DaVita Kidney Care Celebrates Its 18,000 Dedicated Nephrology Nurses

DENVER, Sept. 10, 2018 /PRNewswire/ -- DaVita Kidney Care, a division of DaVita Inc. (NYSE: DVA), a leading provider of kidney care services in the United States, celebrates its more than 18,000 nephrology nurses across the U.S. and in 10 other countries around the world during Nephrology Nurses Week.

Nephrology Nurses Week, designed by the American Nephrology Nurses Association in 2005, honors nurses who care for patients with kidney disease and happens during the second full week of September every year.

"Being a nurse can sometimes feel like a thankless job, constantly putting the needs of others above our own," said Mandy Hale, RN, vice president of nursing for DaVita Kidney Care. "We want our nurses to know how deeply appreciated they are for delivering selfless compassion and competent care to more than 225,000 DaVita patients."

DaVita's nursing strategy involves a number of programs to support its goals to grow, engage and attract nurses. For example, DaVita launched its THRIVE program to help empower its nurses and support their development. The five-month program—which allows participants to shadow local nurses and receive centralized training in multiple U.S. regions—was designed to develop high-potential nurses, clinical coordinators and clinic nurse managers for positions in operation management.

Additionally, DaVita leaders hold nurse roundtable discussions where U.S.-based nurses gather in Denver at DaVita's headquarters to spend a day brainstorming and sharing ideas about patient care and nursing. The goal of the roundtable discussions is to improve the care delivery and gather ideas for future initiatives.

DaVita is also piloting a program called Bridge to Your Dreams, which aims to create a new pipeline of Registered Nurses (RNs) by supporting high-performing patient care technicians (PCTs) who want to make the transition from PCT to RN. Through this program, DaVita provides fully-funded tuition, scheduling assistance to help manage and balance work, school and family commitments, professional coaching and assistance with role placement.

Finally, DaVita encourages its nurses to gain and share nursing knowledge through programs such as the LeaRN Challenge, where nurses are nominated and selected to attend professional nursing conferences such as American Nephrology Nurses Association conferences and the Annual Dialysis Conference.

To learn more about nursing at DaVita, visit Careers.DaVita.com/Nurses.

About DaVita Kidney Care
DaVita Kidney Care is a division of DaVita 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 June 30, 2018, DaVita Kidney Care operated or provided administrative services at 2,580 outpatient dialysis centers located in the United States serving approximately 201,000 patients. The company also operated 253 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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