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Mount Rainier Kidney Center in Renton to move to larger location

New 21,000-square-foot site will feature home dialysis training center

Renton, WA (Nov. 8, 2010): Northwest Kidney Centers has received approval from the state of Washington to move its Mount Rainier Kidney Center to a new location in Renton. This move will take place in about a year and will help Northwest Kidney Centers better serve the increasing number of dialysis patients from south King County.

The new 21,000-square-foot center located at 602 Oakesdale Ave. S.E. in Renton will replace a facility at 4242 East Valley Rd. that is only half as big. The extra space will allow for additional dialysis treatment stations in the future and will also house a new south King County hub to train patients to do self-dialysis at home if they wish.

“The need for dialysis in south King County is growing by 6 to 7 percent per year,” said Northwest Kidney Centers president and CEO Joyce F. Jackson. “In the new center we will be able to accommodate additional patients who come for three-times-a-week dialysis treatments of about four hours each.

“It will also allow us to expand our home dialysis program. Self-treatment at home can improve patients’ lives because they can get dialysis daily, more like the natural function of healthy kidneys, in many cases while they are sleeping. With home dialysis people can carry on with their regular lives during the day.”

Currently many of Northwest Kidney Centers’ home dialysis patients in south King County travel to the Seattle Kidney Center at 15th and Cherry to learn how to do dialysis at home, or for periodic checkups. The new Renton location will decrease travel for them.

Mount Rainier Kidney Center was founded in 1986 and acquired by Northwest Kidney Centers in that same year. It currently has 130 patients and a staff of 32. It is one of 14 community dialysis centers operated by Northwest Kidney Centers.

About Northwest Kidney Centers: 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. Northwest Kidney Centers is one of very few community-based, nonprofit dialysis providers in the country. Founded in 1962, Northwest Kidney Centers was the first out-of-hospital dialysis program in the world and it is still a model for the field. Its mission remains critical. One in seven American adults now has kidney disease, up 30 percent in the last decade. For more information, go to www.nwkidney.org.

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