FOUNDATION PRESENTS MULTIDISCIPLINARY CONFERENCES TO SEEK IMPROVED PATIENT CARE

The Kidney & Urology Foundation of America, Inc, will present a series of multidisciplinary conferences under its National Professional Education Series, designed to foster new innovations and concepts in improving patient care and response to patient needs. The conferences, entitled, Kaleidoscope: A Multidisciplinary Approach to Patient Care, will assemble professional caregivers in a discussion and study of the total needs of the renal patient. The first such conference is scheduled for October 24, 2003 at the Marriott LaGuardia in New York. A subsequent conference will be presented in the spring in the mid-Atlantic region, after which the series will be supplicated in other cities across the country. The Foundation’s methodology is to enable the professional community to best address and respond to the needs of the patient. The Foundation seeks through these conferences to respond to changing trends in patient care, and to develop new ideas that can improve lives. The conferences are open to nurses, dieticians, social workers, administrators, and other professional caregivers. Continuing Medical Education (CME) Credits will be provided. For further information contact Patricia Latona, Program Director, at 1-800-633-6628, Ext. 106.

TRANSPLANT CONFERENCE SEEKS NEXT GENERATION OF SOLUTIONS IN SUPPORT OF PATIENT

Health care professionals in transplant medicine from around the country are meeting in New York this week as part of the Kidney & Urology Foundation’s presentation of The Ethics and Science of Transplantation on September 12, 2003 at the Southgate Towers. The conference, part of the Foundation’s National Professional Education Series, is presented under the leadership of KUFA’s Medical Advisory Board, and is chaired by renowned Transplant Nephrologist, Manikkam Suthanthiran, MD. The conference is being attended by many of the leaders in nephrology and transplant medicine from across the United States. The conference is exploring key areas in transplantation today, including, immunology, the roles of diabetes, hypertension and bone disease, and organ procurement, as well as the hotbed issues of ethics in transplantation and organ procurement. The conference is part of the Foundations mission to support professional education in transplantation that will improve the care of the transplant patient, while fostering the development of new innovations that can enhance the success of transplantation, and make lives better. The conference is supported by grants from Fujisawa Healthcare, Inc., Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation, Roche, Wyeth, Barr Laboratories, Inc., and MedImmune, Inc. The Foundation intends to replicate the program around the country.

Happenings at the Kidney & Urology Foundation ........

- The Kidney & Urology Foundation was lauded this week for its efforts in fighting prostate cancer through public and professional education by the New York State Senate through a proclamation issued by Senate Majority Leader Joseph L. Bruno. Senator Bruno, who is battling prostate cancer, is serving as Honorary Chairman of the Foundation’s Walk the Walk for Prostate Cancer Awareness on September 14th in Riverside Park, NYC.
- More than 50 team captains and Foundation supporters attended the annual kickoff this week for Walk the Walk for Organ and Tissue Donation – KUFA’s centerpiece walk on October 26th in Central Park. To register for the walk contact Elizabeth Vega at 1-800-633-6628, Ext 114 or visit the Foundation online at www.kidneyurology.org.
- The KUFA website continues to be a popular stop among web browsers as well as those seeking information about the Foundation or kidney or urologic diseases. The site is well above the average number of visitors common to health care and non-profit sites. Visitors are also spending above average time in the site, making use of the various resources available. Stop by today.