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Clinical Outcomes Resource Application™ successfully launches with over 10,000 ESRD patients

N. Amityville, N.Y.; January 10, 2006 – Clinical Outcomes Resource Application (CORA), a web based clinical data collection and reporting company, announced today the completion of signed Data Use Agreements with over 100 independent dialysis providers representing over 10,000 ESRD patients.

CORA launched its web-based dialysis reporting service to the independent renal community in late 2005. Independent dialysis providers who submit data to CORA will be provided online 24-7 access to clinical tools and reports necessary to measure, benchmark, and improve quality efforts in clinical performance areas specific to ESRD (adequacy, anemia, bone disease, nutrition and vascular access.)

“The large dialysis organizations have the ability to quickly benchmark units and provide best practices. Small independent and hospital based providers currently do not have the same capabilities,” said Tony Messana, Executive Director, St. Joseph’s Hospital Renal Center, California and President of the National Renal Administrator’s Association (NRAA), a nonprofit organization representing professional managers of dialysis facilities and centers throughout the United States. “CORA is a new tool that will enable these providers to better track data and benchmark themselves against local and national data, as well as better trend their own data in real time. I think CORA can be a great additional tool to drive outcomes,” Messana added.

Independent providers can easily produce six months of trended data for monthly QI meetings, customize clinical protocols (i.e., anemia and bone management), identify potential areas for improvement, and access continuing educational (CE) programs for staff training. Individual, small, and medium size providers will benefit from CORA’s resources. “Dialysis Corporation of America is pleased to be working with CORA to achieve optimal clinical benchmarking in order to improve clinical quality,” said Joanne Zimmerman RN, CNN, Vice President, Clinical Services.

CORA's goal is to have over 600 independent freestanding and hospital based dialysis facilities enrolled and using CORA’s tools nationwide by June 2006. “CORA is filling a valuable role that the independent provider market needs to promote and demonstrate the high quality of dialysis care delivered every day without a significant capital investment,” said Michael Lawlor, Executive VP of CORA. “We’re proud to support the independent dialysis provider’s commitment to exceptional patient care.”

Clinical Outcomes Resource Application (CORA) is a web-based clinical data collection and reporting company uniquely positioned to offer independent renal providers clinical performance assessments and benchmarking information to improve patient outcomes. CORA’s database contains de-identified clinical information in key areas specific to renal disease, including adequacy, anemia, bone disease, nutrition and vascular access information. CORA’s real time reporting capability enables providers to quickly drill down to patient level outliers with customized messages for medication changes; benchmarks individual outcomes against regional and national statistics provides clinical performance analysis via a “scorecard”; and serves as a repository for customizing and monitoring clinical protocols.