### S5 Table. Characteristics of Interview Participants.

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| **Category** | | **Total sample (n=73)** |
| **Province** | Guayas | 23 (31.5%) |
| Pichincha | 17 (23.3%) |
| Manabí | 10 (13.7) |
| Los Ríos | 13 (17.8%) |
| Imbabura | 4 (5.5%) |
| Cañar | 4 (5.5%) |
| Other | 2 (2.7%) |
| **Gender** | Male | 46 (63%) |
| Female | 27 (37%) |
| **Type of facility** | IESS | 31 (42.5%) |
| Private | 27 (37%) |
| MSP | 13 (17.8%) |
| Non-profit | 2 (2.7%) |
| **Role(s)1** | Clinical nephrologist | 60 (41.7%) |
| University professor | 3 (2.1%) |
| Transplant program | 2 (1.4%) |
| Dialysis services | 34 (23.6%) |
| Medical director | 32 (22.2%) |
| General physician/internist | 12 (8.3%) |
| Resident doctor | 1 (0.7%) |
| **Years of experience** | 0-3 | 8 (11%) |
| 4-10 | 20 (27.4%) |
| 10+ years | 24 (32.9%) |
| N/A | 21 (28.8%) |
| **Nephrology training conducted outside Ecuador** | Yes | 27 (45%) |
| No | 7 (11.7%) |
| N/A | 26 (43.3%) |
| **Average number of patients seen per week2** | 0-20 | 9 (12.3%) |
| 20-40 | 15 (20.5%) |
| 40-80 | 16 (21.9%) |
| 80+ | 14 (19.2) |
| Not applicable or available | 19 (26%) |
| 1Multiple roles permitted per participant  2Monthly number of patients was divided by four when necessary  IESS=Instituto Ecuatoriano de Seguridad Social, MSP=Ministerio de Salud Pública | | |