

The Kidney Transplant Program of Southern Philippines Medical Center

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Southern Philippines Medical Center (SPMC) started its Kidney Transplant Program in 2004. To date, a total of 106 kidney transplant procedures have been performed in SPMC, involving 28/106 (26.42%) female and 78/106 (73.58%) male kidney recipients. The average age of the recipients was 42 years old (range: 17 to 72). From 2004 to 2012, an average of five kidney transplants were performed in SPMC per year. In 2012, the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth) listed “End Stage Renal Disease Eligible for Kidney Transplant” as one of the conditions covered by the Case Type Z Benefit Package^{1 2} and included SPMC among the first contracted hospitals to provide kidney transplant services under the package.³ The benefit package offers a flat amount to cover the entire course of health care for the condition—from medical evaluation of donor and transplant candidate, to transplantation surgery, to initiation of immunosuppression and anti-rejection therapies, and to post-transplant monitoring of donor and recipient.² The PhilHealth Z Benefit Package made kidney transplant services more affordable to patients who need them. SPMC started implementing the package in 2013, and since then, an average of 14 kidney transplants have been performed in SPMC per year. By 2019, SPMC will open the first Kidney Transplant Institute in Mindanao. It will be a dedicated state-of-the-art facility that will provide better access to health care among Filipino patients with end-stage renal disease who need kidney transplant services.

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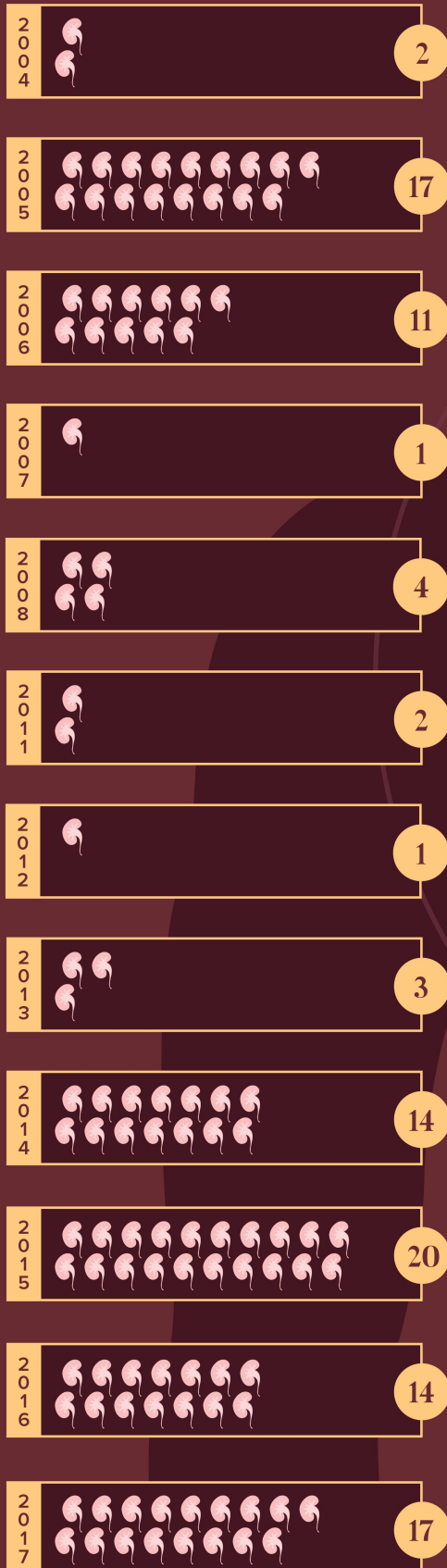
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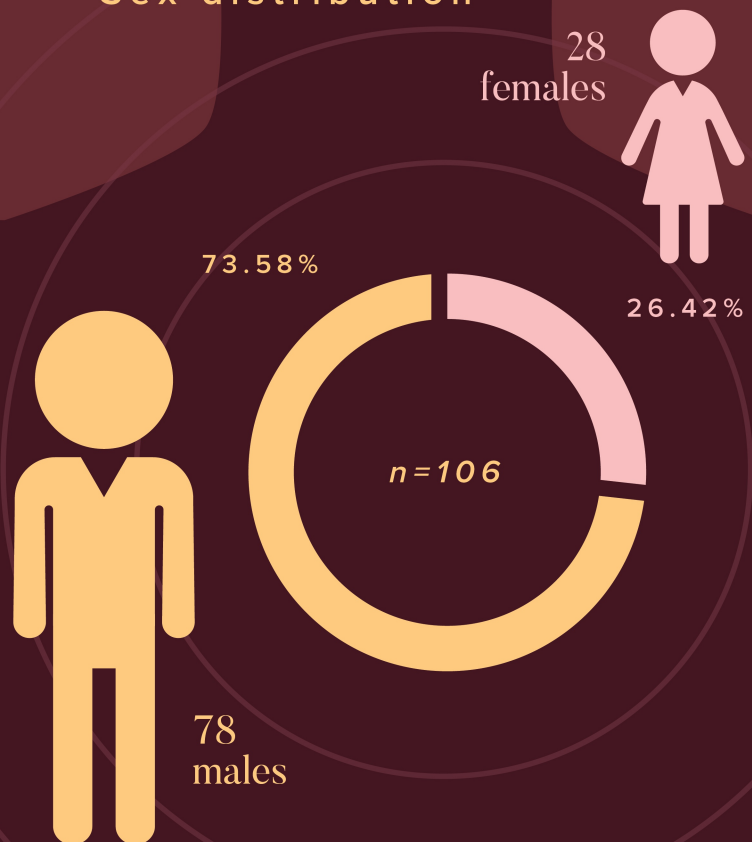
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patients who
underwent
kidney
transplant
since 2004



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Sex distribution



Mean age

