# DaVita Abstracts Accepted Into National Kidney Foundation's 2009 Spring Symposium

**Thirteen Abstracts Will Be Featured at Annual Kidney Care Meeting**

DaVita Inc., a leading provider of kidney care services for those diagnosed with chronic kidney failure and disease (CKD), in conjunction with DaVita Clinical Research®, today announced that company representatives will present thirteen abstracts at the National Kidney Foundation's 2009 Spring Clinical Meetings scheduled for March 25-29, 2009 in Nashville, TN. The meeting is a platform for the nation's leading renal health care providers to learn about new developments in the field of nephrology and CKD care.

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Allen R. Nissenson MD, Chief Medical Officer at DaVita says, "DaVita is continuing to lead the renal community in generating important new knowledge to improve the outcomes for patients with kidney disease. This commitment to high quality clinical research is clearly evident in the thirteen abstracts being presented at the National Kidney Foundation meeting this year."

DaVita's top ten clinical initiatives for 2009 include: striving for reduction of first-year mortality rates and reducing catheter use. At this year's National Kidney Foundation Clinical Meeting, DaVita will focus on several key research initiatives in the areas of CKD, new incident dialysis patients, and integrated pharmacy management. Highlights from these scheduled presentations will include:

-- Improved Results in CKD Management: Recent data reveals superior outcomes in the areas of CKD and mortality, anemia, incident patient management and phosphorus and coronary artery calcification. DaVita researchers note a nearly 50 percent drop in one-year mortality in Detroit area, DaVita-managed CKD clinics compared to Renal Network 11 (12.8% vs. 22.6%);
-- Advances in Streamlining the Patient Onboarding Process: Data on DaVita's IMPACT™ (Incident Management of Patients, Actions Centered on Treatment) program - a pilot project implemented in 44 DaVita centers around the nation focusing on patient education and important clinical outcomes - demonstrates how this comprehensive approach reduces mortality of incident patients. Results showed a reduction in 90-day mortality nearly two percentage points lower (6.14% vs. 7.98%) among IMPACT versus nonIMPACT patients; and
-- Integrated Pharmacy Management Impacts Clinical Outcomes: DaVita Rx(sm) pharmacy program removes common access barriers for patients, such as transportation and access to the medications they require. Researchers observed significantly improved clinical outcomes in DaVita Rx patients compared to non-DaVita Rx patients.

In addition to DaVita's research initiatives on CKD, IMPACT and DaVita Rx, the following is a complete list of abstracts scheduled for presentation:

-- Title: First Year Dialysis Mortality in Patients Previously Enrolled in a Structured Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) Program
Authors: Joel M. Topf(1), Robert Provenzano(2), Steve Wilson(3), Ajay Chokshi(3) and Amy Bogan(3)

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-- Title: Analysis of Potassium Profiles Among Hemodialysis (HD) Patients
Authors: John Robertson, Debbie Benner, Ronald Levine
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-- Title: Day-To Day, Week-To-Week, and Day-Of-Week Variation in Tests of Anemia and Iron Status in Hemodialysis Patients
Authors: David B. Van Wyck(1), Harry Alcorn(1), Resmi Gupta(2)

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-- Title: Benefit of Using Visual Teaching Tools for Phosphorus Control in Hemodialysis Unit
Authors: Carol Allen
DaVita Inc., Selma, CA

-- Title: Binder Consumption as a Function of Time: A Linear Model for Lowering Elevated Phosphorus Levels by Improving Binder Timing
Authors: Mark A. Livingston
DaVita Inc., Warren, MI

-- Title: Mortality of 5-Year Time-Averaged Low Serum Calcium <8.5 mg/dL in Subgroups of Hemodialysis (HD) Patients
Authors: Jessica E Miller(1), Elani Streja(1), Csaba P Kovesdy(2), David Van Wyck(3), Allen R. Nissenson(3), and Kamyar Kalantar-Zadeh(1)

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-- Title: Association of Serum Alkaline Phosphatase and Coronary Artery Calcification in Hemodialysis Patients
Authors: Ronney Shantouf(1), Mehdi Rambod(1), Csaba P Kovesdy(2), Naser Ahmadi(1), Allen R. Nissenson(3), Matthew J Budoff(1), and Kamyar Kalantar-Zadeh(1)

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-- Title: Mortality-Predictability of Weight Gain vs Weight Loss Over 6 Months in Maintenance Hemodialysis (MHD) Patients
Authors: Kamyar Kalantar-Zadeh(1), Elani Streja(1), Csaba P Kovesdy(2), Allen R. Nissenson(3), and Joel D Kopple(1)

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-- Title: Improved Outcomes Post Enrollment in High Touch, Tailored Pharmacy--Meeting the Patients' Need
Authors: Maricela Lara-Nevarez(1), Meredith Mathews(1), Chad Lennox(2)

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-- Title: Characteristics and Clinical Outcomes of US Pediatric Dialysis Patients at A Large Dialysis Provider
Authors: Allen R. Nissenson, Joe Weldon, and Joan Fieldhouse
DaVita Inc., El Segundo, CA

-- Title: Incident Management of Hemodialysis Patients: Managing the First 90 Days
Authors: John Robertson, Pooja Goel, Grace Chen, Ronald Levine, Debbie Benner, and Amy Burdan
DaVita Inc., El Segundo, CA

-- Title: Body Mass Index (BMI) and Survival in Polycystic Kidney Disease (PKD) Hemodialysis (HD) Patients
Authors: Elani Streja(1), Csaba P Kovesdy(2), Jenni Jing(1), Allen R. Nissenson(3), and Kamyar Kalantar-Zadeh(1)

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-- Title: Comparing Death Risk of Polycystic Kidney Disease (PKD) Hemodialysis (HD) Patients to Non-PKD HD Patients
Authors: Elani Streja(1), Allen R. Nissenson(3), David VanWyck(3), Csaba P Kovesdy(2), and Kamyar Kalantar- Zadeh(1)

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