New Things

People across southwest Michigan experiencing kidney failure – 600-800 patients in the Kalamazoo/Battle Creek area alone – will have an in-home training option located in Schoolcraft. Kidney patients will be heading to the new Fresenius Medical Care Center about to open on US-131 south of U Avenue.

Patients will receive individualized training from medical professionals as an alternative to getting kidney dialysis three times a week at a dialysis center. The in-home options, hemodialysis or peritoneal dialysis, will be reviewed and patients trained accordingly.

“We can offer patients a more natural system that imitates their kidneys, allows them to feel better daily, and live with greater quality of life,” said Amanda Dionne, home therapies program manager at Fresenius.

The new center houses four private patient in-home training rooms, a lab, doctors, social workers and nursing offices. A staff of 10-15 medical professionals will work at the new location.

Patient Profile

Steve Knipfel is a hemodialysis patient at Fresenius Kidney Care on Kilgore Road in Kalamazoo. Born in Kalamazoo with less than normal kidney function, Steve graduated from Mattawan and pursued a 20+ year career at Stryker where he worked in new product development in EMS with 5 patents issued. With over 7 years on dialysis, Steve has become heavily involved in the National Kidney Foundations annual Kidney Walk held at Celery Flats.

His hobbies include woodworking, fishing, working on and building muscle cars and quads.

Attention Veterans

Attention all Veterans - did you know that the Veteran’s Administration has a Veterans Non-Service-Connected Pension and a Survivors Pension? Pension is a needs-based benefit designed to provide certain wartime Veterans and their survivors with a minimum level of income that raises their standard of living. Wartime Veterans who are age 65 or older have a permanent and total non-service connected disability, and who have limited income and net worth may be eligible. Veterans who are more seriously disabled may qualify for a pension at the increased housebound or aid and attendance (A&A) rates. Veterans are considered permanently and totally disabled if they are:

◊ A patient in a nursing home
◊ In receipt of Social Security Disability benefits
◊ Unemployable due to disability as determined by VA

For more information on these and other benefits contact the VA at (800) 827-1000 or log on at www.va.gov. Know what you have coming - you’ve earned it.

Thank you for your service!!
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I AM A DIALYSIS WARRIOR!!

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Upcoming Meetings

Our meetings are always open to everyone….
Please come join us!
July 3rd—NO MEETING
July 17th—Regular Meeting
August 7th—Regular Meeting
August 21st—Regular Meeting
Sept. 4th—Regular Meeting
Sept. 18th—Barbecue/Meeting

Upcoming Events

August 1-31—Latitude 42
“Pay it Forward” Cheesecake Event
August 9th—Latitude 42
Dine to Donate 5-8pm
September 3rd—Sam’s Club Storefront Campaign
September 18th—BARBECUE!!

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