



**Press Release**

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## **U.S. Renal Care Opens Eight Dialysis Centers**

December 18, 2008 – DALLAS — U.S. Renal Care Inc. (USRC), a leading provider of outpatient kidney dialysis services, has opened eight dialysis centers in 2008 with plans to open additional new centers in strategic locations throughout the United States in 2009. All of the new centers are joint venture partnerships with private-practice nephrologists that develop and manage world-class dialysis centers.

Each USRC center primarily serves patients suffering from chronic kidney failure, also known as end stage renal disease. With the opening of the new centers, USRC has increased its share of the dialysis patient population in the markets that it operates.

“We are excited about the continued development of our successful joint venture partnership model. This unique relationship involves the integration of an experienced management team and the clinical strengths of our nephrologists,” said Chris Brengard, CEO of U.S. Renal Care. “We already have multiple commitments for expansion in 2009 outside our current geographic footprint. The new centers offer patients in these areas additional choice for their care, state of the art technology, and for many, better access to care.”

**About U.S. Renal Care**

U.S. Renal Care works in partnership with nephrologists to develop, acquire, and operate outpatient dialysis centers. The company is dedicated to clinical excellence, and provides patients with a choice of a full range of quality care, including in-center or at-home hemodialysis and peritoneal dialysis services. USRC provides experienced operations management, state of the art technology, well-trained clinical and support staff, patient and family education, and access to financial resources.

U.S. Renal Care Inc. operates 55 dialysis centers in the South Central United States, caring for approximately 3,000 chronic dialysis patients. The company also cares for acute dialysis patients in 15 hospitals. The company’s financial partners are SV Life Sciences™, Salix Ventures, Select Capital Ventures and Thoma Cressey Bravo.

For more information on U.S. Renal Care Inc., please visit [www.usrenalcare.com](http://www.usrenalcare.com).

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