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Dr. Ashfaq is an Internist and Nephrologist by training and is board certified in both internal medicine and nephrology. After finishing medical school, Dr. Ashfaq did his internal medicine internship and Residency at Good Samaritan Hospital, University Of Cincinnati in Cincinnati, Ohio where he was also a chief resident. He then joined North Shore University Hospital, Cornell University School Of Medicine for fellowship in Nephrology. After completing fellowship, he joined a private practice in Lewistown, Pennsylvania for a short time. In 1997, Dr. Ashfaq was appointed on the faculty of North Shore University Hospital and then on the faculty of NS-LIJ Health system, Albert Einstein College Of Medicine. During this time he served as associate program director of nephrology fellowship program, Director of inpatient services, Director of Clinical trials. In 2005, Dr. Ashfaq was appointed as Associate Chief Division of Nephrology and he stayed on this position until April of 2009 when he left academia and joined Amgen Inc. as Clinical Research Medical Director where he leads North American Medical team for Epogen. In addition, he is medical lead for policy, strategy and advocacy for nephrology franchise. He also represents Amgen on Kidney care partners, a coalition of several stakeholders, serving nephrology community.

During his career, Dr. Ashfaq has published in Major Nephrology Journals, has contributed to Internal Medicine and Nephrology text books, he has been a reviewer for most of the journals and also served as a reviewer of NephSAP. He has been on the editorial board of Journal of Nephrology. He has received many teaching awards. He was also the founder of Long Island chapter of polycystic kidney disease foundation.

His major area of interest is patient awareness and education and improving the life of patients with chronic kidney disease.

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