The Robert W. Berliner Award for Excellence in Renal Physiology by Qais Al-Awqati

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An [American Physiology Society](http://www.the-aps.org/) award associated with prestige and honor, the Robert W. Berliner Award for Excellence in Renal Physiology was created in honor of the organization’s 40th president, who served from 1967 to 1968. During his lifetime, Robert W. Berliner was responsible for groundbreaking research into renal function, specializing in kidney, electrolyte, and fluid exchanges. Berliner’s career was influenced by that of Robert F. Loeb during Berliner’s internship at Presbyterian Hospital.  
  
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