



Pictured at the May 1 groundbreaking (l to r) are Victoria Abbott, social worker, DaVita; Carol Rowe, administrative assistant, DaVita; Joe Hurshe, COO, Providence-Providence Park Hospital, Gary Jonna, president, Whitehall Real Estate Interests; David Butera, group facility administrator, DaVita; Peter Karadjoff, president, Providence-Providence Park Hospital, Novi; Dave Stout, Novi mayor pro tem; Derrick Byl, regional operations director, DaVita; Sue Carter-Okab, regional operations director, DaVita; Dr. Fawaz Al-Ejal, medical director, DaVita; and Michael Lynch, project manager, DaVita.(Photo: courtesy)

[DaVita Kidney Care](#) on May 1 broke ground on a new dialysis center in partnership with Providence-Providence Park Hospital on its Novi campus.

The dialysis center will consist of two buildings on the hospital campus, one to accommodate in-center dialysis patients and another building for home dialysis therapies, consisting of both peritoneal dialysis and home hemodialysis. Both buildings will be built concurrently and are anticipating an open date in the summer of 2016. The in-center dialysis center will have 20 stations and the home therapies will offer six rooms for home training.

“Partnering with Providence-Providence Park on this dialysis center offers us a chance to provide more convenience for our patients,” said Sue Carter-Okab, a regional operations director at DaVita Kidney Care. “With other outpatient and emergency services readily available on campus, our patients have access to additional on-site resources.”

The campus was built with the intent to create a destination for health in the community, according Peter Karadjoff, president of Providence-Providence Park Hospital.

“DaVita Kidney Care’s presence here will help continue that goal and enhance the healing process for all those visiting,” he said.

In addition to providing space on the hospital campus, the partnership with DaVita Kidney Care will allow practicing nephrologists at the hospital to serve as the center's medical director. DaVita Kidney Care will provide the staff and care at the dialysis center.

Kidney failure, also known as end stage renal disease (ESRD), is a fatal condition unless a kidney transplant is available or a patient undergoes dialysis, in which a machine filters toxins and fluids from the blood outside the body. In-center dialysis patients are treated four hours a day, three times a week.

An estimated 20 million U.S. adults have chronic kidney disease, which can progress to ESRD. Most are unaware of their condition, as the disease is often symptomless until the kidneys fail. Groups at the highest risk for ESRD include those with diabetes or hypertension as well as older adults, African Americans, Hispanics and Native Americans.

To find out more about DaVita Kidney Care, call 1-800-400-8331 or visit www.DaVita.com.

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