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I have been a peretonial dialysis patient for the past 20 months and am awaiting a kidney transplant. At present I take 3 calcichew and 5 or 6 renege tablets per day as phosphate binders with all meals. My diet is very limited ,as most food contains phosphate, but dairy products and protein are especially high. Both of which are essential for a healthy diet.

My blood is tested on a regular basis ,but I always have problems keeping the phosphate level down, even though I take the binders religiously. The main problem is remembering to take them with meals ,especially those taken away from home. This leads to incredibly itchy legs which is very difficult to alleviate. The binders also cause constipation, and I have to take more pills to overcome this.

It would appear from the literature that taking the new tablet Cinacalcet would allow me to have a much better diet and not have to watch everything I eat , because the parathyroid glands respond to the actual levels in the body, thus stopping over production of unwanted phosphates ,and could be taken in the morning with all my other tablets.

I undstand that there is a cost implication with this drug, but in my opinion, it would improve the quality of life of an already diificut illness which has many restrictions.

I also believe it would be more cost effective and less invasive than a parathyroidectomy.

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