

# Seven Fresenius Medical Care Facilities in Miami Honored for Superior Patient Care

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## *Clinics Receive Center of Excellence Awards for Dialysis Services*

**MIAMI, Fla. – August 31, 2011** – Fresenius Medical Care North America, the nation's leading network of dialysis facilities, today named seven of its Miami-area dialysis facilities Centers of Excellence for achieving the highest standards in patient care in 2010. These annual awards recognize the facilities that perform the best, based on multiple objective measures of dialysis clinical quality.

All Fresenius Medical Care dialysis clinics share the company's UltraCare® mission of delivering excellent, patient-centered care through innovative programs, the latest technology, continuous quality improvement and a focus on superior customer service. This year's Center of Excellence award winners in the Miami area are:

- Fresenius Medical Care Cutler Ridge (Miami)
- Fresenius Medical Care Homestead
- Fresenius Medical Care Kendall (Miami)
- Fresenius Medical Care Metropolitan Miami
- Fresenius Medical Care Miami
- Fresenius Medical Care South Miami
- Fresenius Medical Care West Kendall (Miami)

"Our number one priority at Fresenius Medical Care is delivering high quality care to our patients so they can be as successful as possible on dialysis, and lead rewarding lives. Our Center of Excellence award distinguishes the facilities that achieve the best clinical results through the dedication and hard work of the staff," said Gary Strange, regional vice president for Fresenius Medical Care.

Fresenius Medical Care has established high standards of clinical quality company wide, in keeping with those published by the Kidney Disease Outcomes Quality Initiative (KDOQI) of the National Kidney Foundation. Fresenius Medical Care selects Centers of Excellence facilities by reviewing the patients' outcome measures such as dialysis adequacy, control of anemia, nutritional status, vascular access, patient satisfaction and transplant education.

For more information about these and other Fresenius Medical Care dialysis clinics, call **1-866-4DIALYSIS** (1-866-434-2597) or visit [www.ultracare-dialysis.com](http://www.ultracare-dialysis.com) (in English and Spanish).

Dialysis is a life-sustaining process that cleans waste products from the blood, removes extra fluids and controls the body's chemistry when a person's kidneys fail. Dialysis patients typically require treatment on an ongoing basis unless they receive a kidney transplant.

**About Fresenius Medical Care**

Fresenius Medical Care (NYSE: FMS) is the world's leading company devoted to patient-oriented renal therapy. Through more than 2,700 clinics in North America, Europe, Latin America, Asia-Pacific and Africa, we provide kidney dialysis treatments to approximately 215,000 patients worldwide. We are also the world's leading maker of dialysis products such as hemodialysis machines, dialyzers and related disposable products. Chronic kidney failure is a condition that affects about 2 million individuals worldwide.