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KidneyCare Oklahoma and Nephrology Specialists of Tulsa Merge to Expand Access to Kidney Care Across Northeastern Oklahoma

Tulsa, Oklahoma — March 25, 2026 — KidneyCare Oklahoma and Nephrology Specialists of Tulsa (NST) today announced the merger of their two practices, forming a unified organization that will operate under the name **KidneyCare Oklahoma**.

The merger brings together two long-established nephrology groups with more than 50 years of service in the region. By combining their physicians, clinical teams, and resources, the organization is expanding access to specialized kidney care, improving care coordination, and increasing availability of nephrology services across northeastern Oklahoma.

“I am so excited about the value this merger will bring to our community. Too many patients living with kidney disease face delays or barriers when trying to access the specialized care they need. This merger is about changing that reality.” said Katherine Barkat, Chief Executive Officer of KidneyCare Oklahoma.

The unified organization now serves patients across a regional network that includes Tulsa, Stillwater, Bartlesville, Owasso, Broken Arrow, Muskogee, Claremore, Wagoner, Pryor, Henryetta, Cushing, and Eufaula. This expanded footprint allows patients to access care closer to home while maintaining continuity across healthcare systems.

“This merger represents an exciting new chapter for kidney care in our region. By bringing together the expertise and dedication of both teams, we are strengthening our ability to serve patients with the highest level of specialized care.” said Dr. Bobby K. Muthalaly, President of KidneyCare Oklahoma.

KidneyCare Oklahoma provides comprehensive nephrology services for patients managing chronic kidney disease, acute kidney injury, dialysis-related conditions, transplant care, hypertension, and other complex kidney disorders. The merger also supports the continued development of specialized clinical programs focused on complex kidney conditions.

“At the heart of the merger is a shared commitment to elevating patient care. By coming together as one integrated clinical team, we are expanding access to specialized expertise and strengthening care coordination.” said Dr. Alpana Pasricha, Chief Medical Officer of KidneyCare Oklahoma.

The merger reflects a shared commitment to improving access to kidney specialists and delivering coordinated, patient-centered care for communities across northeastern Oklahoma.