

TIMELINE

April 1, 2008	▶ Four patient deaths in one day sparks suspicion.
April 28, 2008	▶ Davita Dialysis shuts down amid state health investigation.
April 29, 2008	▶ Kimberly Saenz is arrested on public intoxication charge, makes \$500 bond.
May 15, 2008	▶ State health investigation complete.
May 16, 2008	▶ Lufkin Police announce criminal investigation.
May 20, 2008	▶ Davita spokesman: "Four patient deaths are believed to have been caused by a former employee."
May 30, 2008	▶ Saenz is arrested on two counts of aggravated assault. Two witnesses claim they saw her inject bleach into two patients.
June 2, 2008	▶ Saenz posts \$100,000 bond.
June 3, 2008	▶ State announces Davita can reopen but with monitors in place.
June 21, 2008	▶ Former Davita nurse: "bleach filled syringes were used to clean machines regularly"; Davita spokesman says "absolutely wrong."
July 2, 2008	▶ Davita reopens and treats nine patients under supervision amid protests.
July 8, 2008	▶ State health report concludes 19 patients died at Davita from December 2007 to April 2008.
Jan. 12, 2009	▶ Saenz surrenders her nursing license.
April 1, 2009	▶ Saenz is arrested on capital murder.
April 2, 2009	▶ Saenz is indicted by an Angelina County grand jury.
April 9, 2009	▶ Saenz posts \$500,000 bond. Her attorney: "They need a scapegoat. She has no motive to kill anyone."
April 17, 2009	▶ Saenz pleads not guilty. State monitors are removed from Davita.
July 16, 2009	▶ District attorney announces intention to seek the death penalty.
Sept. 2011	▶ Trial date set for September but moved to early 2012 after continuance is granted.
Jan. 29, 2012	▶ Jury selection begins.
March 5, 2012	▶ Trial begins 9 a.m.

"We sent our loved ones up there to be cared for and treated humanely, instead all our families have had to live this horrible nightmare."

— FAMILY MEMBER OF ALLEGED VICTIM

"I do feel that something horrible was happening at DaVita and the clinic is guilty of not properly supervising its staff and protecting the patients from harm."

— FAMILY MEMBER OF ALLEGED VICTIM

"There has never been a procedure requiring a syringe to pull up bleach at this facility for any reason."

— DAVITA SPOKESMAN



SAENZ

"The reason I am not going back is they tried to kill me."

— ALLEGED VICTIM

"DaVita is notorious for changing the rules day to day."

— FORMER DAVITA NURSE

"I talked to her a lot. She didn't seem like the type of person to do this sort of thing."

— FORMER PATIENT

"They are grasping at anything to prevent civil litigation, so they are looking for someone to put this off on. They need a scapegoat."

— DEFENSE ATTORNEY

"I have mixed feelings about the nurse being accused of murdering my mother."

— FAMILY MEMBER OF ALLEGED VICTIM

"Evidence will show if she was intentionally hurting those patients or if she is being blamed for others' wrongdoings. I have to have faith that the justice system will decide if she is guilty or innocent, only time will tell."

— FAMILY MEMBER OF ALLEGED VICTIM

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