

Nephrology Division Newsletter

November-December 2020

Announcements

- **Drs. Raymond Hsu and Leticia Rolon** (and renal pathology colleague Dr. Vighnesh Walavalkar) have become faculty members for the Virtual Glomerular Disease Fellowship organized by the GlomCon Project (@GlomCon).
- **Dr. Leticia Rolon** has also joined the 2021 Faculty for NephSIM Nephrons (@Neph_SIM).
- UCSF's MATCH Transplant Outcomes Research Center (<https://match.ucsf.edu/>) has selected four project proposals to be conducted over the next two-year period:
 - Transplant Outcomes in Highly Sensitized Kidney Transplant Recipients after Implementation of a Donor Specific Antibody Monitoring Protocol. (Lead Investigator: Dr. Allison Webber)
 - Serum Sodium Change Pre- to Post-Liver Transplant in Patients with Cirrhosis: a Potential Predictor of Short-Term Neurologic Complications. (Lead Investigators: Drs. Jennifer Lai and Kacey Berry)
 - Understanding the Relationship Between Deceased Donor Creatinine Trend Driven by Donor Diabetes Insipidus and Long-Term Recipient Kidney Function. (Lead Investigator: Dr. Garrett Roll)
 - Differential Impact of Post Kidney Transplant of Diabetes Mellitus Onset on Patient and Allograft Outcomes (DIPLOMAT). (Lead Investigator: Dr. Brian Lee)
- **Dr. Leticia Rolon** has become the Director of Fellowship Diversity for the Department of Medicine.
- **Dr. Cynthia Delgado** (and Dr. Neil Powe) gave a talk "Race/Ethnicity, Body Composition and Kidney Function Measurement" at the National Kidney Foundation of Northern California's 52th Annual Medical Symposium held on November 13, 2020.

Fellowship Program

- We were delighted with our recent NRMP match results and welcome our new incoming class of renal fellows: **Drs. Jesse Ikeme, Mitra Jamshidian, David Li, Amrita Mahesh, Vanessa-Giselle Peschard, Merve Postalcioglu and Jennifer Tang.**
- **Dr. Chi Chu** has two new first author publications "Angiotensin-Converting Enzyme Inhibitor or Angiotensin Receptor Blocker Use Among Hypertensive US Adults With Albuminuria" Hypertension. Published: 16 Nov 2020 <https://doi.org/10.1161/HYPERTENSIONAHA.120.16281> and "The Kidney Failure Risk Equation for Prediction of Allograft Loss in Kidney Transplant Recipients" Kidney Medicine. Published: October 28, 2020 <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.xkme.2020.09.004>.
- **Dr. Diana Kwong** published "Using Best Subset Regression to Identify Clinical Characteristics and Biomarkers Associated with Sepsis-Associated Acute Kidney Injury" American Journal of Physiology-Renal Physiology. Published: 19 NOV 2020 <https://doi.org/10.1152/ajprenal.00281.2020>.
Diana was promoted to the faculty December 1, 2020.

- **Dr. Adrian Whelan**, currently a transplant nephrology fellow, has a new paper out: “Longer Distance From Dialysis Facility to Transplant Center Is Associated With Lower Access to Kidney Transplantation” *Transplantation Direct*: October 2020 - Volume 6 - Issue 10 - p e602 doi: 10.1097/TXD.0000000000001048.

Accomplishments and Awards

- **Dr. Raymond Hsu** was recognized one of the Top 5 reviewers for *CJASN* in 2020.
- **Drs. Chi-yuan Hsu and Meyeon Park** have been awarded a \$844,000 competitive supplement (3R01DK120551-02S1) to their ongoing Living Donor Extended Time Outcomes (LETO) Study.
- **Dr. Vasantha Jotwani** received a R56DK126831 grant “Cannabis Use and Kidney Health Among Veterans with Coronary Artery Disease.”

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

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