The Belding H. Scribner Award will be tendered on Saturday, November 4, to Philip Kam-Tao Li, MBBS, MD, MRCP, for his career-long contributions to the practice of nephrology. Dr. Li’s clinical and basic research efforts have significantly advanced the management of patients with kidney diseases and the science of nephrology.

Dr. Li is a consultant physician in the Department of Medicine and Therapeutics at the Prince of Wales Hospital, Hong Kong, and honorary professor of medicine at The Chinese University of Hong Kong. He is also the director of the university’s Carol and Richard Yu Peritoneal Dialysis Research Centre.

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Dr. Li’s research interests are in peritoneal dialysis, immunoglobulin A nephropathy, and integrated care of chronic kidney disease. He has published more than 630 original and review journal articles, 5 books, and 22 book chapters. He has given over 260 lectures to international congresses, meetings, and academic institutions.

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Dr. Mohan’s clinical and research career has focused on efforts to lower health disparities, improve outcomes for patients with kidney diseases, boost access to transplantation, and enhance organ utilization. His research has directly informed public policy at the federal level related to patients with kidney diseases, including access to outpatient dialysis for acute kidney injury and elimination of early outcomes as a regulatory measure for transplant center recertification. His work on the inappropriate discard of deceased donor kidneys has helped bring significant attention to this problem nationally including the focus in the White House executive order to lower the discard of deceased donor kidneys. His research has been funded by the National Institutes of Health, the National Science Foundation, and the American Society of Transplantation (AST), among others.

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