# Management of Secondary Hyperparathyroidism Among Patients Who Transition From Daily At-Home to 3X Weekly Oral Cinacalcet Given In-Center

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# Background

- Results of a small phase 1 clinical trial demonstrated the safety and potential utility of 3X weekly in-center administration of cinacalcet to control secondary hyperparathyroidism (SHPT) in hemodialysis (HD) patients.
- Moreover, a larger observational study demonstrated comparable control of SHPT among HD patients who initiated 3X weekly cinacalcet in-center to those who initiated cinacalcet at home.
- The present study assessed the effectiveness of 3X weekly in-center cinacalcet among HD patients who transitioned from cinacalcet administered daily at home in the management of SHPT.

#### **Patients**

- Patients included in these analyses were:
  - ≥18 years of age
  - Receiving in-center hemodialysis
  - Not VA beneficiaries
  - Had Medicare as primary insurance
  - Had a physician order to transition from cinacalcet at-home to cinacalcet given in-center between 01 Jul 2018 and 31 December 2019

# **Data and Analysis**

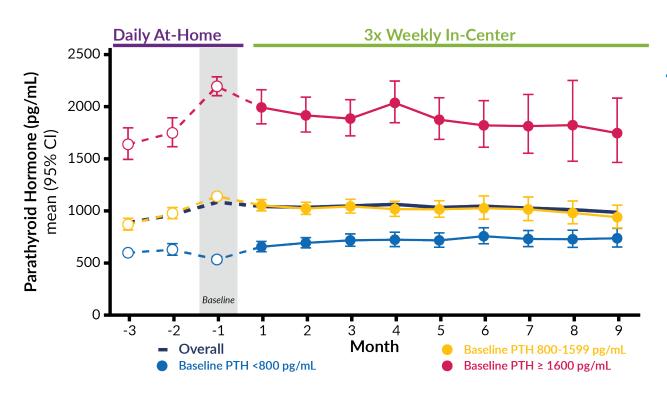
- Data were derived from the electronic medical records of the large dialysis organization
- Baseline was defined as the month prior to transition to in-center cinacalcet was (month -1)
- Patients were followed forward in time up to 9 months after baseline or until loss to follow-up (death, transfer, transplant, withdrawal from dialysis, renal recovery, modality change) or end of study (31 December 2019)
- The following biochemical outcomes were quantified by calculating modeled means and 95% confidence intervals from linear models:
  - Parathyroid hormone levels
  - Calcium levels
  - Phosphorus levels
- Hypocalcemia events were defined as serum calcium levels <8.4 mg/dL</li>

#### **Baseline Characteristics - 1**

	Overall N = 874	PTH <800 pg/mL N = 388	PTH 800-1599 pg/mL N = 330	PTH ≥ 1600 pg/mL N = 156
Age, years, mean ± SD	59.1 ± 14.1	62.0 ± 13.2	58.3 ± 14.1	53.5 ± 14.3
Female, n (%)	376 (43.0)	167 (43.0)	142 (43.0)	67 (42.9)
Race, n (%) White Black Other/unknown/missing	228 (26.1) 479 (54.8) 167 (19.1)	107 (27.6) 189 (48.7) 19 (92.0)	76 (23.0) 195 (59.1) 92 (23.6)	45 (28.8) 95 (60.9) 24 (59.0)
Vascular access type, n (%) AVF AVG CVC	631 (72.2) 160 (18.3) 83 (9.5)	285 (73.5) 78 (20.1) 25 (6.4)	245 (74.2) 58 (17.6) 27 (8.2)	101 (64.7) 24 (15.4) 31 (19.9)
Diabetes, n (%)	615 (70.4)	283 (72.9)	239 (72.4)	93 (59.6)
CCI, mean ± SD	5.1 ± 1.8	5.5 ± 1.8	5.0 ± 1.7	4.5 ± 1.8
1,25-hydroxyvitamin D use, n (%)	792 (90.6)	357 (92.0)	305 (92.4)	130 (83.3)
PTH, pg/mL mean ± SD median [p25, p75]	1105 ± 684 979 [621, 1437]	513 ± 194 544 [376, 676]	1140 ± 213 1121 [968, 1308]	2194 ± 577 2008 [1785, 2369]
Calcium, mg/dL, mean ± SD	9.1 ± 0.7	9.1 ± 0.8	9.0 ± 0.7	9.1 ± 0.7
<b>Phosphorus</b> , mg/dL, mean ± SD	6.6 ± 1.9	6.1 ± 1.7	6.8 ± 1.9	7.6 ± 2.0
Albumin, g/dL, mean ± SD	$3.9 \pm 0.3$	$3.9 \pm 0.4$	3.9 ± 0.4	$3.9 \pm 0.3$

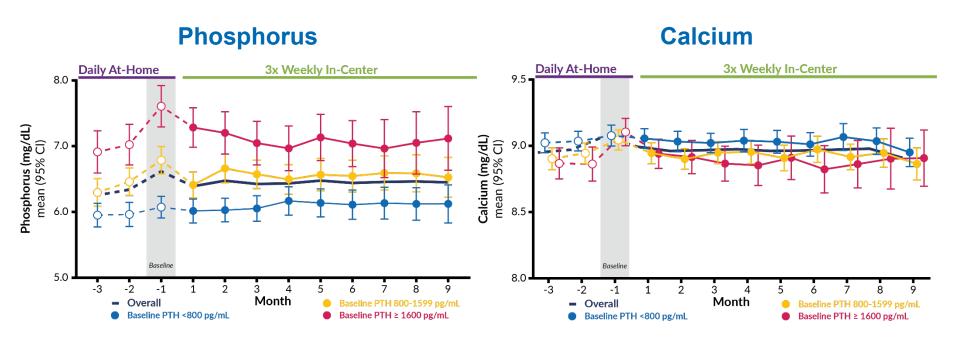
Abbreviations: AVF, arteriovenous fistula; AVG, arteriovenous graft; CCI, Charlson comorbidity index; CVC, central venous catheter; PTH, parathyroid hormone; SD, standard deviation.

## **Parathyroid Hormone**



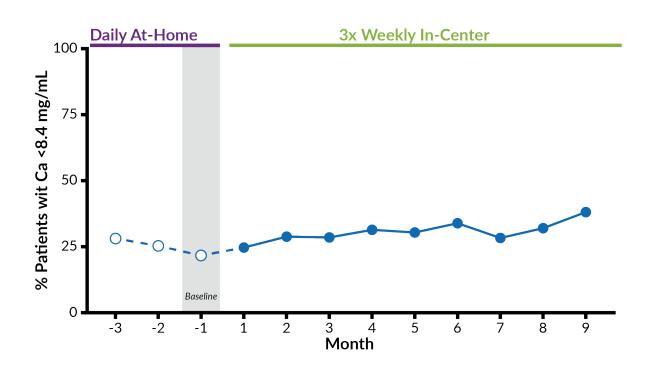
- Overall, PTH levels were stable after transition, irrespective of baseline PTH
  - Among patients with baseline PTH <800 pg/mL, PTH levels initially increased but stabilized after transition
  - Among patients with baseline PTH 800 to 1599 pg/mL and PTH ≥ 1600 pg/mL, PTH levels initially decreased but then stabilized following transition

## **Phosphorus and Calcium**



Phosphorus and calcium levels were generally stable for all patients following transition

# **Hypocalcemia Events**



 Hypocalcemia (calcium <8.4 mg/mL) was observed in approximately 25% to 38% of patients during follow-up.

### **Conclusion and Limitations**

#### Conclusions

- These results suggest that SHPT can be stably maintained by transitioning patients from daily at-home cinacalcet to cinacalcet given in-center 3X per week
- We postulate that increased prescription adherence is the likely factor mediating this effect

#### Limitations

- Analyses were not adjusted for patient baseline characteristics
- The study sample size was relatively small and follow-up was limited to 9 months