

## Nephrology Division Newsletter

April - May 2019

### Announcements

- **Debbie Gilman** hit her 10 year anniversary at UCSF. She has spent her entire tenure in the department of Nephrology. She started in 2009 as an Administrative Assistant III and was recently promoted to an Administrative Officer II.
- **Salpi Siyahian** has returned for her 3<sup>rd</sup> job with Nephrology. She will be an Assistant CRC working with Elaine Ku, MD.
- **Dr. Vanessa Grubbs** was recently interviewed in the “Life as a Nephrologist Series” by the National Kidney Foundation (Episode 14). She remains co-chair of the ZSFG Ethics Committee.
- **Dr. Anoop Sheshadri** was promoted to become an Instructor in March 2019.
- **Dr. Leticia Rolon** has a new role in the Bridges Curriculum as the Associate Director, of San Joaquin Valley PRIME.
- **Drs. Elaine Ku and Kathleen D. Liu** served again as members of the ASN Grants Review Committee.

### Fellowship Program

- **Camilo Cortesi, MD** was part of the first group of physicians successfully passing the critical care echocardiography board examination offered by the national board of echocardiography.
- **Dr. Pardis Irannejad** will be presenting a poster titled “Weight Trends in Adults with Autosomal Dominant Polycystic Kidney Disease” at NKF Spring Clinical Meeting.
- **Diana Kwong, MD** recently authored an editorial with her mentor Dr. Kathleen Liu. “Prediction Models for AKI: Will They Result in Improved Outcomes for AKI?” Clin J Am Soc Nephrol. 2019 Apr 5;14:488-490.
- **Dr. Adrian Whelan** authored an editorial with his mentor Dr. Elaine Ku. “Use of ABPM in kidney transplant recipients”. Nephrol Dial Transplant. 2019 Mar 5. pii: gfz010. doi: 10.1093/ndt/gfz010. [Epub ahead of print]

- Recently graduated fellow **Dr. Benjamin Lee** has a first author paper. Predicting renal recovery after dialysis-requiring acute kidney injury. *Kidney Int Rep* (2019) 4, 571–581. Ben was also co-author on “Hypertension in CKD: Core Curriculum 2019” *Am J Kidney Dis*. 2019 Mar 19 [Epub ahead of print]
- Recently graduated Gen Nephrology and then KTU fellow **Dr. Santhi Voora** recently published with Dr. Deb Adey: “Management of Kidney Transplant Recipients by General Nephrologists: Core Curriculum 2019” in *Am J Kidney Dis* doi: <https://doi.org/10.1053/j.ajkd.2019.01.031> *Am J Kidney Dis*. 2019 Apr 11 [Epub ahead of print]

## Accomplishments and Awards

- **Sri Lekha Tummalapalli, MD, MBA** has been selected as a recipient of the Ben J. Lipps Research Fellowship Program (Sharon Anderson Research Fellow).
- **Dr. Raymond Hsu** was an invited faculty at the DaVita's 2019 Physician Leadership Meeting in San Diego, CA, presenting on the topic of "Renal Replacement Therapy in Acute Kidney Injury." Raymond was also an invited speaker at the Society of Interventional Radiology (SIR)'s Annual Scientific Meeting in Austin, TX on "Resistant Hypertension & the Potential Role for Renal Denervation Therapy" and gave an online GlomCon presentation on onco-nephrology (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jqYq6kLR8Bs>)
- **Kathleen Liu, MD, PhD** recently gave an invited talk on Lung-Kidney Crosstalk at the ISN meeting in Melbourne, Australia. Later in April 2019, she traveled to Rome, Italy as an invited participant in the KDIGO Controversies Conference on AKI.
- **Dr. Anthony Muiru** was invited to be a speaker at UC Davis Health 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Kidney Research Day on “The Epidemiology of Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) in Rural East Africa: the SEARCH-CKD Study” held Thursday, March 14, 2019.
- The Immune Tolerance Network has awarded a grant to **Drs. Flavio Vincenti and Sindhu Chandran** to investigate a novel regimen to deplete plasma cells in highly sensitized patients. Flavio and Sindhu also recently received funding through the NIAID Clinical Trials in Organ Transplantation (CTOT) program to test novel co-stimulation inhibition strategies.
- **Drs. Flavio Vincenti and Jun Shoji** (along with colleagues at Duke) are co-PI for an upcoming new trial to use two co-stimulation blockers in an attempt to eliminate both calcineurin inhibitors and steroids from the immunosuppression regimen.
- Congratulations to our Professor Emeritus **Dr. Michael Humphreys** on receiving the 2019 Leonard Share Award recipient from Water & Electrolyte Homeostasis Section of American Physiology Society.

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

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