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**SOUTHWEST KIDNEY INSTITUTE
PARTNERS WITH DAVITA**

Southwest Kidney Institute, PLC (SKI) has announced a partnership with DaVita, Inc. The partnership includes a joint venture in dialysis as well as DaVita management services for other areas within SKI.

SKI was founded in 2003 to provide quality comprehensive care to patients with kidney disease through our “*continuum of caring...*” model. Over the past four years we have grown our organization to include:

- thirty nephrologists
- seven physician offices throughout the greater Phoenix area
- a community awareness program that promotes early referral to a nephrologist
- an integrated chronic kidney disease clinic whose goal is to slow the progression of kidney disease
- a dedicated physician team who guide patients through the transplant process
- an interventional nephrology program that includes vascular access monitoring and a free-standing dialysis access center
- six dialysis facilities providing peritoneal dialysis, home hemodialysis, and in-center dialysis services
- and a robust research division.

SKI’s growth and success have been driven by our need to provide quality comprehensive care to our patients. Our commitment is stronger than ever. It is that commitment which led us to consider partnerships to further execute our vision to its fullest potential. We are proud to announce that we have found a dialysis and management partner in DaVita. DaVita brings knowledge, valuable resources, and a shared commitment to quality care enabling us to further expand our vision and presence within the community.

We look forward to this new and exciting partnership and to serving our patients through our “*continuum of caring...*” model.