

Nephrology Division Newsletter

March-April 2020

Announcements

- We want to extend our appreciation to all our faculty, fellows and staff for their extraordinary efforts during the uncertainty of COVID19 all while enduring increased personal pressures. A special recognition goes to **Dr. Sri Lekha Tummalapalli** who volunteered to return to NYC (Elmhurst Hospital) to help out.
- We had 3 new hires within our staff during March. **Roxanne Fierro** joined as our new AAIMI taking over from Denise Xiong who is working part time during the transition. **Andrey Kisel** was hired by Dr. Raymond Hsu as a CRC. And **Libo Li** came on board as a statistician for Elaine Ku, MD.

Fellowship Program

- **Dr. Kerry Cho** joined the recently created UCSF Department of Medicine Fellowship Administrative Restructuring Task Force. He is one of two Program Directors among its 8 members.
- **Dr. Chi Chu** first-authored “CKD Awareness Among US Adults by Future Risk of Kidney Failure” was published. Am J Kidney Dis. 2020 Apr 15. Pil: S0272-6386(20)30532-1. doi: 10.1053/j.ajkd.2020.01.007.
- **Camilo Cortesi, MD** co-authored “Outcomes After Direct-Acting Antiviral Therapy Based on Donor Hepatitis C Serostatus Among Hepatitis C Virus Infected Kidney Transplant Recipients.” Exp Clin Transplant 2020 Mar 4. doi: 10.6002/ect.2019.0185.
- **Dr. Sri Lekha Tummalapalli** published two first-author papers: “Chronic Kidney Disease Awareness and Longitudinal Health Outcomes” Am J Nephrol. 2020 April 29: 1-10 and “Changes in Preventative Health Care After Medicaid Expansion” Med Care. 2020 Feb 5.. doi: 10.1097/MLR.0000000000001307. [Epub ahead of print]. She also wrote “Leadership & Professional Development: Cultivating Habits for the Hospitalist” J Hosp Med. 2020; 15:169.

Accomplishments and Awards

- **Meyeon Park, MD** and her work in PKD was featured in a series of Healthgrades articles in April 2020: <https://www.healthgrades.com/right-care/kidney-disease/meet-the-nephrologist-polycystic-kidney-disease>
<https://www.healthgrades.com/right-care/kidney-disease/advances-in-treating-autosomal-dominant-polycystic-kidney-disease>
<https://www.healthgrades.com/right-care/kidney-disease/expert-insights-on-treating-autosomal-dominant-polycystic-kidney-disease>
<https://www.healthgrades.com/right-care/kidney-disease/5-nephrologist-tips-for-people-with-autosomal-dominant-polycystic-kidney-disease>

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

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