Newest site will be located on St. Anthony Medical Campus near Denver

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DENVER--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Feb 13, 2012-- DaVita Clinical Research(R) (DCR(R)), a provider of clinical research services focused on kidney research and a variety of other specialty therapeutic populations, today announced an agreement to enter the St. Anthony Hospital campus in Lakewood, Colo. The 80-bed facility will be operational in mid 2012 and is expected to create more than 50 specialized research jobs.

"We are excited about our partnership with a hospital that has such a strong reputation with health care professionals and patients throughout Colorado," said Kent Thiry, DaVita chairman and CEO. "We will continue our focus on high-quality research that serves the community, health care and research industries." The hospital-based site increases DCR's physical capacity from 42 to 122 beds in North America. The facility will support high-risk studies and an expanded ability to support normal, healthy volunteer Phase I clinical studies. The custom-designed facility will provide DCR with the capacity needed to grow its clinical research business in existing specialty populations, including renal patients.

"Our partnership with DCR adds value to the community and Centura hospitals by providing new opportunities for local patients and collaborative relationships in the medical teams that can ultimately improve the quality of care," stated Jeff Brickman, CEO of St. Anthony Hospital and president of Centura Health's Mountains North Denver Operating Group, which includes St. Anthony Hospital.

The 35,000-square-foot unit will be physically connected to St.

Anthony Hospital in Medical Plaza One. St. Anthony Hospital, a full-service hospital and Level I Trauma Center, opened its doors in Lakewood in June 2011 after 119 years in its central Denver location.

"We look forward to being a part of the Denver research community," said DCR President Chris Rucker. "This opportunity expands our leadership role in renal-related research and further diversifies our research capabilities." DaVita, DaVita Clinical Research and DCR are registered trademarks of DaVita Inc. All other trademarks are the property of their respective owners.

About DaVita Clinical Research (DCR) DaVita Clinical Research (DCR), a wholly owned subsidiary of DaVita Inc., iscommitted to advancing the knowledge and practice of kidney care. DCR brings knowledge, skill and expertise to pharmaceutical research, facilitating the success of its clients' clinical trials.

DCR's clinical expertise spans the lifecycle of drug development.

DCR's biorepository, Early Clinical Research unit (Phase I-IIa) and Clinical Development network of physicians and investigative sites, data research, Health Economics & Outcomes Research, Central Laboratory, Advisory Committee prep, and Medical Communications are focused on providing world-class clinical research in both complex/specialty populations and therapeutic areas, and especially in CKD and ESRD populations. To learn more about DCR, visit www.davitaclinicalresearch.com.

About DaVita DaVita Inc., a Fortune 500(R) company, is a leading provider of kidney care in the United States, delivering dialysis services to patients with chronic kidney failure and end stage renal disease. DaVita strives to improve patients' quality of life by innovating clinical care, and by offering integrated treatment plans, personalized care teams and convenient health-management services. As of September 30, 2011, DaVita operated or provided administrative services at 1,777 dialysis facilities, serving approximately 138,000 patients. DaVita supports numerous programs dedicated to creating positive, sustainable change in communities around the world. The company's leadership development initiatives and social responsibility efforts have been recognized by Fortune, Modern Healthcare, Newsweek and WorldBlu. For more information, please visit www.davita.com.

About St. Anthony Hospital St. Anthony Hospital is nationally recognized for its renowned programs in trauma, cardiovascular services, oncology, neurosciences and orthopedics. St. Anthony Hospital's expert team of physicians, nurses and other caregivers provide unparalleled medical care for patients and access to the latest in medical technology. St Anthony Hospital is part of Centura Health, Colorado's largest hospital and health care network. For more information on the new St. Anthony Medical Campus, please visit www.stanthonyhosp.org or follow the hospital via Twitter @StAHospital and Facebook.com/StAHospital.

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