

DaVita Kidney Care Honors Physicians for Exemplifying Core Values

Company presents core value awards during annual Physician Leadership Meeting

DENVER, March 2, 2016 /PRNewswire/ -- [DaVita Kidney Care](#), a division of DaVita HealthCare Partners Inc. (NYSE: DVA), a leading independent medical group and a leading provider of kidney care services in the United States, today announced that during its annual Physician Leadership Meeting (PLM), Feb. 25-27, the company recognized nephrologists for exemplifying DaVita's [Core Values](#).

"A community recognizes those who go above and beyond," said Dr. Allen R. Nissenson, chief medical officer of DaVita Kidney Care. "We honor physicians for the qualities they exemplify while caring for patients, teammates, each other and their surrounding communities."

The following nephrologists received DaVita® Core Value Awards:

Accountability

Dr. Mihran Naljayan
LSU School of Medicine
New Orleans, Louisiana

Fulfillment

Dr. Thao Pascual and Dr. Oliver Tai
The Everett Clinic
Everett, Washington

Service Excellence

Dr. Isidro Salusky
UCLA Medical Center
Los Angeles, California

Continuous Improvement

Dr. Eduardo Haddad
Riverside Nephrology
Lawrence, Massachusetts

Integrity

Dr. Ferdinand Alcaide
Renal Associates
Columbus, Georgia

Team

Dr. Muhammad Alam and Dr. Fakhar Ijaz
Kidney Care Center
Little Rock, Arkansas

Each year, DaVita Kidney Care hosts PLM for its medical directors to learn about and discuss important issues that arise in patient care, practice management and clinical leadership, among other topics.

This year's keynote speaker, [Dr. Robert M. Wachter](#), professor and interim chairman of the Department of Medicine at the University of California, San Francisco, urged physicians to embrace the changing health care landscape.

"We are experiencing two transformational trends – the pressure to deliver high value care and digitization of the U.S. health care system," said Dr. Wachter. "Our goal is to figure out ways to deliver better, safer and more reliable care."

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About DaVita Kidney Care

DaVita Kidney Care is a 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 dialysis services in the United States, DaVita Kidney Care treats patients with chronic kidney failure and end stage renal disease. DaVita Kidney Care 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 December 31, 2015, DaVita Kidney Care operated or provided administrative services at 2,251 outpatient dialysis centers located in the United States serving approximately 180,000 patients. The company also operated 118 outpatient dialysis centers located in 10 countries outside the United States. DaVita Kidney Care 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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