

Nephrology Division Newsletter November - December 2019

Announcements

- We welcome **Dr. Amarpali Brar** who started as an Associate Professor in KTU. She was previously at SUNY Downstate Medical Center.
- CRC **Farshad Palad** won free lunch for a year from Carmelina's in the Millberry Union food court.
- The **UCSF Nephrology Division Staff** recently completed the annual UCSF Step It Up Challenge as team "Kidney Beans." This four week long challenge has participants track daily activity in wellness and gratitude for a chance to win prizes. Ryan Rieger, our Division Manager, won the week three prize! Congrats to all participants!
- **Dr. Anitha Toke** and her colleagues at ZSFG Renal Center were featured in the October issue of the UCSF ZSFG Department of Medicine newsletter celebrating the center's 50th anniversary.
<https://indd.adobe.com/view/88dd1210-8f77-48a4-8221-f377359e0836>

Fellowship Program

- **Dr. Camilo Cortesi** recently matched at Stanford for a critical care fellowship starting July 2020. He also first-authored "Computed Tomography-Guided Kidney Transplant Biopsy Outcomes: A Single-Center Experience" Exp Clin Transplant. 2019 Sep 16. doi: 10.6002/ect.2019.0111; co-authored "Renal Dysfunction and Outcomes after Left Ventricular Assist Device: A Systematic Review" J Card Fail. 2019;25(8):S173-S174 and wrote a Renal Fellow Network post.
<https://www.renalfellow.org/2019/11/12/kidney-biopsy-of-the-month-glomerular-diseases-with-organized-deposits/>
- **Dr. Sri Lekha Tummalapalli** has multiple first-author publications recently. Including two original articles and two editorials: "Trends in Preventative Health Services for Veterans with Military Coverage Compared to Non-Military Coverage" J Gen Intern Med. 2019 Oct 16. doi: 10.1007/s11606-019-05377-w.; "Physician Practices in Against Medical Advice Discharges" Health Qual. 2019 Oct 24. doi:10.1097/JHQ.0000000000000227; "Preparing the Nephrology Workforce for the Transformation to Value-Based Kidney Care" Clin J Am Soc Nephrol. 2019;14:1802-1804; "Predicting Risk of Kidney Disease: Is Risk-Based Kidney Care on the Horizon?" JAMA. 2019 Nov 8. doi: 10.1001/jama.2019.17378.
- **Dr. Nikolaos Skartsis** received the Mentee-Mentor Award from the AST at the International Transplant Science Meeting 2019 in Florida in November for his abstract "Regulatory T Cells Respond to Proinflammatory Cytokines IL-6 and TNF α by Enhancing their Proliferation without Compromising Their Lineage." The same month, he also gave an invited lecture at the 20th Panhellenic Transplantation Congress on "Novel Regulatory T Cell Therapy Methods in Kidney Transplantation" in Greece.
- **Chi Chu, MD** co-authored "Home Hemodialysis Prescription: A Practical Guide" in blog post.
<https://www.renalfellow.org/2019/11/18/home-hemodialysis-prescription-a-practical-guide/>
- **Diana Kwong, MD** first-authored "The Value of Kinetic Glomerular Filtration Rate Estimation on Medication Dosing in Acute Kidney Injury." PLoS One. 2019; 14(11): e0225601.

- We were delighted with our recent NRMP match results and welcome our new incoming class of renal fellows: **Drs. Allen Chao, Ashley Martinez, Dana Larsen, Matthew Breeggemann, Sonny Nguyen, Wahid Syed.**

Accomplishments and Awards

- Congrats to **Dr. Leticia Rolon** for receiving the Academy of Medical Educators 2019 Excellence in Teaching Award.
- Congrats to **Dr. Lowell Lo** for received the Kaiser Award for Teaching in Inpatient Care Setting. He was also selected to be a UCSF Health Learning Health System Coach 2019-2021.
- **Drs. Kathleen Liu** and **Chi-yuan Hsu** have a new 5-year R01 “CODE-AKI: Conservative Dialysis to enhance AKI recovery” (DK122797). Dr. Liu was also an invited attendee of the Acute Dialysis Quality Initiative (ADQI) 2019 meeting "AKI in Non-CT/Vascular Surgery" held in Cambridge, UK in September 2019 and is now a Steering Committee member of a new ASN initiative “AKI!Now: Promoting Excellence in the Prevention and Treatment of Acute Kidney Injury.”
- **Elaine Ku, MD** and colleagues have a new 5-year R01 titled “Reaching Equity for Adults and Children in Transplant” (REACH-Transplant)(DK120886). She and her hepatology collaborator, Dr. Jennifer Lai, were also awarded a Dept. of Medicine Team Science Planning Grant studying patients with liver failure who will also need renal transplant.
- **Allison Webber, MD** is co-author on the paper “A Virtual Crossmatch Based Strategy Facilitates Sharing of Deceased Donor Kidneys for Highly Sensitized Recipients” Transplantation. 2019 Aug 19. doi: 10.1097/TP.0000000000002924. [Epub ahead of print] chosen the American Society of Transplant Surgeons and the Vanguard Committee to receive the 2020 Vanguard Prize.
- **Dr. Sindhu Chandran** presented an update from the Immune Tolerance Network at the 4th International Workshop on Transplant Tolerance held in Pittsburgh, PA in September 2019. Additionally, she along with Dr. Leventhal from Northwestern University, summarized the transplant Treg trials experience in the US. In the same month, she was also invited to present an update on clinical transplant tolerance trials at the ASHI/Banff 2019 meeting, also held in Pittsburgh, PA.
- **Dr. Anthony Muiru** was an invited speaker at the African Association of Nephrology (AFRAN) congress 2019 held September 2019 in Mombasa, Kenya.
- **Dr. Vanessa Grubbs** was an invited speaker at the Golden Jubilee Annual Congress of the Indian Society of Nephrology (50th ISNCON 2019) held in Chandigarh, India November 2019.
- **Jep Poon**, ZSFG Nephrology Division manager, was honored with a ZSFG Staff Excellence in Leadership award in September 2019.
- ZSFG Physician Assistant, **Kathryn Fontwit** won the Spirit of DOM Award for her stellar contributions to care of patients at ZSFG with CKD and ESRD.

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

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