NURSES, DOCTORS AND PATIENTS URGE NO ON 23 - THE DANGEROUS AND COSTLY DIALYSIS PROPOSITION

Nearly 80,000 Californians with failed kidneys receive dialysis treatment three days a week to stay alive. Dialysis treatment does the job of the kidneys by removing toxins from the body. Missing a single treatment increases patient risk of death by 30%.

Prop 23 seriously jeopardizes access to care for tens of thousands of Californians who need dialysis to stay alive. That’s why the American Nurses Association\California, California Medical Association and patient advocates OPPOSE Prop 23.

PROP 23 WOULD FORCE COMMUNITY DIALYSIS CLINICS TO CUT SERVICES AND CLOSE – PUTTING LIVES AT RISK

Proposition 23 would force dialysis clinics to have a physician administrator on-site at all times, even though they would not care for patients. Each dialysis patient is already under the care of their personal kidney physician and dialysis treatments are administered by specially trained and experienced dialysis nurses and technicians.

This useless bureaucratic mandate would increase clinic costs by hundreds of millions annually, putting half of all clinics at risk of closure.

“Prop 23 dangerously reduces access to care, putting vulnerable dialysis patients at serious risk.”

-Marketa Houskova, Doctor of Nursing Practice, RN, American Nurses Association\California
PROP 23 WOULD MAKE OUR PHYSICIAN SHORTAGE WORSE AND LEAD TO MORE EMERGENCY ROOM OVERCROWDING

"Proposition 23 would take thousands of doctors away from hospitals and clinics - where they're needed - and place them into bureaucratic jobs at dialysis clinics where they aren't. This is not the time to make our physician shortage worse."

-Dr. Peter N. Bretan, MD, President, California Medical Association

Emergency room doctors strongly oppose Prop 23. It would force dialysis clinics to close - sending tens of thousands of vulnerable patients to emergency rooms, creating longer ER waits and reducing capacity to deal with serious emergencies.

PROP 23 WOULD INCREASE HEALTH CARE COSTS BY HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS

According to a study by the Berkeley Research Group, Prop 23 would increase health care costs by $320 million annually. This massive increase would be especially damaging when so many Californians struggle financially.

DIALYSIS CLINICS ARE STRICTLY REGULATED AND PROVIDE HIGH QUALITY CARE

The federal and state governments extensively regulate dialysis clinics. According to the federal Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, California dialysis clinics outperform other states in clinical quality and patient satisfaction.
"Every dialysis patient is under the care of a physician kidney specialist, and dialysis treatments are administered by specially-trained nurses and technicians. It makes no sense to require physician administrators on-site full-time."

- Dr. Jeffrey A. Perlmutter, MD, President, Renal Physicians Association, representing 3,500 kidney doctors

ANOTHER SPECIAL INTEREST ABUSE OF OUR INITIATIVE SYSTEM

The same group promoting Prop 23 spent $20,000,000 last election pushing a similar measure voters rejected. They’re at it again, pushing another dangerous dialysis proposition.

DOCTORS, NURSES AND PATIENT ADVOCATES: NO ON 23!
  - American Nurses Association\California
  - California Medical Association
  - Chronic Disease Coalition
  - NAACP California
  - Latino Diabetes Association
  - Women Veterans Alliance
  - Minority Health Institute

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