

Nephrology Division Newsletter

November – December 2010



Announcements

- ❖ **UCSF Medical Center** was again the most active renal transplant center in the U.S. In 2009, UCSF Medical Center performed 328 kidney and kidney/pancreas transplants, compared with 295 and 284 at the second and third most active programs (<http://www.nephronline.com/uploaded/reports/50transplantcenters.pdf>).
- ❖ **Dr. Sam James** as a member of the FHN Trial group co-authored a landmark paper published in the December 6, 2010 issue of the New England Journal of Medicine showing clinical benefits of six times vs. three times a week in-center hemodialysis.
- ❖ **Dr. Sam James** also recently assumed medical directorship of the Haight Street RAI dialysis unit.
- ❖ **Dr. Kathleen Liu** has joined the American Society of Nephrology Acute Kidney Injury Advisory Group for a 3-year term from 2010-2013. Other UCSF faculty members on ASN committees include: **Dr. Neil Powe** (member of Public Policy Board through 2012) and **Dr. Kerry Cho** (member of the Training Program Directors Executive Committee through 2012).
- ❖ **Dr. Kirsten Johansen** served recently as an *ad hoc* member of the NIH DDK-D study section which reviews applications for institutional training grants and mentored awards for kidney, urologic, and hematologic diseases.
- ❖ We bid farewell to **Denise Marciano, MD, PhD** on December 8, 2010 after Renal Grand Rounds. Denise started her renal fellowship with us in 2003 and is currently Assistant Professor. She and her husband have been recruited to UT-Southwestern where she will establish her own laboratory.



Fellowship Program

- ❖ **Delphine Tuot, MD** was selected in November to become the first recipient of the ["Andy I. Choi, MD Memorial Scholarship."](#) [This scholarship was established a few months ago in memory of Andy Choi, who first came to UCSF in 2004 as a renal fellow. This annual scholarship supports fellow travel to a scientific meeting devoted to kidney disease or HIV, two of Andy's research passions. Criteria for selection include: academic promise as well as embodiment of kindness and generosity which we all so appreciated in Andy.](#)
- ❖ The fellowship interview season will begin shortly. We will be interviewing fellows for the 2012 academic year on February 14, February 28, March 14, and April 11, 2011.



Accomplishments and Awards

- ❖ **Dr. Carmen Peralta** recently received the 2010 Herbert W. Nickens Faculty Fellowship from the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC). The award recognizes an outstanding junior faculty member who has demonstrated leadership in the United States in addressing inequities in medical education and health care; demonstrated efforts in addressing educational, societal, and health care needs of minorities; and is committed to a career in academic medicine. For more details please see:
https://www.aamc.org/download/163450/data/2010_nickens_faculty_winner.pdf

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