More Than 18,000 Technicians Contribute to Life-Saving Care

DaVita Celebrates Dialysis Technician Recognition Week October 9-14

DENVER, Oct. 9, 2017 /PRNewswire/ -- DaVita Kidney Care, a division of DaVita Inc. (NYSE: DVA), and a leading provider in kidney care services, honors the work of its 18,000-plus technicians who offer critical support in delivering high-quality patient care.

"At DaVita, we call our dialysis technicians patient-care technicians because of their close and daily interaction with our patients," said Kent Thiry, chairman and CEO of DaVita. "Every week, but especially this one, we celebrate the hard work, dedication and valuable contribution our patient-care technicians offer to our patients."

Dialysis is a process that helps impaired renal function by removing waste and excess fluid from patients' bloodstream. Dialysis patients are some of the most vulnerable among the patient population, spending upwards of four hours, three times a week undergoing dialysis treatment. The average dialysis patient manages four or more comorbidities and takes upwards of 21 pills a day. Patient-care technicians help prepare and operate dialysis machines, monitor and maintain the accuracy of patient health records and most importantly engage with patients to help make sure they are comfortable throughout treatment.

The National Association of Nephrology Technicians designated the second week of October each year as recognition of the tremendous value and dedication these technicians provide in caring for patients.

About DaVita Kidney Care
DaVita Kidney Care is a division of DaVita 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 June 30, 2017, DaVita Kidney Care operated or provided administrative services at 2,445 outpatient dialysis centers located in the United States serving approximately 194,600 patients. The company also operated 217 outpatient dialysis centers located in 11 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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