

Nephrology Division Monthly Newsletter

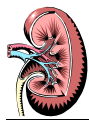
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Welcome! New Members

The **Nephrology Division at SFGH** welcomes two new Assistant Professors and an Adjunct Instructor:

- ❖ **Anitha Toke, MD** who joined the Renal Division at SFGH, as Assistant Clinical Professor in Dec 2006, did her Renal Fellowship at Stanford. Her research interest is in the role of the Renin-Angiotensin system in renal injury and the progression of renal disease. Before joining us at SFGH/UCSF, Anitha was on the faculty at Southwestern. She will attend on the Renal Consult service, in the clinic and caring for dialysis patients. She also is an important presence in teaching of Renal Fellows, Residents and medical students.
- ❖ **Suma Prakash, MD** joined the Renal Division at SFGH, as an Assistant Clinical Professor on Feb 1, 2007. Suma did her Renal Fellowship at University of Western Ontario, London, Canada, and recently completed a Masters in Clinical Epidemiology at the University of Toronto. Her research interests are: health care delivery in ESRD and, the effects of ethnicity and marginalized populations in renal disease. She has published articles on dialysis, and the delivery of ESRD treatment to rural populations. She will attend on the Renal Dialysis and Consult services. She was with the University Health Network-Toronto General Hospital & Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre, Toronto, Canada before joining us at SFGH/Nephrology.
- ❖ **Andy Choi, MD** who joined the Renal Division at SFGH as an Adjunct Instructor on January 15, 2007, will manage ESRD patients at the Renal Center, while continuing his mentored research in the Renal Division with Rudy Rodriguez, Ann O'Hare and Paul Volberding. Andy completed his renal fellowship at the University of California San Francisco. Currently his is NKF award recipient. His research interest is in HIV-related kidney disease.



Fellowship Program

UCSF Nephrology Fellowship Interviews were held on December 2006 and January 2007. Here are the selected **Nephrology fellows for 2008-09**:

- ❖ **Stanley Crittenden, MD** attended Tulane medical school, is a resident at University of Chicago, and will be entering either the clinician educator or clinical research track.
- ❖ **Ruth Dubin, MD** attended UCSF for medical school, is a resident at UT Southwestern, and will be entering the basic science research track.
- ❖ **Peter Lee, MD** is a resident at CPMC and will be entering the clinician educator track.



Accomplishments and Awards

- ❖ **Chi-yuan Hsu, MD** was awarded the “Young Investigator Award” from the Chinese American Society of Nephrology in Nov 2006.
- ❖ **Glenn Chertow, MD, MPH** was honored as the National Torchbearer from the American Kidney Fund on February 18, 2007 (http://www.kidneyfund.org/stf_special.asp).
- ❖ **Kirsten Johansen, MD** has been invited to be on the Editorial Board of Kidney International.
- ❖ Our **VA site** is in contract negotiations for the USRDS Rehabilitation Special Studies Center of which Kirsten Johansen, MD will be co-PI if it's finalized (but is not official yet).
- ❖ Nephrology Fellow **Fred Albrecht MD, PhD** received 1st prize for his research presentation titled, *Isocitrate: a novel regulator of human renal V-ATPase through cytoplasmic NADP dependent isocitrate dehydrogenase (IDH1)* at the 26th Annual Advanced Nephrology Young Investigators Forum. His work describes a novel regulatory pathway of renal V (H⁺)-ATPase that may someday guide the treatment of chronic metabolic acidosis experienced by patients with chronic kidney disease (CKD), with the goal of reducing bone loss, muscle catabolism and other metabolic derangements.
- ❖ **Amar Desai, MD** has received an educational travel grant to assist with attending the National Kidney Foundation's 2007 Spring Clinical Meetings in Orlando, FL.