

# Nephrology Division Newsletter

July - August 2011



## Announcements

- ❖ We welcome **Salina Ng** as our new Nephrology Fellowship coordinator. Salina comes to us from the Division of Hospital Medicine where she had worked for the past five years in various roles, including being coordinator for the Hospice and Palliative Medicine Fellowship program.
- ❖ **David Pearce, MD** is co-organizing with Tom Kleyman, MD of the University of Pittsburgh "The 7<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on Aldosterone and ENaC: Molecular Mechanisms and Pathophysiology". This American Physiological Society-sponsored conference will be held at Asilomar near Monterey September 18-22, 2011 (<http://www.the-aps.org/meetings/aps/enac/>). Dr. Pearce recently renewed his R01 "SKG regulation of epithelial sodium transport."



## Fellowship Program

- ❖ We welcome our new incoming general nephrology fellows: **Drs. Adrian Abreo, Yongen Chang, Steven Kim, Elaine Ku, Joseph Lockridge, Sara Westergaard**; as well as our incoming KTU fellows: **Drs. Fadi Hussein and Humera Nisar**.
- ❖ Congratulations to our current third-year renal fellows, all of whom have successfully secured their own research funding. **Dr. Raymond Hsu** and **Dr. Atif Kidwai** were awarded NIH F32 grants. **Dr. Meyeon Park** received an AHA Fellowship and a NIH F32 grant (and she declined a NKF Fellowship). **Dr. Kajal Rao** was awarded a Genentech Immunology Clinical Fellowship.
- ❖ **Dr. Sourabh Kharait** recently published "Nitric oxide counters the inhibitory effects of uremic toxin indoxyl sulfate on endothelial cells by governing ERK MAP kinase and myosin light chain activation" in *Biochem Biophys Res Commun.* 2011; 409:758-63.
- ❖ **Dr. Delphine Tuot** recently published "Awareness of chronic kidney disease is low among individuals with clinical markers of kidney dysfunction" in *Clin J Am Soc Nephrol.* 2011; 6:1838-1844.



## Accomplishments and Awards

- ❖ **UCSF Nephrology** was ranked #8 in the latest US News and World Report ranking of hospitals. We have risen steadily from #19 in 2000 when "kidney disease" first became a separate category. **Drs. Kerry Cho and Steve Gluck** were recognized as "Top Doctor" and estimated to be among the top 1% in the

nation in his or her specialty (<http://health.usnews.com/best-hospitals/ucsf-medical-center-6930043/doctors/nephrologists>).

- ❖ **Dr. Pedram Fatehi** received the 2011 Essential Core Teaching Award for Excellence in Innovative Teaching. The award notification letter to Pedram stated: "Nominations for this award can only be made by students; therefore this award reflects the high esteem and deep appreciation felt by students for your exemplary efforts as an instructor."

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