

DaVita Clinical Research Presents Research Results at the American Nephrology Nurses Association National Symposium

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ANAHEIM, Calif., April 14, 2014 /[PRNewswire-USNewswire](#)/ -- [DaVita Clinical Research](#) (DCR) (NYSE: DVA), a specialty contract research organization with services spanning the full spectrum of drug and device development, today announced that company representatives will present four abstracts at the American Nephrology Nurses Association (ANNA) 45(th) National Symposium scheduled for April 13-16, 2014 in Anaheim, Calif.

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"At DaVita, we're committed to improving the care of patients with renal disease by focusing on translational research," said [Mahesh Krishnan](#), M.D., M.P.H., M.B.A., F.A.S.N., vice president clinical innovation and public policy at DaVita. "Presenting our research initiatives here at ANNA creates an ideal platform to translate those findings into clinical care for kidney patients."

Researchers from DaVita, the dialysis division of DaVita Healthcare Partners Inc., and DCR will present results from a number of innovative clinical improvement programs originating from DaVita and its research partners. DCR seeks to advance the future of medicine, the practice of medicine and to innovate through personalized medicine. DCR and DaVita share a dedication to improving the health and quality of life for kidney care patients.

DaVita will focus on meaningful research initiatives in end-stage renal disease, including:

- "Choice of Drain Systems and Associated Peritonitis Rates in Automated Peritoneal Dialysis Patients," oral presentation by Michelle Cassin, R.N., C.P.D.N. on Monday, April 14 in Abstract Concurrent Session #162, from 5:35 p.m.-5:55 p.m.
- "Hemodialysis Session Length Has a Dose Relationship With Hazard Rates of Cause-Specific Hospitalization and Mortality," oral presentation by Irina Goykhman, R.N., B.S.N., M.B.A. on Monday, April 14 in Abstract Concurrent Session #161, from 4:20 p.m.- 4:40 p.m.
- "A Pilot Quality Improvement Program to Minimize Catheter-Related Bloodstream Infection in an Outpatient Hemodialysis Setting," poster presentation by Nancy Culkin, B.S.N., R.N., C.N.N.
- "A Standardized Algorithm for Peritonitis Surveillance," poster presentation by Michelle Cassin, R.N., C.P.D.N.

Poster presentations will be held Monday, April 14, 2:45 p.m.-4:15 p.m. and Tuesday, April 15, 9:00 a.m.-10:15 a.m.

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About DaVita

DaVita is the dialysis division of DaVita HealthCare Partners Inc., a Fortune 500® company that, through its operating divisions, provides a variety of health care services to patient populations throughout the United States and abroad. A leading provider of kidney care in the United States, DaVita delivers dialysis services to patients with chronic kidney failure and end stage renal disease. DaVita strives to improve patients' quality of life by innovating clinical care, and by offering

integrated treatment plans, personalized care teams and convenient health-management services. As of Dec. 31, 2013, DaVita operated or provided administrative services at 2,074 outpatient dialysis centers located in the United States serving approximately 163,000 patients. The company also operated 73 outpatient dialysis centers located in ten countries outside the United States. DaVita supports numerous programs dedicated to creating positive, sustainable change in communities around the world. The company's leadership development initiatives and social responsibility efforts have been recognized by Fortune, Modern Healthcare, Newsweek and WorldBlu. For more information, please visit DaVita.com.

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