

Nephrology Division Newsletter

January – February 2015



Announcements

- ❖ **Oscar Hernandez-Nunez** is our new Fellowship Coordinator. Oscar holds a Masters of Education from Northeastern University. We welcome him to our Division as we thank Oscar's predecessor, **Salina Gu**, for her prior outstanding service to the Division.
- ❖ We bid farewell to **Dr. David Wojciechowski**, who left to become the transplant nephrology clinical research director at the Massachusetts General Hospital, Harvard Medical School.
- ❖ We welcome **Dr. Deepika Kancherla** who joined the KTU in February. Deepika was a kidney transplant fellow at UCSF from 2012-2013.
- ❖ **Raymond Hsu, MD** gave a talk titled "Identifying AKI in administrative datasets" at "Roundtable 2015: AKI as a Quality Paradigm," a meeting held in San Diego, CA immediately preceding the 20th International Conference on Advances in Critical Care Nephrology.
- ❖ **Vanessa Grubbs, MD** has a book deal with Amistad, a division of HarperCollins Publishers to write *TETHERED: Notes from a kidney doctor and donor*. The book will be part memoir and part issues in nephrology, like ESRD decision-making, and will be written for a general audience.



Fellowship Program

- ❖ **Dr. Brian Lee** has taken over as our new KTU fellowship program director.
- ❖ **Dr. Vasantha Jotwani** has a paper accepted to AJKD "APOL1 Genotype and Glomerular and Tubular Kidney Injury in Women with HIV."
- ❖ **Elaine Ku, MD** published 2 first-author papers recently: "Association between strict blood pressure control during chronic kidney disease and lower mortality after onset of end-stage renal disease." *Kidney Int.* 2014 Dec 10. doi: and "State level variations in nephrology workforce and timing and incidence of dialysis in the United States among children and adults: a retrospective cohort study." *BMC Nephrol.* 2015 Jan 15;16(1):2. doi: 10.1186/1471-2369-16-2. The latter was also an oral presentation in at the 17th International Conference on Dialysis, Advances in Kidney Disease 2015 held in New Orleans in February (selected as one of the top three abstract submissions).



Accomplishments and Awards

- ❖ In the January 2015 issue of the San Francisco Magazine, **Drs. Kerry Cho, Stephen Gluck** and **Stephen Tomlanovich** were recognized as "Top Doctors 2015." Three out of the eight named nephrologists are from UCSF, making us the most represented hospital in the "Nephrology" category. The survey covered Alameda,

Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara and Sonoma counties.

- ❖ **Catherine Gleason, PhD**, an Assistant Professor based at SFGH working in **Dr. David Pearce's** lab had a first author paper recently published in the Journal of Clinical Investigation: mTORC2 regulates renal tubule sodium uptake by promoting ENaC activity. J Clin Invest. 2015;125(1):117–128. Dr. Gleason is supported on a K01.
- ❖ In the official 2015 rankings from US News and World Report <http://health.usnews.com/best-hospitals/area/ca/ucsf-medical-center-6930043>, **UCSF Nephrology** was #4 in the nation. We are now the highest ranked subspecialty at UCSF.

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