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Two recent reports issued by two independent agencies have provided a very favorable impression of The Caribbean Kidney Center an independent dialysis center located in Gallows Bay on St. Croix. The Caribbean Kidney Center provides life sustaining dialysis services to patients with End Stage Renal Disease (kidney failure).

The Kidney Center recently underwent a survey by representatives of the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). The surveyors spent December 7 and 8, 2009 conducting a comprehensive on-site review that included clinical operations, medical records, and the water system and program. "Overall we were very pleased with their findings and they were complimentary of our staff and operations," stated Dr. Walter Gardiner, Medical Director and owner of the Caribbean Kidney Center. "We have not received their final written report as of yet but they provided us with their impressions during the exit conference. Their impressions were favorable and reflected the hard work and dedication of the clinical and administrative staff."

Also providing an independent analysis and report of the Caribbean Kidney Center was the Trans Atlantic Renal Council (TARC). TARC, which recently changed its name to Quality Insight Renal Network #3, provides oversight to dialysis centers located in the US Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, and New Jersey. TARC gathered data and provided a statistical analysis of patient laboratory results and other indicators of the quality of dialysis services. The Caribbean Kidney Center results for Urea Reduction Ratio (a measure of the effectiveness of dialysis treatment), and phosphorus, calcium, and hemoglobin levels showed the Center meeting or exceeding TARC goals and exceeding the results posted for the Territory and the TARC network as a whole. Caribbean Kidney Center statistics for the use of fistulas and catheters (the means to access a renal patient's blood) are also very favorable when compared to other facilities in the Territory, Puerto Rico, and New Jersey.

Dialysis centers must conform to over three hundred pages of federal regulations which address all aspects of the management and operations of all dialysis centers receiving reimbursement from Medicare. Dialysis centers undergo periodic visits from CMS surveyors to assure that the facilities are in compliance with all of the regulations.

Dr. Gardiner concluded his remarks by stating "we are very proud of our facility and our accomplishments. We invite the public and prospective patients to visit our facility at any time so that they may see for themselves what we offer to our patients."



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