

Nephrology Division Newsletter

May – June 2016



Announcements

- ❖ The **Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center (ZSFG)** opened May 22nd, 2016 and includes a **new Acute Dialysis Unit**. Our beautiful new unit has a number of dramatic improvements over the old: six stations (including an isolation room), dedicated water treatment plant, location adjacent to the ICU. We are excited about the enhancements to patient care, efficiency for fellows and clinical teaching!
- ❖ We welcome **Dr. Shiang-Cheng Kung** as a new faculty member in the Kidney Transplant Unit. Dr. Kung had previously been the Medical Director of the Kidney Transplant Programs at Lahey Hospital (Burlington, MA) and Albert Einstein Medical Center (Philadelphia, PA).
- ❖ **UCSF Nephrology Twitter account** is now active! We thank Dr. Raymond Hsu for taking a leadership role in this effort: <https://twitter.com/UcsfNephrology>.



Fellowship Program

- ❖ **Dr. Benjamin Lee's** proposal: "Improving risk stratification for adverse outcomes after dialysis-requiring acute kidney injury" has been selected for funding by the UCSF/Kaiser Permanente Grants Program for Fellows.
- ❖ **Dr. Harini Sarathy** was awarded the ASN Ben J Lipps Research Fellowship grant for 2016 to 2018. Her research topic is "Feasibility and reliability of non-invasive central pressure measurement in elderly person with hypertension and chronic kidney disease: a pilot study". Hariri also recently published a paper titled "Abdominal obesity, race and chronic kidney disease in young adults: results from NHANES 1999-2010" in PLOS ONE May 25, 2016
<http://dx.doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0153588>
- ❖ **Dr. Nikolaos Skartsis** received the 2016 International Society for Heart and Lung Transplantation Research Fellowship award for his project entitled "The role of SPI6 in adoptively transferred regulatory T cells in heart transplantation".
- ❖ **Dr. Leticia Rolon** was selected to be one of the John A. Watson Faculty Scholars for 2016-2019. She will join the faculty as an Assistant Professor this coming academic year. Leticia was also invited to join the ASN Diversity and Inclusion Workgroup, which focuses on developing initiatives to create a diverse membership and workforce.
- ❖ In addition to the American Kidney Fund Clinical Scientist in Nephrology fellowship, **Anoop Sheshadri, MD** received notice that his grant application was also selected to be funded by the American Society of Nephrology and the National Institutes of Health (F32). In addition, he was recently nominated for the ZSFG DOM Clinical Fellow Award.

- ❖ **Dr. Vasantha Jotwani** has been chosen by the UCSF CTSI KL2 Selection Committee to receive a KL2 Scholar award, effective July 1, 2016. Dr. Jotwani will join the faculty as an Assistant Professor this coming academic year.



Accomplishments and Awards

- ❖ **Dr. Meyeon Park's** mentee student, Duke Guo received a Pathways Explore Summer Fellowship for his project entitled, "Perception of Prognostic Scores for Autosomal Dominant Polycystic Kidney Disease."
- ❖ UCSF was again the #1 most active kidney transplant centers in the U.S. We performed 356 kidney or kidney/pancreas transplants in 2015. The center was also the busiest in 2014 (354 transplants) and in 2013 (357 transplants).
http://www.nephrologynews.com/50-active-kidney-transplant-centers-2015/?utm_source=newsletter_062316&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=newsletter

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