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**Dr. Suhail Ahmad named Chief Medical Officer of
Northwest Kidney Centers**

**Dr. John Stivelman named Emeritus Chief Medical Officer and
takes on role of Senior Medical Director**

Seattle, WA (Jan. 3, 2011): Dr. Suhail Ahmad has been named Chief Medical Officer of Northwest Kidney Centers, succeeding Dr. John Stivelman, who becomes Emeritus Chief Medical Officer and Senior Medical Director.

Dr. Ahmad has served the community and patients for three decades as a physician, teacher and researcher. More than 30 years ago he traveled to Seattle from England to work under the mentorship of dialysis pioneer Dr. Belding Scribner and is considered Dr. Scribner's closest protégé. Dr. Ahmad has a distinguished national and international reputation as a technology and therapy leader in dialysis. He is highly knowledgeable in the field, is a sought-after speaker, and has authored articles and books on dialysis therapy. He is professor of medicine at the University of Washington and has served as director of inpatient dialysis at UW Medical Center for more than two decades. Dr. Ahmad's research focuses on dialysis technology, hypertension, volume management and, most recently, liver-kidney dialysis.

Dr. Ahmad has served as Medical Director of Northwest Kidney Centers' Scribner Kidney Center and will remain in this role. As Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Ahmad fills many roles, including senior medical director-technology, and Kidney Research Institute director of dialysis research.

As Senior Medical Director, Dr. Stivelman will focus on professional/clinical education and public policy. A superb clinical educator with 11 years at Northwest Kidney Centers, Dr. Stivelman is passionate about teaching renal physiology, dialysis, continuous quality improvement and related topics to nephrology fellows, clinical staff, professionals in the

community and others interested in the field. He will also serve as public policy liaison and advocate supporting laws, rules, and advances in the nature and delivery of end-stage renal disease (ESRD) care. He will continue as professor of medicine in the Division of Nephrology at the University of Washington and as medical director of Northwest Kidney Centers' Broadway Kidney Center.

The nonprofit Northwest Kidney Centers keeps people in the Seattle area alive with dialysis care, educates the public about kidney health, and collaborates with UW Medicine in the Kidney Research Institute. It is one of very few community-based, nonprofit dialysis providers in the country. Founded in 1962, it was the first out-of-hospital dialysis program in the world and it is still a model in the field. Its mission remains critical. One in seven American adults now has chronic kidney disease, up 30 percent in the last decade. For more information, go to www.nwkidney.org.

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