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Current issue of PJKD article By Dr Rubina Naqvi from SIUT Karachi highlights the level of health care infrastructure. The study highlights the acute kidney injury amongst the pregnant females developing acute kidney injury. Almost a third of their patients developed ESKD and only 25% had complete recovery. Maternal health issues are important for the future of a nation and we need to look closer at factors causing such high morbidity and mortality.

Another important article by Dr Fawad Khalid et.al. yet again highlights Diabetes Mellitus as the major cause of ESKD even from northern part of Pakistan. PJKD has highlighted the causes of end stage kidney disease in its acceptance of local descriptive but important data. The PKRDS registry is the other data base that will over next few years help us understand the dynamics and issues related to ESKD.

Third original article by Dr Naila Asif et.al. explores an important occurrence in hemodialysis patients i.e. infections. They suggest a higher level of procalcitonin, a marker for early recognition of bacterial infection, amongst dialysis patients to distinguish from mere inflammation. We know that our patients on maintenance hemodialysis have multiple issues related to the quality and quantity of dialysis that are cost dependent and therefore a state of inflammation may exist making it a difficult clinical decision to use antibiotics for borderline symptoms.