

ANNOUNCING *AJKD* EDITORS' CHOICE AWARDS

AJKD received over 1,000 Original Investigation submissions last year. After careful vetting by our editorial team, aided by outstanding expert reviewers, *AJKD* published 115 Original Investigations in 2017. Each of these articles has expanded our understanding of the field of nephrology. Beginning this year, we establish an annual celebration of articles that our editorial team designates as “Editors’ Choice” selections. The 2017 Editors’ Choice Awards go to:

[Dialysis Catheter-Related Bloodstream Infections: A Cluster-Randomized Trial of the ClearGuard HD Antimicrobial Barrier Cap](#) by Jeffrey L. Hymes, Ann Mooney, Carly Van Zandt, Laurie Lynch, Robert Ziebol, and Douglas Killion

Hymes et al, published in the February 2017 issue of *AJKD*, tackled the vexing and often clinically devastating complication of hemodialysis catheters, bloodstream infections. This study reported on a promising new dialysis catheter technology that demonstrated an ability to reduce catheter-associated bloodstream infections and associated hospitalizations.

[Receipt of Nephrology Care and Clinical Outcomes Among Veterans With Advanced CKD](#) by Enrica Fung, Tara I. Chang, Glenn M. Chertow, I-Chun Thomas, Steven M. Asch, and Manjula Kurella Tamura

Fung et al, published in the November 2017 issue of *AJKD*, addressed the important question of how nephrology specialty care could influence outcomes for patients with advanced CKD. This study reported an important reduction in mortality among our nation’s veterans who received such care despite their experiencing a higher rate of initiating renal replacement therapy.

The editors are delighted to recognize these articles and congratulate all of their authors on being selected for the 2017 Editors’ Choice Awards.