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Caribbean Kidney Center Receives Achievement Awards

The organization which oversees dialysis operations in the United States Virgin Islands has recognized the Caribbean Kidney Center with two awards for clinical accomplishments. This distinction came during a regional meeting of the Quality Insight Renal Network held April 28, 2010 in Puerto Rico. Annually, the Quality Insight Renal Network establishes goals for all dialysis centers to achieve to assure that patients are receiving the best possible dialysis treatments. The Caribbean Kidney Center was the only facility in the United States Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico to be recognized for “Achieving all 2009 Network Clinical Goals” established by the Regional Renal Network. The Caribbean Kidney Center received a second award for “Achieving and Sustaining the CMS Goal for Fistula Rate”.

This is the second time in the last six months that the Caribbean Kidney Center has been recognized for the excellence in quality of care. In December of 2009, representatives of the Center for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS) conducted a comprehensive on-site operational review and were very pleased with their findings. “CMS was complimentary of our staff and operations,” stated Dr. Walter Gardiner, Medical Director and owner of the Caribbean Kidney Center. “The recognition of these awards from the regional renal network is really icing on the cake. It is a statement to all dialysis patients that we are providing the best care of dialysis patients in the territory.” As with the CMS report, these awards again reflect the hard work and dedication of the clinical and administrative staff.”



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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.”

Where knowledge, experience and caring come together....and patients benefit. The Caribbean Kidney Center.

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