

Hemodialysis Patients with COVID-19 in Lebanon (Eleventh Report)

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Background

Lebanon has ~4270 patients on chronic hemodialysis, distributed as follows:

• Beirut: ~760 patients

Mount Lebanon: ~1530 patients

North: ~960 patients
South: ~610 patients
Begaa: ~410 patients

Cases of SARS-CoV-2 in Lebanese hemodialysis units

Up to November 30, 2020, 55 out of 80 hemodialysis units experienced cases of COVID-19 among their dialysis patients.

A total of 300 dialysis patients were reported with SARS-CoV-2 infection across Lebanon and distributed as follows: 97 cases in Mount-Lebanon, 97 cases in the North, 47 cases in Beirut, 32 cases in Beqaa and 27 cases in the South (Figure 1).

Characteristics of these patients:

• Mean age: 61.14 ± 14.62 years

• 54% were males and 46% females

• 48.7% were diabetics

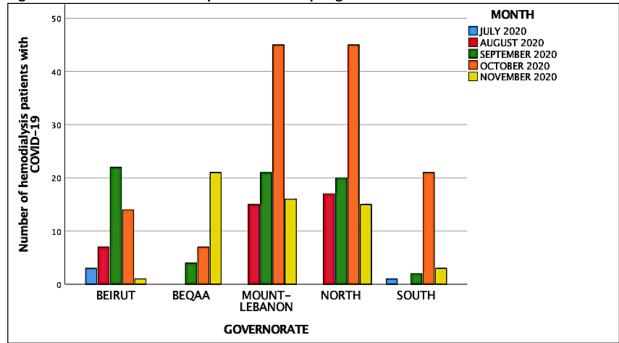


Figure 1. Distribution of cases per month and per governorate

90.3% were symptomatic and the majority had respiratory symptoms and fever.

Admission to a COVID unit

A total of 128 patients (42.8%) were admitted to a COVID unit in 32 hospitals. Rafic Hariri University, Tripoli Governmental and Saydet Zgharta Hospitals received the highest number of patients.

Outcome of patients

Fifty-seven out of the 300 patients died: 33 males and 24 females (Table 1).

Table 1. Case Fatality Rate (CFR) per category of age

| Age category | Total number of patients | Number of deaths | Case Fatality Rate (deaths among cases) |
|--------------|--------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| 18 to 29 | 12 | 0 | 0.00% |
| 30 to 59 | 102 | 10 | 9.80% |
| 60 to 69 | 88 | 20 | 22.73% |
| 70 to 79 | 76 | 18 | 23.68% |
| Above 80 | 22 | 9 | 40.91% |
| Total | 300 | 57 | 19% |