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DaVita Labs and Myriad RBM Announce Biomarker Research Collaboration

Collaboration Will Focus on Development of Novel Diagnostic Tests for Dialysis Patients

SALT LAKE CITY, June 17, 2013 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- DaVita Labs, a unit of DaVita HealthCare Partners Inc. (NYSE:DVA) and Myriad RBM, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Myriad Genetics (Nasdaq:MYGN) announced today a research collaboration to conduct protein biomarker discovery research with the goal of developing and commercializing diagnostic tests that could benefit in the treatment of dialysis patients.

DaVita and Myriad have identified potential opportunities where novel diagnostic tests utilizing blood-based protein biomarkers could improve the quality of life for patients and potentially lower overall healthcare costs. The primary area of focus will include the prediction of vascular access failure.

"This collaboration uses DaVita's proprietary biorepository that is intended to facilitate innovative research across renal disease," said Chris Rucker, president of DaVita Labs and DaVita Clinical Research. "Myriad recognizes the value that the biorepository can bring to research and development activities, and we look forward to collaborating with Myriad on the research and development of novel diagnostics that could transform our industry."

"We are enthusiastic to collaborate with a company of the caliber of DaVita in the field of dialysis, one of the largest health care service markets," said Craig Benson, president Myriad RBM. "We have extensive experience with research in kidney disease and inflammatory markers that we believe could increase the quality of care for dialysis patients."

Specimens from the DaVita biorepository will be processed on the Myriad RBM DiscoveryMAP[®] platform for the quantification of more than 300 important proteins. DiscoveryMAP analyzes protein biomarkers correlated with inflammatory, metabolic and renal disease conditions that could have meaningful utility as diagnostic criteria for dialysis patients. Myriad is expected to begin processing specimens associated with this collaboration in fiscal year 2014.

About Myriad Genetics

Myriad Genetics is a leading molecular diagnostic company dedicated to making a difference in patients' lives through the discovery and commercialization of transformative tests to assess a person's risk of developing disease, guide treatment decisions and assess risk of disease progression and recurrence. Myriad's portfolio of molecular diagnostic tests are based on an understanding of the role genes play in human disease and were developed with a commitment to improving an individual's decision making process for monitoring and treating disease. Myriad is focused on strategic directives to introduce new products, including companion diagnostics, as well as expanding internationally. For more information on how Myriad is making a difference, please visit the Company's website: www.myriad.com.

About DaVita

DaVita is the dialysis division of DaVita HealthCare Partners Inc., a Fortune 500[®] company that, through its operating divisions, provides a variety of health care services to patient populations throughout the United States and abroad. A leading provider of kidney care in the United States, DaVita delivers dialysis services to patients with chronic kidney failure and end stage renal disease. DaVita strives to improve patients' quality of life by innovating clinical care, and by offering integrated treatment plans, personalized care teams and convenient health-management services. As of March 31, 2013, DaVita operated or provided administrative services at 1,991 outpatient dialysis centers located in the United States serving approximately 156,000 patients. The company also operated 41 outpatient dialysis centers located in nine countries outside the United States. DaVita supports numerous programs dedicated to creating positive, sustainable change in communities around the world. The company's leadership development initiatives and social responsibility efforts have been recognized by Fortune, Modern Healthcare, Newsweek and WorldBlu. For more information, please visit DaVita.com.

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