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Nonprofit dialysis center opens in South San Jose

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A nonprofit dialysis center operated by **Satellite Healthcare** has opened in South San Jose.

Dr. Padma Yarlagadda is head doctor at the new center, which will employ about 25 employees, including four full-time nurses, 12 patient care technicians, four technical aids, a clinical manager and support workers.

The center will be able to serve 140 to 144 patients at full capacity.

Staff at the new center anticipate serving primarily Hispanic patients who live in the area. About one in nine American adults currently suffers from some stage of chronic kidney disease, according to the National Kidney Foundation, and some populations including Latinos/Hispanics, African Americans and Asian-Americans have disproportionately high rates.

The center is at 1450 South White Road.

Mountain View-based Satellite Healthcare was founded in 1973 by physicians who wanted to place dialysis centers in local communities so patients would not have to travel long distances for frequent, intensive treatments. A not-for-profit operation focused on patient care, education and community outreach, Satellite now operates about 50 in- and out-patient centers in California and in a handful of other locations across the country and treats about 4,500 patients annually.

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