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**NORTHWEST KIDNEY CENTERS
PRESIDENT JOYCE JACKSON ELECTED TO NATIONAL BOARD**

National Renal Administrators Association represents dialysis providers

(SEATTLE) -- Joyce F. Jackson, president and chief executive officer of Northwest Kidney Centers, has been elected to a three-year term as Western regional director on the board of the National Renal Administrators Association, which represents independent, not-for-profit and hospital-based dialysis providers throughout the United States.

Jackson's 10-year tenure at Northwest Kidney Centers has brought increased fiscal stability and growth in the Centers' \$80 million patient care service operation. She also has provided leadership in the health care community to educate high risk individuals about the effects of kidney disease on patients and their families, and to increase funding for kidney research.

Her leadership on the board will help promote the National Renal Administrators Association mission to represent the interests of dialysis providers in federal and state legislation and regulatory activities, fiscal policies, and clinical standards, and to educate managers and support dialysis facilities in providing the highest quality of patient care.

For information about preventing and treating kidney disease, go to www.nwkidney.org. For information about the National Renal Administrators Association, go to www.nraa.org.

About Northwest Kidney Centers: Northwest Kidney Centers, established in 1962 as the world's first outpatient dialysis facility, is a model for saving and sustaining the lives of people with chronic kidney disease, focusing on improving the quality of patients' lives. A not-for-profit organization staffed by a skilled, knowledgeable 525-member staff, Northwest Kidney Centers provides personalized care for patients in the Puget Sound region and is the central community resource for kidney disease prevention, treatment and education. A world pioneer in home dialysis, Northwest Kidney Centers is dedicated to developing innovative treatment options and promoting research to find the cure for chronic kidney disease.

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