

The Everett Clinic Announces Leadership Transitions

Rick Cooper named Northwest Regional Market President for DaVita HealthCare Partners; Chris Knapp named CEO of The Everett Clinic

EVERETT, Wash., Aug. 30, 2016 /PRNewswire/ -- The Everett Clinic, a division of DaVita HealthCare Partners (NYSE: DVA), today announced two transitions among its senior leadership. As of Sept. 1, [Rick Cooper](#) will be the northwest regional market president for DaVita HealthCare Partners and [Chris Knapp](#) will be The Everett Clinic's chief executive officer.

The Everett Clinic, a medical group of 500 providers located in Snohomish County, Wash., [joined DaVita HealthCare Partners](#), a leading independent medical group and a leading provider of kidney care services in the United States, in March 2016.

"DaVita will employ Rick's experience, expertise and regional influence in a new role as northwest market president and Chris has demonstrated outstanding leadership and is ready to lead The Everett Clinic as CEO," said DaVita HealthCare Partners' Chief Operating Officer Joe Mello.

In more than 30 years as CEO of The Everett Clinic, Cooper has helped establish the Clinic as one of the [most successful independent medical groups](#) in the Pacific Northwest. With his leadership, the Clinic has been known for its excellence in patient care, innovation that helps lower the cost of care and provides [price transparency](#), and recognition in *Fortune Magazine* as a best place to work and as a top corporate philanthropist. In his new role, Cooper will provide leadership for DaVita at the regional and national level.

Knapp, who has been legal counsel for the Clinic since 1997 and its chief legal officer since 2012, will continue The Everett Clinic's plans for growth and innovation as a high-performing organization that does the right thing for patients and leads with quality and patient safety. The Clinic's vision is to be the essential, outpatient-focused healthcare system in the region. Its growth continues on Sept. 26 with the [opening of a new Clinic in Shoreline](#), Everett Clinic's first location in King County.

"Chris has the enthusiastic endorsement of The Everett Clinic's [Clinical Leadership Board](#)," said Board President Dr. Shawn Slack. "We're fortunate to have this depth and strength of capable leadership as we continue to provide outstanding care to our patients, and seamless excellence in quality and service during this transition."

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Founded in 1924, The Everett Clinic, a medical group with DaVita Health Care Partners, is a nationally-recognized physician group known for providing high-quality healthcare services while lowering the overall cost of care. The Everett Clinic operates 20 care sites throughout Snohomish County caring for more than 320,000 patients and employing about 2,300 teammates, including 550 specialty and primary care providers. It serves patients through traditional doctor's offices, urgent care, lab services, imaging, hearing and vision centers, behavioral health, and cancer treatment. Consistently named as a *Fortune Magazine* "100 Best Companies to Work For," The Everett Clinic staff and providers support the core value of doing what is right for each patient.

About DaVita HealthCare Partners

DaVita HealthCare Partners Inc., a Fortune 500® company, is the parent company of DaVita Kidney Care and HealthCare Partners. DaVita Kidney Care is a leading provider of kidney care in the United States, delivering dialysis services to patients with chronic kidney failure and end stage renal disease. As of June 30, 2016, DaVita Kidney Care operated or provided administrative services at 2,293 outpatient dialysis centers located in the United States serving approximately 185,000 patients. The company also operated 127 outpatient dialysis centers located in 11 countries outside the United States. HealthCare Partners manages and operates medical groups and affiliated physician networks in California, Nevada, New Mexico, Florida, Colorado and Washington in its pursuit to deliver excellent-quality health care in a dignified and compassionate manner. As of June 30, 2016 HealthCare Partners provided integrated care management for approximately 760,000 patients. For more information, please visit [DaVitaHealthCarePartners.com](#).

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