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**INTRODUCTION:** The chronic kidney disease (ERC) to subject the patient multiple constraints undoubtedly the ability to work is one of them, which adds to our country's socio-economic reality, combining the absence of social support, high levels unemployment and decline or lack of family income. For all of this is that we see daily, a severe impact on quality of life of our patients through such things as: failure of self-esteem, depression, employment, support their families, among others.

**OBJECTIVE:** To determine the occupational status of patients on renal replacement therapy, hemodialysis (HD), renal transplant (TxR), peritoneal dialysis (PD) and its relation to functional capacity. Assessing levels of depression.

**METHODS:** We randomly selected 202 patients aged between 19 and 60 years, 60% male and 40% female. Structured interview was used, which includes occupational history, and wondered whether he wants to work or not; Karnofsky index for measuring functional capacity and Beck Depression Inventory (BDI) to measure existence of depression. Measures were descriptive statistics, association and relationship, and variance analysis, which used the software for Microsoft Windows version SPSS.13

**RESULTS:** We found that 57% have at least secondary education, the highest percentage (67%) belong to the social stratum IV, regarding social security, has secured 54% and 21% disabled. 29% in HD, TxR at 41% DP and 30% are occupied. Only 20% of patients in the three methods are employed. Of whom work on their own: HD 55%, TxR 60% and 76% DP. With regard to functional ability, the results are: 89% are able to maintain a normal activity with minimal symptoms of disease. With mild to moderate depression were 45% (44% HD 18% and 38% DP TxR). They expressed a desire to work 96%.

**CONCLUSION:** The higher percentage of patients in social class IV. Patients receiving mild to moderate depression, with expectations towards uncertain future. Only the third works, though it presents the most appropriate functional capabilities. Most want to get a paid job.