

Nephrology Division Monthly Newsletter

April 2007



Announcements

- ❖ The Nephrology Division at Parnassus is currently going through a transition in leadership. **Chi-yuan Hsu, MD** is currently the Interim Chief as Stephen Gluck, MD has stepped down as Division Chief.
- ❖ After 12 years of dedicated service at the Division of Nephrology, our valued Clinical Director of Nephrology and Nephrology Fellowship Director, **Rudolph Rodriguez, MD** will be leaving us on April 30th, 2007 and taking on a new challenge as Section Chief of Nephrology at the University of Washington, VA-Puget Sound. In his tenure here he has provided the highest quality of care for our ESRD patients, and set a standard for compassionate care that has sustained and improved our clinical service, while being widely recognized for his sensitive and respectful treatment of staff. At the same time he has been tireless in his support for Fellows, and in his commitment to enhancing the quality of Fellow training in the UCSF Nephrology Training Program. He has been a valued colleague not only to Division faculty, but also to the Department at large, for which he has received several distinctions. He will be sorely missed by faculty, Fellows, staff and patients alike. The staff at the Division of Nephrology/SFGH thank him for his years of caring and wish him and his family well in their new life in Washington. **To show our appreciation for his outstanding service, the division of Nephrology at SFGH will be hosting a reception for him and his family on April 23rd at SFGH, Building 3, 5th floor from 3-5pm. Everyone is invited.** Please join us in saying good-bye. Contact Jep Poon at 415-476-4617 or email jpoon@medsfgh.ucsf.edu to confirm your attendance.
- ❖ The **T32 Training Grant** is being resubmitted next month. The T32 working group is currently asking for information from certain faculty and past and potential trainees. If you are contacted for information, please submit your CVs, biosketches, and other items to them as needed. Thanks for your help on this!
- ❖ The **new dialysis unit** located in 11-South opened last month. The new unit has:
 - 7 dialysis stations including a private room
 - Charting room across the hall
 - New dialysis machines



Fellowship Program

The following Nephrology Fellows have received grants:

- ❖ **Denis Glenn, MD has received a F32 grant.**
- ❖ **Chris Keller, MD has received a NKF grant.**
- ❖ **Mei Zhu Peng, MD has received a NKF grant.**
- ❖ **Carmen Peralta, MD has received an AKF grant.**

- ❖ **Jesse Qian, MD** has received an AST grant.

Congratulations!



Accomplishments and Awards

- ❖ **Anisa Nayeem, MD** will be presenting a poster this month at the NKF Spring Clinical Meeting in Orlando entitled “Risk Factors Predicting First Hospitalization after Initiation of Renal Replacement Therapy.” She also has an article in the March issue of Renal Business Today entitled “Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage: Navigating the Appeals Process” which can be read here: <http://www.renalbusiness.com/articles/07febfeat2.html> and has been invited to join the NKF Legislative Advisory Committee.
- ❖ **Amar Desai, MD** has an abstract accepted for poster presentation at the NKF Meeting, entitled “Traditional ESRD Biomarkers May Have Lower Predictive Value for Morality than Non-Traditional Biomarkers: A Systematic Review of the Literature.”