Dialysis Patients and Advocates Obtain Public Health Inspection Records of 
CU Dialysis Center

Group Discusses Findings of “Serious and Immediate Threat,” and Calls on Elected 
Officials for Help as Dialysis Unit Faces 
Medicare Decertification

On Monday, November 17, 2003 at 10 a.m., local dialysis patients, family members, and advocates will hold a 
press conference to discuss recently obtained inspection records of the Champaign Urbana Dialysis Unit 
(formerly the Provena Covenant Dialysis Unit). The inspection records were obtained through a Freedom of 
Information Act Request by the Champaign County Health Care Consumers (CCHCC) from the Illinois 
Department of Public Health.

The IDPH inspection records detail findings of a “serious and immediate threat at Champaign Urbana Dialysis 
Center” and a determination that even after that threat was corrected, other “deficiencies limit the capacity” of 
CU Dialysis Center “to render adequate care and ensure the health and safety of your patients.” Because of 
these findings, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services notified the facility that, if the problems are not 
corrected by November 20, the facility will be terminated from its participation in the Medicare program.

CU Dialysis Center patients and family members will call on Senators Durbin and Fitzgerald, and Rep. Tim 
Johnson for help in the event that the dialysis unit is decertified, and to ensure that future patient complaints 
receive timely and appropriate attention from regulatory agencies and the Renal Research Institute (RRI) which 
owns and operates the CU Dialysis Center.

WHO: Local dialysis patients and family members, and the Champaign County Health Care Consumers

WHAT: Press Conference to release FOIA-obtained inspection records of Champaign Urbana Dialysis Center

WHERE: Office of Champaign County Health Care Consumers – 44 E. Main Street, Suite 208 in 
downtown Champaign

WHEN: Monday, November 17, 2003 at 10 a.m.