

Nephrology Division Newsletter

January – February 2019

Announcements

- **Mariel Lerma**, is Dr. Elaine Ku's new Assistant CRC. She comes to us from UC Berkeley where she had been a Staff Research Associate in the Optometry Clinic Research Centers.
- **Dennis Xiong** joined the Division of Nephrology as an Administrative Assistant III. Prior to that, he was an AAIII with the PRIDE Study (PI: Mitchell Lunn). Dennis works out of Laurel Heights.
- **Dr. Anna Malkina** has become a team member of UCSF LACE (Learning and Caring Environment), a new unit within UCSF Medical Center for Faculty Educators, charged with optimization of the clinical learning environments.
- **Dr. Delphine Tuot** has a new role as Associate CMO for specialty care & diagnostics at ZFGH.

Fellowship Program

- **Dr. Laalasa Varanasi** was selected as the 2019-2020 UCSF PKD Center of Excellence Fellow.
- **Diana Kwong, MD** received an NKF Award of Excellence at the 16th Annual Nephrology Young Investigators Forum, West Coast Division. She will be going to Boston to attend the National Young Investigators Forum.
- **Sri Lekha Tummalapalli, MD** was selected as an ASN Quality Committee Intern.
- **Carmilo Cortesi, MD** authored a paper that was just published:
Cortesi C, Duque JC, Mai S, Martinez L, Dejman A, Vazquez-Padron R, Salman L, Tabbara M. Assessment of left ventricular mass changes after arteriovenous fistula

surgical banding in end-stage renal disease. Saudi J Kidney Dis Transpl. 2018 Nov-Dec;29(6):1280-1289.

- **Dr. Patrick Ahearn**, who went to Stanford Jan 2019 to start his kidney transplant fellowship, has a first-author paper: Ahearn P, Johansen KL, McCulloch CE, Grimes BA, Ku E. Sex Disparities in Risk of Mortality Among Children With ESRD. Am J Kidney Dis. 2019 Feb;73(2):156-162.
- Recently graduated renal fellow **Dr. Diana Mina** recently published Mina D, Johansen KL, McCulloch CE, Steinman MA, Grimes BA, Ishida JH. Muscle Relaxant Use Among Hemodialysis Patients: Prevalence, Clinical Indications, and Adverse Outcomes. Am J Kidney Dis. 2019 Jan 10. pii: S0272-6386(18)31125-9. doi: 10.1053/j.ajkd.2018.11.008. [Epub ahead of print]

Accomplishments and Awards

- **Drs. Kerry Cho, Stephen Gluck and Chi-yuan Hsu** are named 2019 Bay Area Top Doctors in San Francisco Magazine. UCSF is (again) the best represented medical center with 3 nephrologists recognized. <https://www.modernluxury.com/san-francisco/story/the-bay-areas-top-doctors-of-2019>
- Congratulations to **Dr. Chi-yuan Hsu** for becoming a member of the Association of American Physicians. AAP was founded in 1885 and is composed of competitively selected members who are leading senior physician scientists.

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

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