis patients in the form of EHIC.

The ability for kidney dialysis patients to access healthcare abroad after Brexit will change.



Brexit could mean an end to EHIC.

Patients' legal entitlements will differ depending on what kind of Brexit occurs.

Two possible forms of Brexit are that under the Withdrawal Agreement and that under 'No Deal'.

Withdrawal Agreement

The WA would provide continuation of the application of all EU law from October 31st, 2019 until December 31st, 2020 without the UK being an EU Member State.

The EU law upholding UK citizens' right to access cross-border healthcare would therefore, continue for dialysis patients.

No Deal Brexit

If the UK leaves the EU without ratifying a withdrawal agreement, it would mean no reciprocal healthcare agreements between the UK and the EU-27 as a bloc.

UK dialysis patients would immediately lose their rights in EU law to access treatment in another EU country.

The **most likely outcome of Brexit** considering the current political climate will be a No-Deal Brexit, but this doesn't mean the total loss of rights to cross-border healthcare.

Patients may be able to rely on new post-Brexit domestic law in the country they are visiting.

Many EU27 countries have adopted post-Brexit law giving reciprocal healthcare rights. But practicalities will be different and patients will need to check before travelling.



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