Dialysis Care of Undocumented Immigrants: Can We Do Better?

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As professionals who all take an oath to uphold the highest standard of care and humanism, we cannot let the citizenship status of our patients define the lifesaving care we provide. As individual physicians, we face the front line and witness the impact of harmful policy on our patients' lives. Our profession has the power to have an impact on policies and, most important, advocate on behalf of the patients and communities we serve. Together we can do better, and we must.

References

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