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KIDNEY PATIENTS UNDERGOING DIALYSIS NOT HARMED  
BY OPTIMALLY FLUORIDATED WATER

The following statement from the National Kidney Foundation was issued on March 29, 1973, by the Foundation's president, Dr. E. Lovell Becker.

In the past there have been some reports making the assumption that fluoridation will harm a kidney patient undergoing dialysis. However, evidence is accumulating that there are no deleterious effects to these patients due to normally fluoridated water. Our position, based on medical evidence, is that fluoridation does not harm the kidney, nor does it have any harmful effect on patients undergoing dialysis.

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