



Dr. William N. Drohan
(August 21, 1946 - March 25, 2007)

On March 25, 2007, we lost a valuable and dedicated member of the Hemophilia community. Dr. William N. Drohan lost his battle with metastatic lung cancer.

“Bill” was a well-known microbiologist and educator who will be remembered for his many contributions to medical science. He was a pioneer in using molecular biology to produce recombinant proteins and a visionary scientist who dedicated his life to improving the safety of blood and blood products. Other important contributions include investigating Creutzfeldt-Jakob (mad-cow) disease in the blood supply and his development of novel ways to treat traumatic injuries including bandages to stem hemorrhage. Dr. Drohan will be dearly missed.

The *Dr. William N. Drohan Scholarship* fund was especially created for children of scientists, doctors, and nurses, working in the hemophilia area, who have a need for educational funds, especially those who have lost a parent.

For more information regarding the *Dr. William N. Drohan Scholarship* and The Coalition for Hemophilia B, please visit our website at: www.coalitionforhemophiliab.org



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The Coalition for Hemophilia B
Second Annual
Fundraising Dinner
“Night at the Races”



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Hemophilia B is an extremely rare blood clotting disorder in which the blood fails to clot properly. Predominately, it affects males - approximately 3,500 in the United States. Hemophilia is a genetic disorder that is typically passed from a carrier mother to her son, although there are instances of spontaneous occurrences with no family history. Hemophilia B, or Factor IX Deficiency, is caused by a lack of production of, or missing, Factor IX clotting protein.

Those living with Hemophilia B suffer from considerable bruising and internal bleeding into joints, muscles, and other organs. Due to this bleeding, significant pain is experienced along with long-term damage to the body. Uncontrolled episodes of bleeding may result in permanent physical disability, even death. Bleeding can be treated by the administration of the missing clotting factor. Currently, there is no cure for Hemophilia B.

The Coalition for Hemophilia B is a non-profit organization founded for one purpose: to assist in dramatically changing the lives of people that suffer the profound impact of this rare disorder. Our Mission is to empower individuals and families to advocate on their own behalf and to ensure the availability of the highest standard of clotting factor products in order to promote the best quality of life possible. The Coalition's activities include, but are not limited to:

- Providing a primary source of information, nationally and internationally.
- Meeting educational needs by offering symposiums, workshops, and discussions to provide information about insurance issues, treatment options, benefits of long-term prophylactic management, in addition to a wide range of timely topics with renowned speakers from within bleeding disorder community.
- Offering emotional and financial support to help individuals, parents, their children, and other loved ones cope with what is often a psychologically and physically debilitating illness.
- Monitoring and supporting ongoing research.
- Surveying and taking inventory of the needs and concerns of affected families.
- Distribution of *Factor Nine News*, the Coalition's educational newsletter responding to the need for information, advocacy, and scientific research exchange.

The Coalition for Hemophilia B hosts family-oriented meetings throughout the United States several times a year to unite, support, and share treatment options and methods. Last year alone, we added 129 new families to our roster, 90 of these new families attended our meetings. With your support, The Coalition will continue its ongoing mission to assist those living with Hemophilia B.

Thank you for your consideration, dedication, and generosity.

The Coalition for Hemophilia B

cordially invites you to our

2nd Annual Fundraising Dinner

Please join us as we honor

Dr. Christopher Walsh

*for his many years of service and dedication to the
Hemophilia B Community.*

*Monies raised will benefit the
William N. Drahan Scholarship Fund
in addition to our Educational Programs.*

Friday, March 20, 2009

Millennium Broadway Hotel

145 West 44th Street, 8th Floor

Between 6th Avenue and Broadway

New York, New York

(To Reserve Special Room Rate, call 212•768•4400)

Cocktails: 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Dinner: 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

(Live Entertainment!)



“Night at the Races”

7:30 pm - 10:30 pm

Dress: Semi-Formal

Please RSVP by March 9, 2009

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