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Caribbean Kidney Center Contacted to Provide Haitian Relief

The Caribbean Kidney Center has been contacted by a contractor with the federal government and advised to be prepared to provide emergency dialysis treatment for victims of the earthquake in Haiti. The Quality Insights Renal Network #3 is based in New Jersey and provides oversight of dialysis facilities in the U.S. Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico. As part of relief efforts, representatives of the Renal Network are identifying dialysis facilities with the capacity to accept patients unable to receive dialysis treatments in Haiti. The expected number of individuals requiring dialysis treatments is expected to increase as a result of the high number of crush injuries being reported.

Walter Gardiner, M.D., Medical Director of the Caribbean Kidney Center stated that “muscle crush injury and prolonged positional compression on a muscle group are often associated with a form of acute renal failure (ARF). Based on the reports coming out of Haiti, it is unlikely that the treatments necessary to prevent the onset of renal failure will be available. Large numbers of people are being extricated from the collapsed building and one can expect the incidents of acute renal failure to be high” added Dr. Gardiner.

The Caribbean Kidney Center has committed to provide treatment for up to 20 patients should they be evacuated to St. Croix in the U.S. Virgin Islands.



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The Caribbean Kidney Center, located in Gallows Bay on St. Croix, was established in 2003 and provides out patient dialysis and internal medicine services (diabetes and hypertension management) to residents and visitors on St. Croix. The Caribbean Kidney Center is committed to reducing the number of persons in the Territory who require dialysis as a result of kidney failure. This will be achieved through emphasis on the early detection and intervention in patients with renal disease.

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