

# Nephrology Division Newsletter

March - April 2017



## Announcements

- ❖ We welcome **Amber Rivera** who started as an SRA in the Verkman Lab at the beginning of March 2017.
- ❖ **Bruce Demartini** started working in the Division recently in a temporary capacity mostly to administratively support the KTU physicians.
- ❖ We are saddened to learn that **Dr. Frank Gotch**, a giant in the field of nephrology/dialysis, passed away last month. Dr. Gotch attended medical school and completed all his subsequent clinical training at UCSF and was on the faculty at San Francisco General Hospital (<https://nephrology.ucsf.edu/about/hist-gotch.html>).



## Fellowship Program

- ❖ Congratulations to **Dr. Nikolaos Skartsis** who has been awarded an ASN fellowship grant for 2017-2019.
- ❖ **Chris Carlos, MD** was the first author of research paper recently published online in JASN entitled: "Colon Cancer Screening among Patients Receiving Dialysis in the United States: Are We Choosing Wisely?" JASN ASN.2016091019; published ahead of print March 23, 2017, doi:10.1681/ASN.2016091019.
- ❖ **Dr. Benjamin Lee** was selected for the Teaching Excellence Award for Cherished Housestaff (T.E.A.C.H.) by the School of Medicine Class of 2017.
- ❖ **Drs. Patrick Ahearn, Anthony Muiru and Anoop Sheshadri** were nominated for the 2017 Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital Service Award in the category of ZFGH Department of Medicine Clinical Fellow Award. Renal represented three of the seven nominated fellows.



## Accomplishments and Awards

- ❖ **Dr. Kerry Cho** received a "Lead Kindly Light" award at the annual Satellite Healthcare Medical Directors meeting in March 2017.
- ❖ **Dr. Meyeon Park**, director of the UCSF Polycystic Kidney Disease Center of Excellence, was a physician honoree at the annual PKD Foundation Gratitude Benefit event held this year in San Francisco on April 22, 2017 (<https://pkdcure.org/gratitude/honorees/meyeon-park/>).
- ❖ For the fourth year in a row, **UCSF Schools of Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy and Dentistry** all ranked #1 in NIH funding (<http://www.brimr.org/>). US News and World Report also ranked UCSF #1 in Internal Medicine among all medical schools in the U.S. ([US News and World Report](#)).

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