

Highlights of 60 years of renal science

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In 2010, to help celebrate the Renal Association's 60th anniversary, I made a personal selection of interesting and seminal abstracts presented at RA meetings since 1950. I chose only ten abstracts from the whole 60 years, and each month during 2010 I posted one of my selections with a commentary to explain its significance. These choices were personal and therefore perhaps idiosyncratic. It seems unlikely that all of you agreed with my selections, especially from more recent decades, though I had few complaints at the time!

For the earlier years things were somewhat simpler. Firstly, with a few exceptions, those who presented and heard the papers are no longer alive to challenge my choices! Secondly there are fewer to choose from. In the decade 1950 to 1959 only 91 papers were presented at RA meetings, but in the years 2000 to 2009 there were 3,053. So the range of choice varies somewhat!

Here are my selections: my personal view of the best abstracts over 60 years

1950s

Nephrotic proteinuria: a tubular lesion

T Freeman & A M Joekes [1956]

The excretion of indolic acids and its relation to Hartnup disease

MD Milne [1959]

1960s

A controlled trial of treatment for steroid resistant nephrotic syndrome

JF Soothill, PN McLaine, DG Cottom, OH Wolf [1967]

1970s

Plasma-exchange and immunosuppression in the treatment of Goodpasture's syndrome

C.M. Lockwood, A.J. Rees, Pamela Ewan, D.K. Peters and C.B. Wilson [1976]

1980s

A prospective randomised trial of operative versus non-operative management of severe vesico-ureteric reflux: Two year follow-up of 96 children

The Birmingham Reflux Study Group: R. Astley, R.C. Clark, J.J. Corkery, P. Gornall, G.E. Knox, K.J. Shah, C.M. Taylor, R.H.R. White and M.H. Winterborn [1982]

The treatment of anaemia in haemodialysis patients with recombinant D.N.A derived human erythropoietin (r-HuEPO)

C.G. Winearls, D.O. Oliver, M.J. Pippard, C. Reid and P. Mary Cotes [1986]

1990s

Glomerular mesangial cells (MC) ingest human neutrophils (PMN) undergoing apoptosis
J. Savill, J. Smith, F. Abbott and A. Rees [1991]

The Renal Registry and a Preliminary Analysis of performance compared with Renal Association Standards

S. Armstrong, D. Ansell, T. Feest and P. Roderick [1997]

2000s

A new urinary space within the glomerulus? 3-D reconstruction from Electron micrograph reveals a significant restrictive sub-podocyte space

C.R. Neal, D. O. Bates and S. J. Harper [2003]

Haemodialysis induced myocardial stunning is associated with a reduced 12-month survival

J. O. Burton, S. Korsheed, H. J. Jeffries, C. W. McIntyre [2008]

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