

## **Washington's Everett Clinic to Join DaVita HealthCare Partners HealthCare Partners Will Acquire Nationally Recognized Physician Group**

EVERETT, Wash., Sept. 21, 2015 [/PRNewswire/](#) -- DaVita HealthCare Partners (NYSE: DVA), the leading independent medical group in America and leading provider of kidney care services, and The Everett Clinic, a nationally recognized physician group, today announced their intention to merge. DaVita HealthCare Partners will acquire The Everett Clinic, subject to the clinic's stakeholders' approval and a final definitive agreement. Financial terms were not disclosed.

"DaVita HealthCare Partners is honored to have this opportunity to join forces with an organization whose core values and mission so intentionally align with our own," said Kent Thiry, chairman and CEO of DaVita HealthCare Partners. "We are excited to work with the Everett team as we improve healthcare delivery and expand the leading independent medical group in America."

The Everett Clinic operates 20 care sites north of Seattle treating more than 315,000 patients and employing roughly 2,200 teammates, including more than 500 specialty and primary care providers. It serves patients through traditional doctor's offices, urgent care, lab services, imaging, hearing and vision centers, behavioral health, and cancer treatment.

"Our goals have always been both to transform care for our patients and to create a workplace that makes staff and providers feel excited about coming to work each day," said Rick Cooper, CEO of The Everett Clinic. "We believe we have found the partner that will help make our vision a reality."

"We also feel extremely optimistic about our future and the opportunity for our patients, staff and providers with this merger," said Harold Dash, M.D., president of The Everett Clinic. "Perhaps at no other time in our history have we been as well positioned to grow and transform care as we are now with DaVita HealthCare Partners."

### **About DaVita HealthCare Partners**

DaVita HealthCare Partners Inc., a Fortune 500® company, is the parent company of DaVita Kidney Care and HealthCare Partners. HealthCare Partners manages and operates medical groups and affiliated physician networks in Arizona, California, Nevada, New Mexico, Florida and Colorado in its pursuit to deliver excellent-quality health care in a dignified and compassionate manner. As of June 30, 2015 HealthCare Partners provided integrated care management for approximately 826,000 patients. DaVita Kidney Care is a leading provider of kidney care in the United States, delivering dialysis services to patients with chronic kidney failure and end stage renal disease. As of June 30, 2015, DaVita Kidney Care operated or provided administrative services at 2,210 outpatient dialysis centers located in the United States serving approximately 176,000 patients. The company also operated 96 outpatient dialysis centers located in 10 countries outside the United States. For more information, please visit [DaVitaHealthCarePartners.com](http://DaVitaHealthCarePartners.com).

### **About The Everett Clinic**

Founded in 1924, [The Everett Clinic](#) is a nationally recognized, locally-owned physician group known for providing high-quality healthcare services while lowering the overall cost of care. It has 500 providers in primary and specialty care at nine locations throughout Snohomish County, Wash. who care for more than 300,000 patients. Consistently named as a *Fortune Magazine* "100 Best Companies to Work For," The Everett Clinic staff and providers support the core value of doing what is right for each patient.

### **Forward Looking Statements**

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