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## San Wang Wu Ti - KDF Centre: A Sanctuary In The Heart of Chinatown

Situated at Kreta Ayer Road, the traditional retail hub of Chinatown, the San Wang Wu Ti (SWWT) - KDF Centre is part of KDF's efforts to reach out to kidney patients beyond the suburban housing estates of Singapore. Conveniently located in the central area of Singapore, the centre is also near Singapore General Hospital where many of KDF's patients are referred from. The centre has 15 dialysis stations, with the capacity to treat 90 patients. Like the other two KDF haemodialysis centres, the centre operates three shifts a day, six days a week. A panel of visiting nephrologists from both the public and private sectors visit the centre and conduct medical reviews on our patients periodically.

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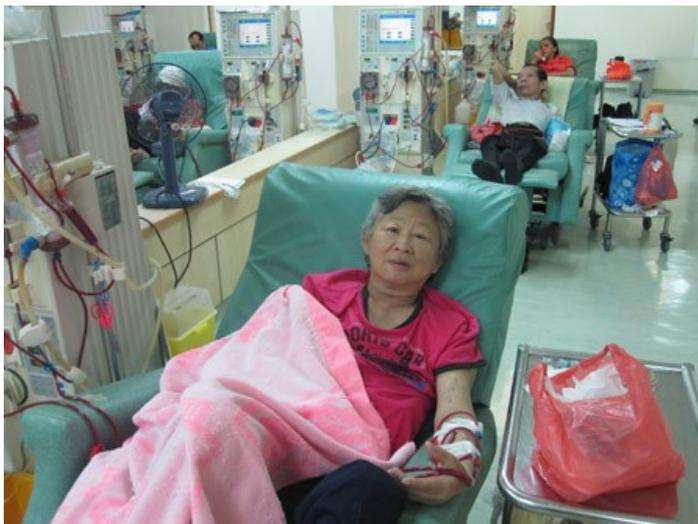
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The centre first opened its doors during the SARS (Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome) outbreak to provide outpatient dialysis for patients from the Singapore General Hospital Dialysis Programme, and accepted its first patient on 1 September 2003. On 9 October 2004, an inauguration ceremony for the SWWT - KDF centre and the KDF-Peritoneal Dialysis Centre (which was subsequently relocated to Ghim Moh in 2007) was held and the special occasion was graced by former Singapore President S.R. Nathan and Mrs Nathan as the Guests-of-Honour.

Two of our patients from the SWWT - KDF Centre, who have been with us for years, have this to say about the centre and KDF:

*"I used to go for dialysis at the KDF Alexandra Centre but was transferred to the SWWT -KDF Centre when it started operations. The location is very convenient for me as I have always lived in the area and I can cut down on my travel expenses. The nurses here are also very nice and the environment is good."*

- Mr Wang Tah Teng, who has been with KDF since 1996

*"I would like to thank KDF for these 8 years of care and support that has enabled me to live life as normally as I can, even while having this disease. The environment here is comfortable and I made some friends as well."*

- Mdm Cheong Chwee Huay, a kidney failure patient for 8 years





Now 9 years down the road, the SWWT-KDF Centre needs to be upgraded to ensure that it continues to provide an environment where patients are able to receive high quality dialysis treatment and care. This is now being planned and catered for with the renovation of the centre and upgrade of the medical equipment. With that, KDF will be able to provide a higher quality of care and a better environment for our patients. The renovated centre will have a new Reverse Osmosis System and the dialysis stations will be upgraded as sponsors come forward to provide the funding for its replacement. Renovation works are currently underway and expected to be completed by August.

Should you wish to play a part in providing a better treatment environment for patients like Mr Wang and Mdm Cheong, make a contribution towards the renovation of the centre. Please click [here](#) to be directed to our eDonation page.

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