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Find Clinics that Offer Home Treatments on Home Dialysis Central

Madison, Wisconsin — The non-profit Medical Education Institute (MEI) announces completion of its home dialysis clinic database at <http://www.homedialysis.org/v1/centers/search.php> on Home Dialysis Central. The database was designed to help patients and professionals find clinics that *currently* offer and train patients for CAPD, CCPD, conventional home hemodialysis, daily home hemodialysis, and nocturnal home hemodialysis.

The information in the Home Dialysis Central database is *entirely new*—not from Medicare. To build the database, Fresenius, Gambro, DaVita, Dialysis Clinic, Inc., and Renal Care Group provided their updated clinic information, and data on independent clinics was gathered via telephone. Users can search the database by clinic name, city, state, treatments offered, or owner (e.g., company, hospital, or doctor). MEI encourages visitors to check their center information in the database and submit any changes and updates using the on-line form.

“In its first 2 months of operation, we’ve heard from a number of patients who are using Home Dialysis Central to find home dialysis programs. We’ve also heard from clinics that are starting new home dialysis programs,” reports MEI consultant Beth Witten, MSW, ACSW, LSCSW. “Home Dialysis Central is a unique tool to educate patients and staff about home dialysis and increase its availability so more patients have a choice in how they do dialysis.”

Members of the renal community can link their websites to the Home Dialysis Central home page (<http://www.homedialysis.org>) or to the database. To request a Home Dialysis Central logo for use with a link, e-mail klicko@MEIresearch.org.

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For more information about home dialysis therapies, to order FREE, full-color Home Dialysis Central postcards, or to learn more about tax-deductible corporate, clinic, or individual sponsorship, please visit Home Dialysis Central at <http://www.homedialysis.org>, call (608) 833-8033, or e-mail klicko@MEIresearch.org.

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