

Dinesh Kumar Named Senior VP of Clinical Transformation at DaVita HealthCare Partners

DENVER, Aug. 26, 2015 /PRNewswire/ -- DaVita HealthCare Partners (NYSE: DVA), one of the largest and most innovative health care communities, announced today that it has named Dinesh Kumar, M.D., senior vice president of clinical transformation. In this role, Dr. Kumar will leverage his passion for cost-effective, evidence-based care to drive efforts that take the proven care management model of HealthCare Partners across the country. He takes on this new challenge after having been part of the HealthCare Partners family for over 14 years.

"Dinesh's distinguished record at HealthCare Partners exemplifies our commitment to physician leadership," said Dennis Kogod, president of HealthCare Partners. "While his presence in our California market has been valuable, this new role in Denver will enable him to bring HealthCare Partners' innovative managed care model to additional markets and improve patient outcomes across the nation."

Kumar's focus will be partnering with provider organizations to assist in the development of population health management capabilities. By leveraging its long history and experience, HealthCare Partners' clinical transformation team brings best demonstrated practices and tools to organizations making the transition from fee-for-service to value-based contracting.

"HealthCare Partners' clinical transformation team is poised to reap significant benefits from Dinesh's talent and experience," said Misha Palecek, HealthCare Partners' chief transformation officer. "HealthCare Partners physician leadership is paramount to the success we are striving for in new markets, and Dinesh's addition only adds to our market differentiation."

During his time at HealthCare Partners, Kumar has held many roles including hospitalist, lead hospitalist, regional medical director and most recently chief medical officer of the California Market.

"Opportunities that align with your skills, passion, and aspirations are rare. After having spent the last 14 years developing and refining our care management model at all levels, I am excited to join a talented team that will take our drive even further to help transform healthcare in new markets," said Kumar.

Kumar received his medical degree from the University of Madras (India) and completed his residency in internal medicine at Howard University in Washington, D.C. He went on to complete his fellowship in pulmonary and critical care medicine at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center and completed a two-year California Healthcare Foundation Leadership fellowship at University of California – San Francisco.

About DaVita HealthCare Partners

DaVita HealthCare Partners Inc., a Fortune 500® company, is the parent company of DaVita Kidney Care and HealthCare Partners. 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. 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. For more information, please visit DaVitaHealthCarePartners.com.

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