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Third Consecutive Year

Harbin Clinic Rome Dialysis Center Receives National Recognition for Quality of Patient Care

ROME, GA (August 20, 2010) - Harbin Clinic Rome Dialysis Center has achieved star status in the Pursuit of Excellence in patient care program; it was announced by Baxter Healthcare which sponsors the award. This is the third consecutive year Harbin's dialysis center received the prestigious honor which recognizes dialysis centers providing outstanding care for patients receiving peritoneal dialysis.

The Baxter Pursuit of Excellence Program is designed to celebrate and reward excellence in peritoneal dialysis. Harbin's Rome Dialysis Center was the first Georgia center to receive the award. It first received the award in 2008 and has received the award each year since that time.

Peritoneal dialysis uses the patient's peritoneum in the abdomen as a membrane across which fluids and dissolved substances are exchanged from the blood. For patients who meet requirements, peritoneal dialysis can be a substitute for hemodialysis.

“We are honored to again receive this award,” said Kenneth F. Davis, M.D., President and Chief Executive Officer of Harbin Clinic. “It reflects the dedication of our doctors and staff, and is in keeping with the center’s mission, to provide high quality dialysis care for the communities we serve,” he said.

The program focuses on five key areas demonstrated to be critical components of effective clinical practice, explained Wendy Pitts, director of operations for Harbin’s Dialysis department. Each area is associated with a best practice measurable performance benchmark. Harbin’s Rome Dialysis Center was assessed across all best practice benchmarks and was recognized as one of the top centers in the United States.

Harbin Clinic has served North West Georgia for more than 100 years. The clinic currently includes more than 140 physicians in 20 locations. For more information on Harbin Clinic, visit www.Harbinclinic.com.

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