

Nephrology Division Newsletter

January-February 2008



Announcements

- ❖ **Victoria Toussaint** has accepted the permanent Clinical Coordinator position in the Division of Nephrology. Victoria has been working with us through Kelly temps the past few months and has been doing a great job. Please join us in welcoming Victoria as a permanent employee in our Division!
- ❖ The UCSF-SFGH Renal Division would like to extend a hearty welcome to **Ramin Sam, MD**, who comes to us from the University of Illinois, Chicago campus where he was Assistant Professor of Medicine in the Renal Division, and Cook County Hospital where he ran the dialysis service. Ramin received his MD from the University of Illinois, and did his Residency and Fellowship at Loyola. His major interests are in transjugular renal biopsy, lipoprotein glomerulopathy, dialysis, and disorders of sodium metabolism.
- ❖ **Vivek Bhalla, MD**, who did his fellowship here at UCSF (2001-2006) and had been on faculty at SFGH since 2006, has taken a position as Assistant Professor of Medicine at Stanford (Division of Nephrology). His last day was on Dec 31st.



Fellowship Program

- ❖ **2009 Fellowship Interview Days:**
 - **Monday, February 25th**
 - **Monday, March 17th**
 - **Monday, April 21st**
- ❖ Our 2009 Fellowship Candidates will be on-campus on the above days. If you are interested in participating in the interview days and have not been contacted yet, please give Jessica Serbus a call at 476-1812.



Other News

- ❖ **A former patient who had a kidney transplant done 26 years ago at UCSF** called our academic office and just wanted to let us know that she is still in perfect health. The surgeons she had were Dr. Oscar Salvatierra and Dr. Nicholas Feduska. She is thankful to the donor and also wonders if there are ever any inquiries on the donor's end as to how kidney transplant patients are doing. She doesn't need to know who donated it, but just in case they ever wondered, she is doing fine.