ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., Oct. 8, 2015 / PRNewswire/ -- JSA Medical Group (JSA), a division of DaVita HealthCare Partners Inc. (NYSE:DVA), announced today that it has named Barbara Allen, M.D., as chief medical officer (CMO). In this role, she will have oversight of JSA's clinicians and work to ensure clinical excellence in care delivery to all JSA patients.

Allen joins JSA from Trinity Mother Frances Health System in Tyler, Texas where she served as chief quality officer. Previously, Allen served as chief of primary care medicine at Trinity Mother Frances. In that role, she oversaw all the ambulatory clinics and focused on physician leadership and recruitment.

"JSA will benefit from Barbara's experience in both clinical practice and health system management," said Lorie Glisson, president and CEO of JSA Medical Group. "Her extensive experience, successful career and alignment with our core values make her a perfect fit for our executive leadership team."

Prior to Trinity Mother Frances, Allen held several leadership positions with St Vincent's Health System in Montana and the Mayo Health System in Minnesota, including being selected as the youngest physician and first female president and CEO of the Fairmont Medical Center.

"At this crossroads in my career, joining JSA's highly-regarded team affords me the unique opportunity to leverage my decades of experience to improve outcomes for JSA patients in Florida and Georgia," said Allen.

Allen is a graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy where she was the first female Air Force Academy cadet to be commissioned into the U.S. Air Force Biomedical Science Corps as an aerospace physiologist in 1986. Allen attended medical school at the University of South Carolina and completed her family practice residency in Billings, Montana.

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