

Dedication

With publication of this compendium generated by internationally recognized scholars, we examine nephrology's response to the challenge of rehabilitating those uremic patients whose life we sustain. It is my purpose also that the wisdom conveyed by our coauthors will form the substrate for innovative actions and teaching to the benefit of patients suffering from renal disorders *before* they terminate in uremia. By incorporating correction of anemia, normalization of hypertensive blood pressure, relationship between nutrition and anemia, and return of perturbed cytokine and molecular mechanisms, we can both preempt progression of kidney disease and enhance the quality of life of those who have already sustained a major loss of renal function. More than 20 million Americans may significantly benefit from the data presented here by preventing or postponing

dialysis. To the keen investigators and superb clinicians who generously gave their time and energy to come to Brooklyn and communicate their work to the medical community, I am deeply indebted.

Long Island College Hospital, my intellectual home for half a century, grasps fully the importance of not only treating our community members with kidney failure but, in addition, of transmitting all that we learned to nephrology fellows, house staff, medical students, and fellow practitioners within and outside our institution and throughout the world. I extend heartfelt thanks for the support that was omnipresent from my wife, Maria, and our children, Rella, Marc, Eric, Mathew, and David, and their expanding families, who make living joyful and a dream fulfilled.

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