

A Day of Hope



A Day of Hope for Diabetes is free and open to the public.

The Eisenhower Medical Center Desert Diabetes Club will hold the 13th annual A Day of Hope for Diabetes® at the Annenberg Center for Health Sciences at Eisenhower on Saturday, April 19, 2008. Information packets listing the day's events will be available beginning at 8:30 a.m., and the event will last until 4 p.m.

This year's A Day of Hope for Diabetes offers one of the most diversified and balanced programs to date and truly achieves the goal of "inspiration and education for a brighter future." Included are such topics as: "Activity for Your Diabetes Health," "Diabetes and Sexual Dysfunction," and "Eat Well and Drink Well." More than 15 physicians and six diabetes educators will present at this very special event—the largest free, full-day, multi-faceted, educational event of its kind in the 11 western states. Product Fair exhibitors will provide updates on the latest products for people living with diabetes.

Denise Faustman, MD, PhD, Director of the Immunobiology Laboratory at Massachusetts General Hospital, will discuss her latest research for a cure of Type 1 diabetes. Dr. Faustman was principle investigator in a study that led to the discovery of a novel way to treat diabetic mice, accomplishing for the first time ever the permanent reversal of established diabetes. With a \$10 million grant from the Iacocca Foundation, Dr. Faustman has furthered the study, preparing for human clinical trials exploring how to stop the autoimmune attack in Type 1 diabetes.

Lawrence P. Reagan, PhD, Assistant Professor, Department of Pharmacology, Physiology & Neuroscience, University of South Carolina School of Medicine, will discuss his research on how diabetes affects the brain and therapeutic interventions to restore diabetes deficits in brain function.

A Desert Diabetes Club tradition continues with free health screenings to Club members for heart, eyes, feet, and now, hearing. These screenings are provided by professionals and specialists known for their expertise in preventive medicine. Appointments for screenings are available on a first-come, first-served basis on the day of the event. For more information or to join the Club, call 760-773-1578 or visit www.emc.org/ddc.

Thanks to the generosity of Eisenhower Medical Center, the City of Rancho Mirage, our exhibitors, sponsors, and patrons, A Day of Hope for Diabetes is free and open to the public.