EISENHOWER HOSTS FIFTH ANNUAL CRITICAL CARE CONFERENCE

Eisenhower Medical Center held its fifth annual Critical Care conference at the Annenberg Center for Health Sciences at Eisenhower on Saturday, May 16, 2009.

The annual Critical Care conference focused on issues related to the care of critically-ill patients, and is designed to assist nurses, physicians, and other health care professionals in providing quality care through the examination of best practices. This year's conference featured a number of topics, including the treatment of pneumonia, neurological emergencies in critical care, and renal replacement therapy (treatments for kidney failure), and included special guest speakers from the National Institutes of Health.

Frederick B. Ognibene, MD, FCCM, FACP, opened the conference with The Future of Critical Care: One Person's Multi-System Vision. Dr. Ognibene is Director of the Office of Clinical Research Training and Medical Education at the National Institutes of Health, and the immediate past president of the

Society for Critical Care Medicine. James H. Shelhamer, MD, Deputy Chief, Critical Care Medicine Department, National Institutes of Health, also addressed the subject of pneumonia.

A number of Southern California's most-experienced medical professionals, from Eisenhower, as well as other institutions in the region, served as faculty members for the conference. Shahriyar Tavakoli, MD, FCCP, Medical Director of Critical Care at Eisenhower, chaired the event. Additional speakers included Rodolfo Batarsé, MD, Clinical Nephrologist, Eisenhower Medical Center; Adam Brochert, MD, MBA, Radiologist, Eisenhower Medical Center; and Christy M. Jackson, MD, Clinical Professor of Neurosciences, University of California, San Diego.

Conference attendees visited special exhibits by a number of organizations in the health care industry, including pharmaceutical companies, equipment manufacturers and health care providers.

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