



NORTHWEST KIDNEY CENTERS

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Northwest Kidney Centers names five new medical directors

Seattle, WA (March 1, 2011): Northwest Kidney Centers, a Seattle-based nonprofit that provides 80 percent of the dialysis care in King and Clallam counties, has named five new medical directors to supervise overall patient care in particular areas.

Dr. Pamila Keech is the new medical director of Northwest Kidney Centers' peritoneal dialysis program. Earlier she worked as medical director of Northwest Kidney Centers Totem Lake Kidney Center in Kirkland from 1995 to 2003, and medical director of Lake Washington Kidney Center in Bellevue from 1994 to 2011. She also has a private nephrology practice in Bellevue.

She graduated from Loyola Stritch School of Medicine in 1987 and received her fellowship in nephrology from the University of Washington School of Medicine in 1992. She is also clinic director for a health care clinic in Sierra Leone, Africa, and was named a *Seattle Magazine* "Top Doc" in 2004 and 2005.

Dr. Robert Winrow is the new medical director of Northwest Kidney Centers' home hemodialysis program. Dr. Winrow practices nephrology at Minor & James Medical clinic in Seattle and was previously the medical director of Northwest Kidney Centers Snoqualmie Ridge Kidney Center.

A 2002 graduate of the Ohio State University School of Medicine, he completed a fellowship in nephrology at the Univ. of Washington, where he was chief renal fellow. He also completed an advanced dialysis fellowship at the Univ. of Washington.

Dr. Winrow was born in England and grew up in a suburb of Cincinnati, Ohio. He earned a Bachelor of Music in classical trumpet performance from the College-Conservatory of Music at the University of Cincinnati. He lives in Seattle and enjoys classical trumpet music, spending time with his family and reading.

Dr. Michael Tasch has been named medical director of Snoqualmie Ridge Kidney Center. Dr. Tasch works at Eastside Nephrology and Hypertension, practicing out of their Bellevue office. He graduated in 2000 from UW School of Medicine MSTP program with an M.D. and a Ph.D in immunology. His research focus has been on renal autoimmune disease and the establishment of native tolerance via the expression of kidney proteins in the human thymus, as well as on type 1 diabetes and transplantation rejection, working previously at the UW, the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, and the Benaroya Research Institute.

Born in St. Louis, Mo., Dr. Tasch spends time with his wife and two sons sailing, hiking, camping and traveling.

Dr. Annemarie Dooley has been named medical director of Lake Washington Kidney Center in Bellevue. Dr. Dooley, a nephrologist at Overlake Medical Center in Bellevue and Evergreen Hospital Medical Center in Kirkland, graduated with a degree in medicine from the University of California Davis in 2001. She has held hospital positions at Virginia Mason Medical Center in Seattle and the Veterans Administration Puget Sound Health Care System in Seattle.

Trained originally in computer engineering, Dr Dooley worked in Ireland and California before moving to Seattle for residency and nephrology fellowship at the University of Washington.

Dr. Bonnie Collins has been named medical director of the community dialysis unit at Seattle Kidney Center on Seattle's Cherry Hill. Dr. Collins is a nephrologist at Pacific Medical Centers in Seattle. She graduated No. 1 in her medical school class at University of California Irvine in 1986 and completed a fellowship in nephrology at the UW in 1992. She is board certified in internal medicine and nephrology.

A Seattle resident, Dr. Collins is also a lay Eucharistic minister in the Episcopal church, providing communion to hospitalized parishioners.

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. 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. Its mission remains critical today. One in seven American adults now has kidney disease, up 30 percent in the last decade. Learn more at www.nwkidney.org.

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