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**Northwest Kidney Centers names new members  
to its Board of Trustees and Foundation Board**

Seattle, WA (June 22, 2017): Northwest Kidney Centers, a nonprofit that provides 80 percent of the dialysis care in King and Clallam counties, has named three new members to its board of trustees and three new members to its foundation board, which raises funds and helps build connections in the community.

New board of trustees members:

**Owen Applequist** is a supply operations analyst at REI and was one of the first kidney transplant recipients to climb Mt. Kilimanjaro. An advocate in Olympia on behalf of issues affecting people with kidney disease, he receives dialysis at Northwest Kidney Centers Renton clinic.

**Lara Macklin** recently joined Seattle Children's Hospital as its campus design manager. She is deeply interested in ways to enhance patient, staff and family experiences in the built environment. She is Seattle chapter volunteer coordinator for the Polycystic Kidney Disease Foundation.

**Dr. Meredith Mathews** is a nephrologist and senior medical leader with extensive experience in health care, particularly in disease management. He has served as chief medical officer of DaVita VillageHealth, LifeMasters and Premera Blue Cross. The East Madison branch of the Seattle YMCA is named for his father.

New foundation board members:

**Dr. Raghu "Rags" Durvasula** is an associate professor of medicine in the Division of Nephrology and associate medical director for inpatient care and the medical director of dialysis services at University of Washington Medical Center. He works on process improvements to enhance the quality of care delivery and patient experience.

**Christine Odegard** is vice president and senior trust officer at Northern Trust Bank. She is a graduate of the University of Washington and a past board

member of the Washington Planned Giving Council. With a family member who is on dialysis, she is interested in learning more about kidney health.

**Dr. Sanjit Reddy** is a transplant nephrologist at Swedish. He has completed fellowships in transplant nephrology and nephrology at California Pacific Medical Center and the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey respectively.

**About Northwest Kidney Centers:** Northwest Kidney Centers is a regional, not-for-profit, community-based provider of kidney dialysis, public health education, and research into the causes and treatments of chronic kidney disease. Founded in Seattle in 1962, it was the world's first dialysis organization. It remains the provider of choice because of its high-quality services, community connections and generous donor support. Learn more at [www.nwkidney.org](http://www.nwkidney.org).