



Joseph Friedman

The Joseph Friedman Professorship in Renal Diseases in Medicine was established in 1986 from gifts by the Chromalloy American Corporation and Joseph Friedman.

Chromalloy American was founded in New York in 1952. Mr. Friedman, who headed the company from the late 1950s until 1977, built it from a small business into a billion-dollar international conglomerate with interests in metal fabrication, transportation, and petroleum services. Through business associates, Mr. Friedman learned about the pioneering work in renal diseases and dialysis at Washington University; his interest resulted in significant financial support for the work from him personally and from the corporation. Their funding provided the research and treatment facilities and equipment to establish the Chromalloy Kidney Center in 1976.

A portion of their gifts eventually funded this professorship, which was named in honor of Mr. Friedman, who died in 1977. It was initially held by Saulo Klahr, MD, then director of the Renal Division.

In 2003, the Chromalloy Kidney Center expanded and moved into newly renovated space that supports not only 32 dialysis stations, but also a full range of activities to deliver care to individuals with renal failure. In addition, the center helps educate and train medical students, residents, and fellows, and continues to play a leading role in kidney disease research.

Mr. Friedman died in 1977. His wife, Lily Mae died in 1980.