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New dialysis clinic opens at Northeast Regional Medical Center

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The Northeast Regional Medical Center has enlisted the services of a medical company in an effort to provide state-of-the-art dialysis treatment to its patients in northeast Missouri.

Sanderling Renal Services recently opened the Sanderling Dialysis Center of Kirksville inside Northeast Regional Medical Center.

Sanderling is looking to provide several types of dialysis services at the hospital, which include incenter daytime dialysis, peritoneal dialysis, home hemodialysis and acute dialysis.

It was about a year ago when Sanderling Renal Services and Northeast Regional Medical Center joined forces to provide a service that was missing in Kirksville.

Previously, if Northeast Regional Medical Center patients needed dialysis treatment the hospital would transfer them to Columbia or further. With the clinic, the company is hoping to change that.

“By doing this, it’s enabling local people to stay local,” Karen Ellyson, RN Nurse Manager for the Sanderling Dialysis Center of Kirksville, said.

“It really broadens the services to this rural area,” renal social worker Randi Petre said.

Patients can receive treatments at the clinic from 6 p.m. Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays through 6 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The schedule allows patients to do an eight hour dialysis treatment, which is twice the normal treatment and allows them to sleep at night.

The clinic also offers daytime treatments from about 6 a.m. to noon on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and will have several doctors and nurses on call for 24 hours each that can come in and do treatments.

“It’s really just an opportunity that other places aren’t offering,” Petre said.

Petre said what sets the Sanderling Dialysis Center apart from other clinics is its state-of-the-art equipment and the additional space it offers to patients to make them more comfortable while receiving a treatment.

Sanderling uses telemedicine services, which allows patients to communicate with their doctors through iPads and allows doctors to monitor their patients while they aren’t physically present.

“The access is just greater to your team,” Petre said.

Inside the clinic, each patient has a cubical, separated by a curtain, their own television and heated chairs with a massage feature, “which is nice when you’re sitting in a chair for four hours,” Ellyson said.

“A lot of clinics are more confined. In the space that we have one chair often times you would see two and it lacks privacy,” Petre said.

Each of the clinic’s seven stations is visible to each nurse, so no patient goes unattended. The clinic also has access to hospital’s emergency response team in case an emergency were to happen.

The clinic also utilizes a call-light system, which allows patients to press a button when they need a nurse’s assistance instead of having to move around while in an uncomfortable position.

“It really is quite phenomenal,” Petre said. “You just don’t get this everywhere.”

The Sanderling Dialysis Center of Kirksville is currently open and is working with several patients. The clinic is also open to all patients looking for dialysis treatment.

For more information, contact the Sanderling Dialysis Center of Kirksville at (855) 749-7365.



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A glimpse inside the Sanderling Dialysis Center of Kirksville.

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