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Fresenius Medical Care Congratulates Dartmouth Dialysis Technician On National Exam Results

Cindy Masson Receives Top Score On Nephrology Nursing Certification Commission's Exam

WALTHAM, Mass. – April 6, 2009 – Fresenius Medical Care North America, operator of the nation's leading network of dialysis facilities, congratulates Cindy Masson, a certified clinical hemodialysis technician (CCHT), for being one of the top-scoring technicians on the Nephrology Nursing Certification Commission's (NNCC) 2008 CCHT exam.

Masson is a patient care technician at Fresenius Medical Care Southeastern MA Dialysis Clinic, located at 237b State Road in North Dartmouth, where she has worked for 21 years. She was one of four U.S. technicians recognized by the NNCC for their high scores.

"I love working in a dialysis facility because every day is different. I enjoy the patients and work with a great group of people," said Masson. "Everyone here works well as a team, and is dedicated to making a difference in the lives of our patients."

The content of the CCHT exam tests the technician's knowledge of dialysis practice, including the clinical, technical and environmental aspects of care. In 2008, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services developed new ESRD federal regulations which require all current dialysis technicians to obtain certification by April 15, 2010, and newly hired dialysis technicians to obtain certification 18 months after their hire date.

"Cindy is an outstanding member of the Fresenius Medical Care team, providing excellent patient care and expertise in the latest dialysis technologies," said Joan Ross, R.N., clinical manager, Fresenius Medical Care Southeastern MA Dialysis Clinic. "We are proud to have such dedicated employees that go above and beyond to provide superior care for our patients."

All Fresenius Medical Care facilities share the company's UltraCare® mission of delivering excellent care to patients through innovative programs, the latest technology, continuous quality improvement and a focus on superior customer service.

Dialysis is a life-sustaining process that cleans waste products from the blood, removes extra fluids, and controls the body's chemistry when a person's kidneys fail. Dialysis patients typically require treatment on an ongoing basis unless they receive a kidney transplant.

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