

# Hospitalized patients with CKD often unaware of it

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(HealthDay)—Hospitalized patients with chronic kidney disease (CKD) frequently are unaware of their condition, according to research published in the September issue of the *Journal of Hospital Medicine*.

Milda R. Saunders, M.D., M.P.H., of the University of Chicago, and colleagues conducted a [retrospective study](#) of 590 general medicine in-patients with CKD using ICD-9 codes for non-dialysis-dependent CKD from the first 20 admission diagnoses. Awareness of CKD was defined as correct patient self-report of "kidney problems."

The researchers found that 32 percent of patients were aware of their CKD. Of 161 patients with advanced CKD, 48 percent of patients with stage 4 CKD (estimated [glomerular filtration rate](#) [eGFR], 15 to 29) and

63 percent of patients with stage 5 CKD (eGFR

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