

Nephrology Division Monthly Newsletter

August 2007



Announcements

- ❖ **Renal Research Conference** will resume on August 9 and will now be combined with Journal Club, occurring every other Thursday from 4:30-6:00pm.
- ❖ We are pleased to announce that **Sam James, MD** has joined the Renal Division on July 16, 2007, and will be the new Director of Clinical Nephrology. He will be responsible for overseeing the San Francisco General Hospital Renal Center daily operations, and will work under the direction of Dr. Pearce to continue to improve the quality of care to our End Stage Renal Disease patients.

Dr. James received his medical education at the University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa. He then practiced medicine at the same University for over 13 years, and received a Master's Degree in Medicine before moving to the University of Arizona. He was Medical Director of the Kidney, Pancreas Transplant Program for more than 6 years and was the Medical Director of the Chronic Dialysis unit for more than 3 years.

With his proven leadership skills, we are very fortunate to have him on the University of California San Francisco, Department of Medicine- Nephrology team.



Fellowship Program

- ❖ Erica Krauthamer, our former **Fellowship Coordinator**, has officially left and Katy Rau is currently interviewing for the position. If anyone knows of any qualified candidates, please direct them to her.



Accomplishments and Awards

- ❖ **Amar Desai, MD** had a paper accepted at the Clinical Journal of the American Society of Nephrology. The title is "The Rise of Pay for Performance ("P4P"): Implications for Care of Persons with Chronic Kidney Disease." The authors are **Amar Desai, MD**, Alan Garber, MD, PhD, and **Glenn Chertow, MD, MPH**.
- ❖ **Mike Humphreys, MD**, was asked to chair a session at the FASEB summer conference on Renal Hemodynamics: Biomolecular Control Mechanisms Integrating Vascular and Tubular Function. The conference was held at the Vermont Academy, Saxtons River, Vermont, July 7-12.
- ❖ **Alan Pao, MD** published as first author (with **David Pearce, MD** as senior author) a new manuscript: "NH2 terminus of serum and glucocorticoid-regulated kinase 1 binds to

phosphoinositides and is essential for isoform-specific physiological functions." Am J Physiol Renal Physiol. 2007 Jun;292(6):F1741-50.

- ❖ **Alan Pao, MD** has also been invited to give a talk on Epithelial Cell Biology and Physiology Conference at Telluride on August 6.