

Nephrology Division Newsletter

May - June 2015



Announcements

- ❖ **Dr. Elaine Ku** will be joining our faculty starting July 1, 2015. She completed a 4-year combined adult and pediatrics nephrology fellowship program and will attend on both services at Mission Bay and Parnassus. She will be supported by a UCSF KL2 Scholar award.
- ❖ We welcome back **Dr. Deborah Adey**, who returned to UCSF May 2015 after stints at the University of Vermont and UC Davis. Dr. Adey did her renal transplant fellowship at UCSF from 1996-1997 and previously attended on the KTU from 1997-2009.
- ❖ We bid farewell to **Steve Tomlanovich, MD** who is retiring from UCSF after an uninterrupted three decade career at UCSF. Dr. Tomlanovich started work at UCSF in 1985 and retired as medical director of the KTU. A farewell party celebration was held for him and several other retiring KTU staff members June 25, 2015.



Fellowship Program

- ❖ We held our Fellowship Graduation ceremony June 24, 2015. **Dr. Vasantha Jotwani** received the Andy I. Choi, MD Memorial Scholarship recipient and **Dr. Letisha Rolon** was named the Department of Medicine Clinical Fellow of the Year for Nephrology. Congratulations to all our graduating fellows: **Drs. Yongen Chang, Guity Farahmand, Julie Ishida, Carol Lee, Elaine Ku, Manpreet Singh, Salitha Sunderrajan, and Vasishta Tatapudi.**
- ❖ **Leticia Rolon, MD** was nominated for the inaugural SFGH Department of Medicine Clinical Fellow Award. Comments from faculty and residents who nominated her included: "Kind, compassionate, and patient centered. Aware and sensitive of the socioeconomic factors that may affect a patient's care. Also, she is a generous and patient teacher."
- ❖ **Dr. Mitch Lunn** was recently invited to join the ASN Diversity and Inclusion Work Group to represent the interests of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) community. The work of Dr. Lunn and colleagues has received much coverage in the San Francisco Chronicle and other news outlets recently because of the launch of a large longitudinal cohort study of LGBT health that he co-directs. This study, called the PRIDE study (<http://www.pridestudy.org/>), will use information collected from iPhone and Internet users to build the largest database yet of the physical, mental and social issues that uniquely affect gay and transgender men and women
<http://m.sfgate.com/health/article/UCSF-starts-ambitious-study-of-LGBT-health-issues-6347696.php>

- ❖ **Mitch Lunn, MD** presented an oral abstract titled "Identifying redundancies and needs in internal medical subspecialty fellowship training at the University of California, San Francisco Medical Center" at the WGEA/WGSA/WOSR Regional Conference sponsored by the Association of American Medical Colleges held in April 2015 in San Diego, CA.
- ❖ **Dr. Elaine Ku** has a new first-author paper titled: Association of body mass index with patient-centered outcomes in children with ESRD. J Am Soc Nephrol. 2015 Jun 8. pii: ASN.2015010008. [Epub ahead of print]



Accomplishments and Awards

- ❖ For the second year in a row, **UC San Francisco's four schools** topped the nation in federal biomedical research funding in their fields in 2014. The UCSF School of Medicine topped the list of NIH funding for medical schools for the third year in a row, at \$480.6 million for fiscal year 2014. The UCSF schools of Pharmacy, Dentistry and Nursing also ranked first in their fields in NIH grants for 2014: Pharmacy for the 35th consecutive year, with \$31.8 million in grants; Dentistry for the 23rd year, with \$15.5 million; and Nursing for the 10th time in the last dozen years, with \$10.1 million.

Among Departments of Internal Medicine, UCSF again was ranked #1 (\$182.6 million) (http://www.brimr.org/NIH_Awards/NIH_Awards.htm).

- ❖ **Dr. Carmen Peralta** was awarded a Pepper Center Genius Award by the UCSF Pepper Center her innovative research in the elderly.
- ❖ **Dr. Brian Lee**, director of UCSF's Living Kidney Donation Program, was quoted in a recent San Francisco Chronicle article about a 9-way kidney swap involving 18 surgeries which took place at UCSF and California Pacific Medical Center <http://www.sfgate.com/health/article/9-way-kidney-swap-involving-18-surgeries-at-2-6307975.php>
- ❖ **Dr. Lynda Frassetto** is recipient of the 2015 Colleague of Nursing Award from the UCSF Department of Nursing Coordinating Council. She was lauded for her work in "creating a culture of collaborative interdisciplinary care, mentorship of nurse researchers, and commitment to the provision of excellent patient care."
- ❖ **Dr. Delphine Tuot** received notice that her R01 grant application entitled "Kidney Awareness Registry and Education-2" will be funded by the NIDDK.
- ❖ **Kathleen Liu, MD, PhD** recently co-chaired a NIDDK workshop titled "Overcoming barriers in acute kidney injury" which was held on the NIH campus in Bethesda, MD http://www.niddk.nih.gov/news/events-calendar/Pages/overcoming-barriers-acute-kidney-injury_02-2015.aspx

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