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**Dr. Cyrus Cryst named medical director  
of Northwest Kidney Centers' Port Angeles facility**

Port Angeles, WA (June 17, 2010): Dr. Cyrus Cryst has been named medical director of Northwest Kidney Centers' Port Angeles Kidney Center, overseeing overall patient care at the facility at 809 Georgiana Street.

Dr. Cryst's specialties include nephrology, diabetes, fluid and electrolyte disorders, hypertension, pancreas and kidney transplantation, and renal disease – which makes him an ideal candidate to head care at the Port Angeles Kidney Center, said Northwest Kidney Centers president and CEO Joyce F. Jackson.

He received his medical degree from the University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine in 1984 and served both his residency and internship at Virginia Mason Medical Center in Seattle. He completed a fellowship in nephrology at New England Medical Center in Boston in 1991 and is board certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine and American Board of Nephrology. Dr. Cryst has been the medical director of the kidney and pancreas transplant program at Virginia Mason for more than five years and has been an attending physician at Virginia Mason since 1992. For several years he has been voted one of Seattle's Top Doctors by readers of both *Seattle Metropolitan* and *Seattle Magazine*.

Dr. Cryst succeeds Dr. Robert Wilburn, who is retiring as medical director.

Dr. Cryst has been a leader in nephrology at Virginia Mason, where he serves as section head. He served on the Northwest Kidney Centers board of trustees and currently serves on its foundation board. He also served on the Northwest Kidney Centers medical staff executive committee for eight years and has served as president.

**The nonprofit Northwest Kidney Centers** provides the majority of dialysis care in King and Clallam counties, educates the public about kidney health, and collaborates with UW Medicine in the Kidney Research Institute. Northwest Kidney Centers' staff of 550 delivers more than 200,000 treatments per year in 14 dialysis centers and 11 hospitals. It also maintains one of the country's largest training and support programs for people who wish to give themselves dialysis at home. Northwest Kidney Centers patients receive kidney transplants about 67 percent more often than the national average. For more information, go to [www.nwkidney.org](http://www.nwkidney.org).

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