



Kidney Clinics & Research Centers International, Inc.  
A Non-Profit Corporation

Providing dialysis services and education  
to underserved areas of the world.



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## OUR HISTORY +

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The story of Kidney Clinics and Research Centers International, Inc., (K.C.R.C.I.) began with the vision of Dr. Bhabendra Putatunda, a nephrologist practicing in Middle Tennessee, and was only made possible with the invaluable support of Mr. Ed Attrill, President of Dialysis Clinic, Inc. (D.C.I.), the largest non-profit dialysis company in the U.S. and Dr. Keith Johnson, Founder and Chairman of the Board of D.C.I. They were advisors for this major project since its inception and without their support this mission would not have been possible.

### **Ed Attrill**

President, Dialysis  
Clinic Inc.

### **Keith Johnson, MD**

Chairman, Dialysis Clinic Inc  
Nashville, TN

## OUR MISSION +

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Our Mission is to put our particular area of expertise in renal care for humanitarian use with the development and implementation of affordable kidney treatment facilities with efficient protocol in under-served countries starting in India to promote educational efforts regarding Chronic Kidney Disease and its treatment and prevention.

## TIMELINE OF KIDNEY CLINICS AND RESEARCH CENTERS INTERNATIONAL, INC.

**2002**

On December 15, 2002, K.C.R.C.I. was established by charter of the State of Tennessee Department of State as a non-profit Corporation.

**2008**

On May 6, 2008 K.C.R.C.I. was granted Public Charity Status and approved as a 501(c)3 organization.

**2006**

We provide service/dialysis equipment, installation and protocols for its safe use, free of initial capital costs to the dialysis centers. We originally started operations in Bangalore in 2006. A husband and wife team, who were engineers in Michigan, moved to India to support K.C.R.C.I. when we first began our operations there.

These are the hospitals we currently collaborate with:

**2016**

Shirdi Sai Hospital in Bangalore.  
Sree Ayyappan Temple Medical Center opened in Bangalore.

**2011**

Gopala Gowda  
(Nazarbad Medical Service)  
Mysore.



## COLLABORATIONS AND SUPPORTED DIALYSIS PROGRAMS

- Chaya Hospital in Bangalore was our initial clinic was Chaya Clinic.
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- R.M. Apollo Hospital in Bangalore
- Chaya Hospital in Bangalore
- Lakshmi Hospital in Bangalore
- Humanitarian Hospital in Cuttack
- Fortis Hospital in Bangalore
- Kerala Hospital in 2018
- Poplar Nursing Home in Cuttack
- A hospital in Trichur in the State of Kerala
- Aswinin Hospital in Bangalore



## INDIA TEAM MEMBERS +

### **Anil Kumar L.**

Technical Director and Secretary/  
Treasurer of India Operation

Oversees operation of machines that have  
been installed at various clinics.

### **Swaroop Mediah**

Administrative Officer in India

### **Selva Kumar**

Technician

## BOARD MEMBERS +

### **Mr. B. Loknath Reddy**

### **Dr. Hiranya Gowda**

### **Dr. Ben Putatunda**

### **Dr. Shipra Putatunda**

## OUR TEAM +

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Those instrumental in establishing our organization in the U.S. and India include:

**Dr. Bhabendra Putatunda**  
Nephrologist and President of  
K.C.R.C.I.

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Envisioned this project to help those in desperate need of dialysis services in India.

**Mr. Ed Attrill  
and Dr. Keith Johnson**  
Dialysis Clinic, Inc.

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Have also been instrumental in supporting this project.

**Nick Jiran**

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Instrumental in sitting up administrative policies and his technical knowledge was vital in establishing clinics and initial operations in India. He visited there several times.

**Olive Gilliam**  
Director of Nursing and Board  
Member

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Helped educate both technical and nursing staff in India and in Ghana. She has visited both India and Ghana Police Hospital in Accra.

**Jeff Gilliam**  
C.E.O. of K.C.R.C.I. and Technician

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Led the effort to prepare machines to ship from the U.S. to India, and also to Accra, Ghana. He has made several trips to India to train the technicians on our team and also provided training by Skype. Last year he traveled to Accra, Ghana to help train technicians at Ghana Police Hospital.

**Dr. Shipra Putatunda**  
Treasurer and Board member of  
K.C.R.C.I.

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Wife of Dr. Bhabendra Putatunda, who shared his vision of helping those needing dialysis services in India.

**Dr. Hiranya Gowda**

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Founding Member and Board  
Member, from India.

**Dr. K.P. Channabasappa**

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Cardiologist and Board member

**Patricio Avendano**  
Board Member

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Participated in the planning and installing the water treatment system in India and he visited there several times.

**Saurabh Gupta**

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Helped establish the company and set up bylaws. Board Member of K.C.R.C.I.

**Mr. Pramen Appasamy**  
With D.C.I. Corporate

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Advised our efforts in Clinical Data Collection for research purposes from our dialysis operations in both India and Ghana.

## SHIPMENTS TO INDIA +

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- **2005**

The first shipment to India was in 2005 and included 27 2008H dialysis machines and miscellaneous parts.

- **2009**

The second shipment to India was in 2009 and included 48 2008H dialysis machines along with miscellaneous parts.

- **2013**

The next shipment was in 2013 of 29 2008H dialysis machines, two Renetron machines and miscellaneous parts.

We have machines ready to ship from the U.S. to India but are working with the government and others to work out the logistics, in particular customs. Hopefully they can be sent later this year.

- **2017**

Our website was created in September of 2017 by Titan Web Marketing Solutions. It is [krciinc.org](http://krciinc.org). We are in the process of updating with current activities.



## TREATMENTS PERFORMED +

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Year	Total # Treatments	Comments
2012	22,000	5 clinics including Chaya and Sharada Dhanavantri Hospital, both in Bangalore
2013	10,815	Five clinics including Fortis Hospital in Bangalore and Ashwini Hospital in Cuttack
2014	7,440	Three clinics including Shirdi Sai Hospital in Bangalore
2015	12,000	Three clinics including Gopala Gowda Hospital in Mysore and Shirdi Sai Hospital
2016	6,291	Five clinics including Sree Ayyappa Temple Medical Centre in Bangalore
2017	6,230	Five clinics including Garden City Hospital in Bangalore
2018	6,236	Five clinics, including Shirdi Sai Hospital in Bangalore
2019	6,230	Five clinics, including Kerala Samajam in Cuttack
	77,242	Total *Note: 2006 to 2011 data not available.

As you can see, from 2012 to 2019 a total of approximately 77,000 treatments were done. This total does not reflect the treatments done from 2006, which is when we started operations in India, to 2011. We have tried our level best to make a difference in the lives of many people needing life-saving treatment. You can imagine the amount of effort, sweat, toil, and huge financial expense that our non-profit organization incurred. We are proud to say there was no financial gain or hidden interest.

### **FUTURE PLAN:**

When the Covid-19 restrictions are lifted, we hope to continue to grow and possibly send more dialysis machines to other areas to continue our mission of helping the underserved. We have machines ready to ship to India to upgrade equipment there and to serve new locations.

## THE GHANA PROJECT +

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In January of 2019, Mr. Ed Attrill of D.C.I. notified Dr. Putatunda that Kwabena Addison-Amponsah who works in the D.C.I. Research Department had identified a need for dialysis machines at a rental center in a hospital in Ghana, and he was hoping K.C.R.C.I. might be able to help. Also, there was a request for dialysis machines from the Medical Director of Ghana Police Hospital, Dr. Marian Tetteh-Korboe.

In April, 2019 K.C.R.C.I. U.S. held a conference call meeting with Kwabena and Dr. Marian Tetteh-Korboe. This was an introductory meeting to get more details on the dialysis set up in Ghana and some history of the hospital and the need in that area.



Work started to get the dialysis machines ready to ship to Ghana and getting quotes for shipping machines and some parts to Ghana. It was decided to send two K.C.R.C.I. technicians from Bangalore, India to check the machines on their arrival in Ghana, and before they were used on patients. Also, a team from the U.S., including Olivia Gilliam, Director of Nursing, K.C.R.C.I., to help train Ghana staff; Jeff Gilliam, C.E.O. of K.C.R.C.I. and experienced technician, to help with training and also to help with checking dialysis machine as needed; Kwabena Addison-Amponsah, of D.C.I., accompanied them to assist as needed as he is a native of Ghana.



In October of 2019, Mrs. Maame Yaa Tiwaa-Danquah, Director-General of the CID of Ghana Police Service and also sister-in-law of Kwabena Addison-Amponsah, was visiting in Nashville, Tennessee. She and Kwabena met with Dr. Putatunda and discussed health system in Ghana, best flights to Ghana, etc. She kindly offered to assist all the team members to get visas on arrival in Ghana. This was a great help and eliminated much hassle and paperwork for the teams.

The container was packed and picked up from Nashville on November 14, 2019. It arrived to the dock in Savannah, Georgia on November 19, 2019 and set sail for Ghana on November 26, 2019.

In February, 2020, Mrs. Maame Yaa Tiwaa-Danquah was again visiting in Nashville, Tennessee. She and Kwabena Addison-Amponsah met for dinner in Murfreesboro along with Dr. Bhabendra Putatunda, Dr. Shipra Putatunda, Jefferson Gilliam, Olive Gilliam and Linda Mayfield to discuss last minute details for the Ghana visit.

The shipment arrived in Tema Port in Ghana on January 15, 2020.

K.C.R.C.I. sent two teams to Ghana. The U.S. team left on February 22, 2020 and arrived in Ghana on February 23, 2020. The India team left February 23, 2020 and arrived in Ghana on February 23, 2020.

They stayed a week in Accra, Ghana and had a very productive visit. The Ghana Police Hospital was in the process of opening up a new dialysis unit so our team was able to help in setting up the room, the dialysis machines and the water treatment system. They were very appreciative of the help and training they received and look forward to working with our organization in the future.

Pictured below are the teams K.C.R.C.I. sent from the U.S. and India with members of Ghana Police Hospital in Accra, Ghana.



+ COMMISSIONING OF DIALYSIS UNIT +



Dr. Marian Tetteh-Korboe, Medical Director of Ghana Police Hospital



Dr. Kumashie, the Doctor in charge of the Ghana Police Hospital dialysis unit



Commissioning of Ghana Police Hospital Dialysis Unit

Maame Yaa Tiwaah Danquah reading message on Behalf of Dr. Ben Putatunda, Founder of K.C.R.C.I.



Patients on some of the dialysis machines Donated by K.C.R.C.I.



Some senior officers of Ghana Police



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