

Nephrology Division Newsletter

May - June 2020

Announcements

- **Dennis Xiong**, our Admin Assistant III since 2019 and Mitch Lunn's assistant for 2 years before that, left UCSF as of June 30, 2020. We will miss Dennis and send him our best wishes for the future.

Fellowship Program

- **Dr. Debbie Chen** co-authored a commentary: "Should Renin-Angiotensin System Blockade be Avoided in Patients with Declining Kidney Function?" AJKD 2020 May 12. <https://doi.org/10.1053/j.ajkd.2020.04.003>
- **Dr. Alex Dinh's** co-authored editorial "Pre-transplant Dialysis Exposure and Outcomes After Kidney Transplantation – Where Quantity and Quality intersect?" was published. Am J Transplantation. 2020 May 14. <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1111/ajt.16007>
- **Dr. Sri Lekha Tummalapalli** published: "Association of Cardiac Biomarkers with the Kansas City Cardiomyopathy Questionnaire in Patients with Chronic Kidney Disease with Chronic Kidney Disease without Heart Failure" JAHA. 2020 June 24. <https://www.ahajournals.org/doi/10.1161/JAHA.119.014385>
- On June 24th, we celebrated the completion of the Nephrology fellowship for **Drs. Camilo Cortesi, Chidinma Enyinna, Diana Kwong, Sri Lekha Tummalapalli, Laalasa Varanasi, and Adrian Whelan** (from General Nephrology Fellowship) and **Drs. Fadee Abu Al Rub and Faizan Ali Syed** (from Transplant Nephrology Fellowship).
- At graduation, **Dr. Gabriel Loeb** received recognition as the 2017-2018 "Andy I. Choi, MD Memorial Scholarship" recipient. Criteria for selection include: academic promise as well as embodiment of kindness and generosity which we all so appreciated in Andy.
- **Dr. John Demko** was chosen as the "Clinical Fellow of the Year" for renal by the UCSF internal medicine housestaff.
- Our 2020-2021 new first-year ACGME fellows will be **Dr. Matthew Breeggemann, Alan Chao, Dana Larsen, Ashley Martinez, Sonny Nguyen, and Wahid Syed**. The two Kidney Transplant Fellows will be **Drs. Steven Han and Adrian Whelan**. Welcome to UCSF!

Accomplishments and Awards

- **Congrats to Lowell Lo, MD who was named a 2020 UCSF Dept of Medicine Master Clinician.** For the last 14 years, the UCSF Department of Medicine has honored 3-4 of our most esteemed clinical faculty with this title. Master clinicians are distinguished by their commitment to clinical medicine and their superb clinical skills. They are the "doctor's doctor."

- **Anna Malkina, MD** was accepted to the Teaching Scholars Program for 2020-2021.
- **Dr. Elaine Ku** received her 3rd R01 DK121904 “Acute Declines in Kidney Function During Blood Pressure Interventions in CKD.”
- Congratulations to our Nephrology Division staff members **Kim Gorcyca, Cherie Ros, Victoria Toussaint, and Dennis Xiong** for receiving 2020 SPOT Awards. These awards recognize significant employee achievements and contributions for a specific project or task
- **Debbie Gilman** was the recipient of the 2020 Star Achievement Award, recognizing administrative staff for sustained, exceptional performance and significant contributions.

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

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