Introduction

We are pleased to present the readership of the American Journal of Nephrology with the Proceedings of the Second Roma Nephrology Conference which was held in Fiuggi, Italy, during September 22-23, 1989.

Since the discovery of proteinuria by the Italian scientist Domenico Cotugno, major strides were made in the field of proteinuria, its nature, its pathogenesis, its clinical significance and its management. These advances occurred as a result of our understanding of the structure, biochemical composition and physiological characteristics of the glomerular filtration barrier. The organizers of the conference assembled prominent scientists-clinicians in the discipline of proteinuria to present the latest and the newest information in this field.

We do hope that the readership of the American Journal of Nephrology finds the content of this supplement helpful, interesting and rewarding.

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