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Title: Characterizing pre-dialysis care in the era of eGFR reporting: a cohort study

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Dear Dr. Melissa Norton,

We would like to thank you for allowing us to submit our manuscript, Characterizing pre-dialysis care in the era of eGFR reporting: a cohort study, to BMC Nephrology. We believe readers will be interested in our novel findings. These include the substantial increase in chronic kidney disease (CKD) patient co-management, improvements in laboratory monitoring for CKD complications, and the avoidance non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs in CKD patients after the implementation of routine estimated glomerular filtration rate reporting. Our findings also confirm that in spite of estimated glomerular filtration rate reporting, suboptimal physician care of CKD patients continues. These findings carry important implications regarding CKD patient care and safety: despite increased CKD awareness and improved care, further systematic interventions are needed to further enhance both primary care physicians’ and nephrologists’ care of CKD patients.

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Sincerely,

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