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## **CERTIFIED PA EARNS NATIONAL RECOGNITION IN NEPHROLOGY**

**Johns Creek, GA, June 13, 2018** – Ann-Marie Cobb, PA-C, who works at Kidney Medical Associates, has been nationally recognized for earning a specialty credential called a Certificate of Added Qualifications (CAQ) from the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA).

Cobb was recognized for earning a CAQ in Nephrology, a distinction earned by meeting licensure, education and experience requirements and then passing a national exam in the specialty. She is the only PA in Maryland to earn a CAQ in Nephrology since the program's inception in 2011. She holds a second CAQ in Hospital Medicine.

"I decided to pursue a CAQ because it gave me a sense of added accomplishment and I feel as if I have some expertise in the field," said Cobb. "I am always looking for ways to broaden my knowledge base. I now have a CAQ both in Hospital Medicine and Nephrology, and I feel that I can approach my patients with even more confidence."

"Certified PAs who earn the CAQ demonstrate a strong commitment to lifelong learning and attention to evolving medical advancements in their area of practice," says Dawn Morton-Rias, Ed.D, PA-C, president and CEO of NCCPA. "Not only have they maintained certification through continuing medical education programs and assessments throughout their careers, they have pursued and been awarded this additional credential that attests to their knowledge and skills in their specialty."

CAQs are offered to certified PAs in seven specialties: cardiovascular and thoracic surgery, emergency medicine, hospital medicine, orthopaedic surgery, nephrology, pediatrics and psychiatry.

### **About the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants**

The [National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants \(NCCPA\)](http://www.nccpa.net) is the only certifying organization for physician assistants (PAs) in the United States. The PA-C credential is awarded by NCCPA to PAs who fulfill certification, certification maintenance and recertification requirements. There are more than 123,000 certified PAs in the U.S. today. For more information, visit [www.PAsDoThat.net](http://www.PAsDoThat.net).

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