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Dr. Christopher Keller brings kidney care to Caldwell
*Boise Kidney & Hypertension doctor extends services into Canyon County;
inpatient dialysis will be offered at West Valley Medical Center*

(CALDWELL, Idaho) – West Valley Medical Center joins Boise Kidney & Hypertension Institute in welcoming Christopher Keller, MD, who recently opened a Caldwell office and will begin inpatient dialysis services at WVMC in the fall.

Boise Kidney, which has offices in Meridian and Nampa, will open Keller's Caldwell site Aug. 1. The group is working on plans to build a new office that also will include outpatient dialysis.

During the development and construction phase of the new space, Keller's/Boise Kidney's clinic will be located on the second floor of the Logan Medical Plaza, across the street from WVMC, which will be providing inpatient dialysis with Boise Kidney.

Keller graduated with highest honors from Duke University in North Carolina and went on to receive his medical doctorate degree with honors from the University of California, San Francisco, where he completed a residency in internal medicine and a fellowship in nephrology. He performed clinical research looking at the causes of kidney disease progression under a grant from the National Kidney Foundation.

"Dr. Keller's interest in staying on the advancing edge of medical technology and his enthusiasm for great patient care were key factors in bringing him into our practice," said Amit Sharma, MD, FACP, FASN, director of clinical research at Boise Kidney & Hypertension Institute.

“West Valley Medical Center is excited to help bring this vital service to our patients. Our community deserves a high-quality kidney specialist of Dr. Keller’s caliber,” WVMC Associate Administrator David McFadyen said.

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About Boise Kidney & Hypertension Institute

The mission of Boise Kidney & Hypertension Institute is to provide the most comprehensive, advanced, and compassionate care for kidney disease patients in the Southern Idaho Region — “Making Lives Better in Idaho.” The practice has offices in Meridian and Nampa, and will open an office in Caldwell in August and in Boise in September.

Boise Kidney & Hypertension Institute's research goal is to set the standard in clinical research with the highest level of satisfaction from all of its constituents, including patients and their families, sponsors, employees and research affiliates. With an overriding concern for patient safety, the research division will provide premier research professionals to conduct all clinical trial related activities with the utmost accuracy and timeliness, while ensuring personable and professional patient care and conduct. Further, it will bring the ideas and products of our investigators as well as pharmaceutical, biotechnology and device companies to the forefront of research to create and assess the best treatment options for those affected by kidney disease and its related conditions.

Boise Kidney and Hypertension Institute has been caring for patients in the Treasure Valley since opening its doors in 2005. More information about Boise Kidney is available at <http://www.boisekidney.com>.

About West Valley Medical Center

West Valley Medical Center, Caldwell’s community hospital, is one of the leading hospital facilities and employers in the state of Idaho. West Valley is dedicated to providing high-quality, cost-effective health care to Treasure Valley residents. This 150-bed facility is nationally accredited and has been part of the Hospital Corporation of America (HCA) family since 1975. For more information about West Valley Medical Center, please see www.westvalleymedctr.com <<http://www.westvalleymedctr.com>>.

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