

Nephrology Division Newsletter

January -February 2009



Announcements

- ❖ We bid farewell to Dr. **Deborah Adey** who has been recruited to become medical director of kidney transplant at Fletcher Allen Health Care, University of Vermont College of Medicine. We thank her for her dedicated service at UCSF for over a decade. Please join us for a farewell celebration at the end of the work day Monday February 9th (more details to follow).
- ❖ **Benjamin Humphreys, MD, PhD** will be joining UCSF Nephrology in July 2009 as an Assistant Professor. His lab will be based in C430 near the Division Administrative Office. Dr. Humphreys is currently at Brigham and Women's Hospital (<http://www.brighamandwomens.org/research/Renal/profiles/Humphreys.asp>). His research focuses on acute kidney injury, renal regeneration/stem cells and renal fibrosis.
- ❖ **Honore Pedigo** will be leaving the Division at the end January. She will be traveling in Egypt and other places. We would like to thank Honore for her hard work, especially during her last month when she very ably handled multiple itineraries for numerous faculty candidates.



Fellowship Program

- ❖ The **fellowship interview season** has begun! We will be interviewing fellows on **January 12, January 26, February 2 and March 30, 2009**. Thanks to all the faculty and fellows who have contributed and will contribute enthusiastically to this. There is no more important activity we do together than to continue the recruitment of top notch fellows. Please let Kerry Cho or Jessica Serbus know if you have any ideas to improve the process.



Accomplishments and Awards

- ❖ Dr. **Sam James** was awarded two new grants from Portola in January for his work on "In Vitro Comparison of PRT060128 Activity in Subjects with Normal vs. Impaired Renal Function" and In Vitro Comparison of Baseline Thrombin Generation and Betrixaban Activity in Subjects with Normal vs. Impaired Renal Function."
- ❖ Dr. **Kirsten Johansen** is the co-chair of the ASN San Francisco "Renal Weekend." This is designed to review core nephrology topics from Renal Week 2008 and will be held February 21-22, 2009.
- ❖ Dr. **Kathleen Liu** will be the ASN "Renal Weekend" faculty member reviewing all topics related to "Acute Kidney Injury" in San Francisco as well as Dallas, TX.

- ❖ Dr. **Kathleen Liu** will also Chair the Young Investigators Forum at the upcoming National Kidney Foundation Spring Meeting March 25-27, 2009 in Nashville, TN.
- ❖ Congratulations to Dr. **Carmen Peralta** who was recently awarded a K23 award. She will transition to this from her current KL2 in July 2009.
- ❖ Dr. **Carmen Peralta** was also invited to give a talk at the UCSF Health Disparities Symposium on “Genetic Admixture and Kidney Disease” in December 2008 (please see her interviewed at <http://diversity.ucsf.edu/news/stories/ucsf-offers-insight-into-health-care-disparities-research/>). Her paper “The Differential Association of Kidney Dysfunction With Small and Large Arterial Elasticity: The Multiethnic Study of Atherosclerosis” was published in the January 8th issue of the American Journal of Epidemiology.

Congratulations to all of our award-winning faculty, fellows and staff.