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And tonight we investigate how a Boston-based Dialysis Center has overcome the suffocating grip of mother nature. Fresenius Medical Care provides dialysis clinics all over the nation. But their workers and leaders are focused on the battered buildings and patients in the devastated south. Abc 40's Tom Parnell joins us live from their Springfield Clinic with more.

This Springfield Clinic joins 12-hundred other Fresenius facilities in the US that provide life-supporting dialysis care for 87-thousand patients. When katrina hit, the company's leaders put their emergency response plan into action. Abc 40 joined them for week long tour to investigate the road back to recovery. The view from this window seat seems picture perfect, white fluffy clouds rolling above a lush landscape. Mats Wahlstrom knows better.

The Fresenius Medical CEO and his staff are flying into the heart of an American tragedy. One of the things that became apparent that this was a huge tragedy that affected our company and the United States like this. "Hi how are you?" Once the team lands in Gulfport, MS of wreckage. Clouds don't buffer their window view. The open wounds on the streets of Gulfport, Mississippi still bleed with devastation and paint a harsh reality for this company's local dialysis centers. All the units between Baton Rouge and Mobile were out of commission except for two units here in the Gulfport area. One of those hard hit units, s its just a mile from the Gulfport Beach. Tarps provide a temporary band-aid to the cuts and bruises to the center's roof and exterior. The challenge we have is as facilities are shut down, we have to take care of patients in other facilities. But, these streets also tell the story of another problem. For every Fresenius Kidney Center that felt katrina's wrath stands a worker who can share a personal battle. My apartment was destroyed. My car was destroyed. Well, Bill lives here now. In what's affectionately known as the village. With thirty other workers they piled into some rented RVs right here on the property to take care of the patients... 00:15:46