

Gambro acquires clinics in Southern California

Stockholm, Sweden, September 5, 2000 - Gambro AB (OM Stockholm Exchange: GAMBaST, GAMBbST), a leading international medical technology and healthcare company, today announced that its wholly owned US subsidiary, Gambro Healthcare, Inc., has acquired certain assets of Scripps Memorial - La Jolla Dialysis Center located in the San Diego, California Metropolitan area. Scripps Memorial - La Jolla Dialysis Center, which is owned in part by Scripps Health, owns and operates two outpatient dialysis centers, which provide hemodialysis treatments to about 110 patients in the La Jolla and Encinitas areas. Gambro will also provide acute renal treatments at all five Scripps Health hospitals. Drs. Christian Mende and Robert Reiss will serve as the Medical Directors of these new Gambro units.

Scripps Health is a not-for-profit, community-based health care delivery network that includes more than 2,600 affiliated physicians, an extensive ambulatory care network, five acute-care and two convalescent hospitals, home health care services and associated support services. As a result of the July 2000 reaffiliation with Scripps Clinic, Scripps Health now has over 10,000 employees and also cares for patients at 14 clinic locations throughout San Diego County.

“Through our relationship with Gambro, Scripps can continue our commitment to serving the needs of our nephrology patients throughout San Diego,” said Chris Van Gorder, Scripps Health President and CEO. “Now we will be able to better coordinate inpatient dialysis services at all of our Scripps hospitals and integrate this care with the services provided at outpatient facilities.”

“We are very excited to be adding Scripps Dialysis into the Gambro Healthcare family. This acquisition further demonstrates Gambro’s commitment to providing quality care for our patients and to being among the world’s leaders in the industry. Importantly, in addition to the outpatient centers, Gambro services will also be available within the Scripps Health hospitals,” stated Brad Nutter, President of Gambro Healthcare, Inc.

Gambro is a global medical technology and healthcare company with leading positions in renal care - services and products - and blood component technology. Gambro Healthcare is one of the leading providers of kidney dialysis services in the world with about 45,500 patients in 600 clinics worldwide. Gambro Renal Products comprises dialyzers, dialysis machines, blood lines and dialysis concentrates. Gambro BCT includes products for the separation and handling of blood components. The group, with revenue of approximately SEK 20 billion (USD 2.2 billion), has approximately 18,000 employees in some 40 countries.

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With this agreement Gambro Healthcare now provides hemodialysis treatments to over 6,500 patients in more than 70 outpatient facilities throughout the state of California. The Company now owns, operates, manages or provides consulting services to about 500 dialysis centers in the United States that serve a total of about 36,700 patients. There are patients under treatment in centers across 31 states and the District of Columbia.

Gambro Healthcare is a leading provider of kidney dialysis services in the US. Gambro Healthcare is a fully integrated service provider of renal replacement therapy. Its activities include physician practice management, dialysis services, and clinical laboratory services.

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