

## Young Investigators Recognized at the NKF 2017 Spring Clinical Meetings



Research fellows were recognized for their excellence in basic and clinical research at the annual National Young Investigators Forum (YIF) yesterday evening. Regional winners were invited to participate and compete for national accolades based on original research they presented at the forum.

"The National Young Investigators Forum is a wonderful opportunity for nephrology fellows, residents, and medical students who we hope will become nephrologists, to present their research and gain recognition at the Spring Clinical Meetings. The Forum encourages young investigators to conduct and pursue research to advance the care of patients with kidney disease and provides a unique opportunity to present their exciting research findings. YIF presenters will also be able to obtain valuable feedback from peers as well as mentors, and have invaluable networking opportunities." says Michael Choi, MD, FNKF, National Kidney Foundation President.

Final awards were determined through an open competition that was judged by independent clinical experts. The 2017 winners in both categories include:

### **Clinical Research**

**1st place:** Jiun-Ruey Hu, MD, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, Baltimore, MD: *Are Serum Metabolites Associated with Mortality in Chronic Kidney Disease?*

**2nd place:** Xinxing Shelley Cheng, MD, Stanford University School of Medicine, Palo Alto CA: *How Much is a Kidney Worth? Comparing Kidney Transplant Strategies in Liver Transplant Candidates Using a Decision-Analytic Model*

**3rd place:** Enrica Fung, MD, Stanford University School of Medicine, Palo Alto, CA:

*Receipt of Nephrology Care and Clinical Outcomes Among Veterans with Advanced Chronic Kidney Disease*

**Basic Science**

**1st place:** Abolfazl Zarjou, MD, University of Alabama at Birmingham, Birmingham, AL: *Myeloid Specific H-FERRITIN Mediates Sepsis Induced Inflammation and Organ Injury*

**2nd place:** Gaia Muallem, MD, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA: *The Endogenous Regulator IL-27 Suppresses TH17 Responses in the Kidney to Ameliorate Renal Fibrosis in a Model of Obstructive Kidney Disease*

**3rd place:** Jessica M. Overstreet, MD, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN: *Role of Lysophosphatidic ACID (LPA)/LPA Receptor in EGFR-Mediated Renal Fibrosis*

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