

Bio-specimen Grant Program Launches

DaVita Clinical Research Announces Availability of BioReG

MINNEAPOLIS, Sept. 8, 2015 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- [DaVita Clinical Research](#)[®] (DCR[®]), a specialty contract research organization with services spanning a broad spectrum of drug and device development, announced today its Biospecimen Research Grant Program (BioReG), a grant program to award clinical-trial-quality biospecimens and annotated de-identified data to academic medical centers involved in kidney research.

Interested institutions can download application materials at <http://www.davitaclinicalresearch.com/bioreg-program>.

The goal of the program is for the selected institutions to use biospecimens and associated de-identified data to research common factors or characteristics that contribute to morbidity and mortality in individuals with chronic kidney disease.

"We recognize the tremendous need to further the evidence-based practice of medicine in chronic kidney disease," said Steven M. Brunelli, M.D., vice president of health outcomes research for DCR. "BioReG provides a critical resource to support those research endeavors and demonstrates our commitment to working with other organizations to advance the collective knowledge of chronic kidney disease."

The biospecimens and data will be awarded to as many as 10 research institutions that score highest on the established criteria:

- Scientific and medical significance
- Investigator qualifications
- Innovation
- Approach and design
- Research environment
- Institutional support.

DCR created the biorepository using an IRB-approved protocol and consent and rigorous clinical trial procedures for the collection and storage of samples. This resulted in whole blood, plasma and serum samples collected longitudinally from more than 4,000 individuals receiving dialysis. These samples are linked with de-identified data sets, including demographics, co-morbidities, hospitalizations, lab values, medication data and cause of death (if available/applicable).

Applications will be accepted until September 30, 2015. Selected academic institutions will be announced at [American Society of Nephrology Kidney Week](#), held November 3-8 in San Diego.

About DaVita Clinical Research (DCR)

[DaVita Clinical Research](#) (DCR), a wholly owned subsidiary of [DaVita HealthCare Partners, Inc.](#), uses its extensive, applied database and real-world healthcare experience to assist their clients, pharmaceutical and medical device companies, in their design, recruitment and completion of retrospective, prospective pragmatic and clinical trials. DCR's scientific and clinical expertise spans the lifecycle of product development with more than 175 client companies. DCR's [Early Clinical Research](#) unit (Phase I-IIa) and [Clinical Development](#) (Phase IIb through post-marketing) network of physicians and investigative sites, and [Real-World Healthcare Data, Health Economics & Outcomes Research](#), and [Medical Communications](#) groups are focused on providing world-class research in both complex/specialty populations and therapeutic areas, and especially in CKD and ESRD populations. To learn more about DCR, visit www.davitaclinicalresearch.com.

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