

# Nephrology Division Newsletter

July - August 2013



## Announcements

- ❖ **Harlan Ives MD, PhD** retired from the Division of Nephrology and UCSF at the end of the last academic year. Dr. Ives completed his renal fellowship at UCSF and was Chief of the Division of Nephrology at Parnassus from 1989 until 1998 when he stepped down after suffering a severe head injury from a cycling accident. Dr. Ives did research on the epithelial sodium channel, renal vesicular H<sup>+</sup> ATPase and Ca<sup>2+</sup> entry into vascular smooth muscle cells. He was working in the laboratory of Dr. David Pearce in Mission Bay before he retired.
- ❖ **Dr. Raymond Hsu** and **Dr. Meyeon Park**, who had been fellows in our program since 2009, have joined the faculty. They are both supported by NIH Career Development Awards.
- ❖ **Dr. Kerry Cho** became Medical Directorship of the newly opened Daly City Wellbound Dialysis unit (located at 2001 Junipero Serra Boulevard, Suite 535, Daly City, CA. 94014).



## Fellowship Program

- ❖ We held our Fellowship Graduation ceremony June 26, 2013. **Dr. Elaine Ku** was celebrated as the Andy I. Choi, MD Memorial Scholarship recipient and **Dr. Gene Chang** was named the Department of Medicine Clinical Fellow of the Year for Nephrology.
- ❖ **Dr. Anna Malkina** is first author of a paper published earlier this year: "Association of obesity and kidney function decline among non-diabetic adults with eGFR >60 ml/min/1.73m<sup>2</sup>: Results from the Multi-Ethnic Study of Atherosclerosis (MESA)," Open Journal of Endocrine and Metabolic Diseases 3:103-112, 2013. Carmen Peralta, MD is senior author and mentor.
- ❖ **Dr. Vasantha Jotwani** is first author of a paper "Does HIV infection promote early kidney injury in women?" Antivir Ther. 2013 Aug 23. doi: 10.3851/IMP2677. [Epub ahead of print]
- ❖ We welcome our new incoming fellows: **Guity Farahmand, MD** (UC Irvine residency and chief residency), **Carol Lee, MD** (BU residency), **Mitchell Lunn, MD** (Brigham and Women's Hospital residency), **Salitha Sunderrajan, MD** (UCLA residency) and **Vikram Suri, MD, PhD** (U Penn residency).



## Accomplishments and Awards

- ❖ **Dr. Meyeon Park's** K23 award "Why do patients with cardiovascular disease develop kidney injury and disease?" was funded.
- ❖ **Dr. Carmen Peralta** served on NIH study section to review small business innovation grants in nephrology- Special Emphasis Panel ZRG1 DKUS-N (11).
- ❖ **Kathleen Liu, MD, PhD** served a member of the special emphasis study section 2013/10 ZDK1 GRB-6 (O1) 1 Advancing Clinical Research in Primary Glomerular Diseases.
- ❖ **Dr. Carmen Peralta** was invited to join the American Society of Nephrology Workforce Committee. The goal of this committee is to increase interest in careers in academic nephrology.
- ❖ **UCSF Nephrology** was ranked #7 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 (<http://health.usnews.com/best-hospitals/area/ca/ucsf-medical-center-6930043/nephrology>).

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