

# Nephrology Division Newsletter

## March – April 2021

### Announcements

- We've moved! We are pleased that virtually all the **Division of Nephrology** faculty and staff offices have relocated from offices scattered in UC Hall, Laurel Heights, 350 Parnassus and Ambulatory Care Center so we now are located together in Millberry Union East and West. Special recognition goes to **Debbie Gilman** and **Ryan Rieger** for their hard work in helping the move go smoothly.
- We bid farewell to **Dr. Brian Lee** who was recruited to a medical director's position with a new kidney transplant program at University of Texas-Austin. Brian first came to UCSF in 2007 for his transplant renal fellowship (after general nephrology training at Case Western Reserve). He then joined the faculty and rose through the ranks to become Professor. Brian had additional interest and expertise in hypertension and Integrative Medicine. He served ably as Director of the Living Kidney Donor Program at UCSF Medical Center. We wish him the best in his future career.
- Congratulations to our staff members for their recent anniversaries with Nephrology: **Ryan Rieger** for 5 years and **Victoria Toussaint** for 15 years!
- We thank **Julie Chia-Lin Yeh** (who left UCSF to become a Clinical Trial Assistant at Harpoon Therapeutics) for her years of support of the polycystic kidney disease (PKD) research program directed by Dr. Meyeon Park. We are delighted to announce that **Juan Espinoza** will transition from parttime to full time work on PKD.
- We welcome **Jessica Hope** who joined Nephrology in March 2021 as a CRC working for Dr. Elaine Ku.

### Fellowship Program

- Congrats to **Alex Dinh, MD** who has received notice that his individual F32 fellowship grant (DK128985) will be funded.
- **Dr. Jonathan Amatruda** published "Association of Non-Steroidal Anti-Inflammatory Drugs with Kidney Health in Ambulatory Older Adults". J Am Geriatr Soc. 2021 Mar;69(3):726-734.
- **Dr. Chi Chu's** paper "CKD Awareness Among the US Adults by Future Risk of Kidney Failure" Am J Kidney Dis 2020 Aug;76(2):174-183 won the AJKD Editors' Choice NKF Mission Award.

### Accomplishments and Awards

- **Dr. Chi-yuan Hsu** has a new R01 grant DK123104 titled "Home Blood Pressure in Hemodialysis (HOME-BP)."
- **Anoop Sheshadri, MD** was awarded a KL2 grant for his project "Structured Program of Exercise for Recipients of Kidney Transplant."

- **Leticia Rolon, MD** was named Associate Director of San Joaquin Valley Undergraduate Medical Expansion Program. This expands her existing role as Associate Director of SJV PRIME.

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

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