

Nephrology Inc. Offers the *UpToDate for Patients* Search Widget on its Web Site

Mishawaka, Ind. (June 2, 2009) – To support shared medical decision making between patients and physicians, Nephrology, Inc. has announced the availability of the *UpToDate for Patients* Search Widget on their web site www.nephinc.com.

UpToDate, an online medical information resource, has been used for many years by Neph Inc. physicians and nurse practitioners to answer clinical questions that arise in everyday nephrology practice. Now the practice is making this trusted resource available to their patients through the *UpToDate for Patients* Search Widget

Using the *UpToDate for Patients* Search Widget patients can learn more about a medical condition, better understand management and treatment options, and find information to have a better dialogue with their health care providers. *UpToDate* provides in-depth, authoritative medical information, including recommendations based on the latest published evidence. Patients can view hundreds of free patient-level topics.

Patients who want more in-depth information can subscribe to *UpToDate* to gain access to [professional level information on kidney disease](#).

“Shared medical decision making can only happen when a patient fully understands the risks or seriousness of a condition, the management and treatment options and has weighed those options with regard to his or her own values,” said Denise S. Basow, MD, Editor-in-Chief, *UpToDate*. “*UpToDate* supports shared medical decision making by offering patients in-depth, current and unbiased information on their conditions that they can discuss with their healthcare provider and families.”

UpToDate is the trusted resource of physicians around the world and is used by the majority of academic medical centers in the US. Visit them at www.uptodate.com/patients