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DaVita Rx provides specialized services that improve access and adherence to prescribed medication for chronically ill patients, with licensed, specially trained pharmacists on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week. A study published in the [American Journal of Kidney Diseases](#) in 2013 found that dialysis patients who use DaVita Rx spend 14% fewer days in the hospital and have a 21% lower risk of death compared to patients not using DaVita Rx.[1]

"I own my own company, and I'm busy," says Karen Gilleland, a dialysis patient who uses DaVita Rx. "With DaVita Rx, I don't have to take time out of my day or make a special trip to the pharmacy. If I have an issue, DaVita Rx will call me. I like the fact that it's more personal to me and my needs."

DaVita Rx's innovative approach includes clinical intervention programs to support adherence and avoid medication problems. Services also include no cost delivery, assistance with navigating complex insurance issues and helping patients with financial challenges, including flexible payment options.

"We have the opportunity to remove barriers that can negatively impact a patient's health," said DaVita Rx President Josh Golomb. "Delivering our 15 millionth prescription is an important milestone for DaVita Rx in helping patients live longer and stronger."

Kidney care patients often take 20-plus pills a day. To help manage medications, DaVita Rx operates as a full-service pharmacy for its clients, working to provide all medications a chronically ill patient may need. As part of its goal to remove barriers for patients to access the medications they need, DaVita Rx delivers at no charge to patients' homes or their dialysis centers. The pharmacy partners with dialysis centers and care providers to help improve clinical outcomes and empower patients to adhere to their medication regimen.

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### *About DaVita Rx*

DaVita Rx is a full-service pharmacy specializing in helping patients manage chronic conditions. Created in 2005 to serve the unique needs of kidney patients, DaVita Rx is the first and largest pharmacy of its kind, partnering with care providers to improve clinical outcomes. DaVita Rx makes it easier for patients to get their medications and follow their drug regimens through services like 24-hour access to pharmacists specializing in renal care, clinical intervention programs, flexible payment options and no cost delivery. DaVita Rx is a wholly-owned subsidiary of DaVita Healthcare Partners, Inc., with operations in Texas, Florida and California.

### *About DaVita Kidney Care*

DaVita Kidney Care is a division of DaVita HealthCare Partners 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 March 31, 2014, DaVita Kidney Care operated or provided administrative services at 2,098 outpatient dialysis centers located in the United States serving approximately 165,000 patients. The company also operated 75 outpatient dialysis centers located in 10 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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