

# Nephrology Division Newsletter

March - April 2011



## **Announcements**

- ❖ **Jessica Serbus** will move to Colorado to be with her family and so will not return from maternity leave to resume her position as the Nephrology Fellowship Coordinator. We thank her for her years of service.



## **Fellowship Program**

- ❖ **Dr. Delphine Tuot** was recently invited to be part of the ASN Communications Committee (formerly the publications committee). The goal of this committee is to oversee the ASN publications and to increase public and patient knowledge about kidney disease (<http://www.asn-online.org/about/committees/committee.aspx?panel=CC>).
- ❖ Based on his success at the Western Nephrology Young Investigators Forum, **Sourabh Kharait, MD, PhD** was invited to be part of the NKF 2011 National Young Investigators Forum which is being held April 26, 2011 at the MGM Grand, Las Vegas, NV in conjunction with the NKF Spring Clinical Meetings.



## **Accomplishments and Awards**

- ❖ **Dr. Chi-yuan Hsu** was inducted into the American Society for Clinical Investigation (ASCI), an honor society of physician-scientists founded in 1908 (<http://www.the-asci.org/>). Other UCSF nephrology faculty members who currently belong to ASCI include **Drs. Stephen Gluck, Harlan Ives, David Lovett, Curtis Morris, Anthony Sebastian, Alan Verkman**.
- ❖ **Drs. Gary Kardos** and **Pedram Fatehi** were nominated for the 2001 Kaiser Awards for Excellence in Teaching.
- ❖ In February, **Dr. Stephen Gluck** received a Commitment to Excellence Award at the DaVita Physician Leadership Meeting in Washington D.C. in February for having the best patient care in the extended Bay area and most improved in the western states division. Dr. Gluck is medical director of the DaVita Dialysis Center in San Francisco.
- ❖ **Dr. Vanessa Grubbs** has had the following publication: Vulnerable Populations and the Association between Periodontal and Chronic Kidney Disease. Clin J Am Soc Nephrol. 2011 Mar 24. [Epub ahead of print]. Also Dr. Grubbs is lead author on 2 posters being presented at upcoming NKF conference, one of which was chosen as a highlighted poster that will be suggested to attendees for CME credit ("Medicare Immunosuppressant Coverage and Access to Kidney Transplantation").
- ❖ **Dr. David Wojciechowski** is the PI of a UCSF Diabetes Center NIH DERC Pilot and Feasibility grant application titled: "Evaluating the Long-term Renal Outcomes of Pre-

diabetic Living Kidney Donors” which was selected for funding. His collaborators on this project are **Drs. Sindhu Chandran, Brain Lee, and Allison Webber.**

- ❖ **Dr. Carmen Peralta** has had the following publication: Detection of chronic kidney disease with creatinine, cystatin C, and urine albumin-to-creatinine ratio and association with progression to end-stage renal disease and mortality. JAMA. 2011 Apr 20;305(15):1545-52.

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