DaVita Expands Availability of Advanced Dialysis Therapy to Every U.S. Center

Expanded HD removes a broader range of toxins from the blood, with 95% of patients adopting the therapy within two weeks of nationwide rollout

DENVER, Nov. 17, 2026 /PRNewswire/ -- DaVita today announced a major milestone in kidney care: Expanded hemodialysis (Expanded HD) is now available at every DaVita center in the U.S., giving patients nationwide access to an advanced therapy that removes more of the larger toxins, known as middle molecules, that conventional high-flux hemodialysis leaves behind.

Within two weeks of the nationwide rollout, physicians have prescribed Expanded HD for 95% of eligible patients, reflecting rapid adoption across communities with different geographies, demographics and resource levels. Expanded HD provides enhanced clearance of middle molecules associated with inflammation, cardiovascular complications and symptoms that can negatively affect quality of life. By removing a broader range of toxins, the aspiration is to help patients experience fewer symptoms, recover more quickly and feel better between treatments. Ultimately, Expanded HD has the potential to support longevity and improved quality of life for patients.

"This is a special moment for the kidney community," said Javier Rodriguez, chief executive officer for DaVita. "For patients across the country to gain access to an important advancement in care at the same time, regardless of if they live in a rural or metropolitan community, is something we're incredibly proud of. It reflects our commitment to champion meaningful innovation and helps ensure the benefits reach the patients who depend on us."

Rapid physician adoption nationwide

Medical directors across DaVita's U.S. centers have elected to make Expanded HD available for patients when clinically appropriate, while retaining the flexibility to prescribe other dialysis modalities based on each patient's individual needs.

"When I consider Expanded HD for my patients, the decision comes down to the opportunity to remove more of the toxins that conventional dialysis leaves behind without adding complexity to their treatment routine," said Aakash Amin, MD, a medical director for DaVita and nephrologist with Georgia Nephrology. "Patients want to live well, not simply complete dialysis. Expanded HD offers a clinically supported option aimed at reducing symptoms and helping patients feel better between treatments. I am optimistic that these benefits may result in extending life for patients."

Expanded HD works with existing dialysis machines and workflows, which enabled DaVita to introduce the therapy nationwide through a coordinated rollout.

What Expanded HD can mean for patients

For Jacqueline Smith, a DaVita patient in Norfolk, Virginia, the difference shows up in life outside the dialysis center.

"I feel better," Smith said. "I can go home and vacuum. I couldn't do that before."

Expanded HD uses medium cut-off dialyzers to remove larger toxins while retaining essential proteins. Growing evidence is evaluating whether enhanced middle molecule clearance can improve outcomes and symptoms including fatigue, itching, trouble sleeping and restless legs. Many patients have reported experiencing these benefits within weeks of starting the treatment.

DaVita is also evaluating high-volume hemodiafiltration (HDF), another option for enhanced clearance using specialized machines to remove a large volume of fluid during treatment — giving physicians another potential pathway to enhanced middle molecule clearance and more options to personalize care.

Part of a broader transformation in kidney care

Expanded HD is part of DaVita's broader strategy to put new therapies, technology and care models to work across the kidney care journey, improving treatment for people living with kidney failure today while helping change the trajectory of kidney disease.

Advances in medicine and technology are creating new opportunities to do both. New classes of medicines can help slow chronic kidney disease progression. Predictive AI can help identify patients at greater risk and give clinicians actionable

insights. More coordinated care models can connect care across specialties and stages of disease, creating opportunities to intervene earlier and better manage kidney disease before it progresses to kidney failure.

"We strive to deliver the best care possible with the boldest innovations available for people with kidney disease today, while continuing to push toward what comes next," said Jeff Giullian, MD, chief medical officer for DaVita. "That means improving dialysis care today while advancing means of earlier intervention, expanding access to transplant and building a future where patients have more options beyond dialysis."

Looking ahead, DaVita is exploring approaches that could further expand those options, including therapies that delay disease progression, xenotransplantation and advanced care models.

For more information about middle molecule clearance and DaVita's enhanced treatment options, visitdavita.com/middle-molecule.

About DaVita
DaVita (NYSE: DVA) is a healthcare provider focused on transforming care delivery to improve quality of life for patients globally. As a comprehensive kidney care provider, DaVita has been a leader in clinical quality and innovation for 25 years. DaVita cares for patients at every stage and setting along their kidney health journey — from slowing the progression of kidney disease to helping to support transplantation. This includes ensuring they are supported at home, in dialysis centers, in the hospital and in skilled nursing facilities. As of September 30, 2026, we provided dialysis services to a total of approximately 298,100 patients at 3,269 outpatient dialysis centers, of which 2,671 centers were located in the United States and 598 centers were located in 14 countries outside of the United States. DaVita has reduced hospitalizations, improved mortality, helped improve health access and worked collaboratively to propel the kidney care community to adopt a higher quality standard of care for all patients, everywhere. To learn more, visit davita.com/about.

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