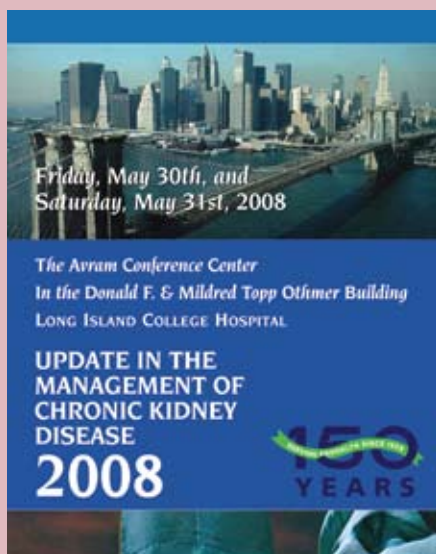


Generous Sponsors Provide Support for Successful Nephrology Conference

A two-day nephrology conference held at Long Island College Hospital on May 30-31, 2008, was a huge success, thanks in part to a generous \$120,000 grant from Amgen USA as well as educational grants from other sponsors. A total of \$300,000 in grants underwrote the conference.



Directed by Morrell Avram, MD, Chief of the Avram Division of Nephrology at LICH, "Update in the Management of Chronic Kidney Disease 2008" attracted more than 320 nephrologists, primary care physicians, and allied health professionals involved in the care of patients with chronic kidney disease. Neal Mittman, MD, Associate Division Chief, served as conference co-chairman. Speeches from the event, including groundbreaking new data, are set to be published in an upcoming edition of *Kidney International*, the premier worldwide journal for nephrology.

"We have a wealth of new and clinically relevant information, and disseminating that information was one of the main purposes of the conference," Dr. Avram said. "This conference brought out data that normally takes several years to get published. We were able to get into *Kidney International* rapidly and to disseminate important new data about the prevention and treatment of kidney disease for patients throughout the world."

Other substantial sponsors of the event were Genzyme, Fallon Medica, Watson Laboratories, the Nephrology Foundation, and the Avram Kidney Fund.



Morrell Avram, MD

"The symposium offered an important opportunity to increase the knowledge and skills of physicians and allied health professionals caring for these patients," Dr. Avram said. "It's an honor and represents a huge effort on the part of our faculty that we were able to get so much support from the industry for the conference."

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