

DaVita Releases 13 Kidney-Friendly Apple Recipes

Hundreds of kidney-friendly recipes available at DaVita.com

DENVER--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Dec. 2, 2012-- [DaVita®](#), a division of DaVita HealthCare Partners, Inc.(NYSE: DVA) and a leading provider of kidney care services, released 13 apple-based recipes to celebrate the season and the many varieties of this healthy, delicious fruit.

The 13 new recipes include desserts, side dishes and salads, from classic Apple Pie to Apple Cranberry Slaw with Celery Seed Dressing.

"There may be some truth to the old saying, 'An apple a day keeps the doctor away,'" said Sara Colman, a registered dietitian at DaVita. "Apples are packed with antioxidants, and several research studies have found that apples can lower the risk of heart disease and stroke."

Colman says apples are also beneficial for people with kidney disease who follow a low-potassium diet-one medium apple contains only 158 mg of potassium and almost 4 grams of fiber, and apples arrive naturally in their own 100-calorie packages.

The recipes can be found on DaVita's website at [DaVita.com](#). Hundreds of kidney-friendly recipes are available on [DaVita.com](#), including a no-cost downloadable cookbook for those with diabetes and a kidney-friendly cookbook for those with CKD or end stage renal disease (ESRD).

DaVita.com also offers "DaVita Diet Helper™," an online tool that helps those with CKD or ESRD plan menus, make shopping lists and track nutritional intake.

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