

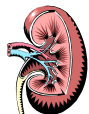
Nephrology Division Newsletter

May-June 2008



Announcements

- ❖ Congratulations to **Dr. Andy Choi**, a former renal fellow, who has joined the faculty at SFVAMC as Adjunct Assistant Professor in the spring.
- ❖ Congratulations to current fellow **Dr. Carmen Peralta**, who will be joining the faculty at Parnassus as an Adjunct Assistant Professor starting this coming academic year.
- ❖ At the end of this academic year, **Dr. Suma Prakash** will be leaving SFGH to return to Canada. **Dr. Eric Savransky** will be leaving to return to New York. We thank them for their services and wish them both the best.
- ❖ **Dr. Mei Zhu Peng** will be extending her clinical activities to SFVAMC in addition to attending at Parnassus starting July 1st. **Dr. Steve Gluck, MD** will also extend his attending duties to SFGH starting July 1st. **Dr. Lynda Frassetto** will continue to do clinical work at both SFVAMC as well as UCSF Medical Center. We hope that these cross-site activities will increase collaboration among Parnassus, SFGH and the VA.
- ❖ **Michele Carter** has been hired as a new RSA in the Nephrology Division. Michele is currently working as an Administrative Assistant in Medicine's central business office. Michele has done a superior job in the Department over the past year and we look forward to her transition into Nephrology. Effective immediately she will start working 10% for Nephrology, on May 29th she will transition to 50% and on June 12th she will be full time. Please join us in welcoming Michele to the Division.
- ❖ **Lynn Prudencio** has left her position with the Division and has accepted a part time position with the UCSF Osher Center for Integrative Medicine as their Communications Coordinator. Lynn has generously agreed to stay with us part time until her position is filled. Starting the week of May 12th Lynn's new schedule will be Tuesday all day, Wednesday afternoon and Friday all day. Please join us in congratulating Lynn on her new position.
- ❖ **Honore Pedigo** has been hired as the new Administrative Assistant for Nephrology and will be starting June 24th 2008. Honore is a new graduate from University of California San Diego and has been working part time as an Administrative Assistant in their Undergraduate Medical Education office for the past two years. Honore comes to us with great recommendations from the staff at UCSD and we are looking forward to having her in our Division. Lynn will continue to work her part time schedule (Tuesdays all day, Wednesday pm and Fridays all day) until Jessica returns from maternity leave on July 21st. She will help in training Honore and will be helping out with the Fellowship program in July. Please join us in welcoming Honore to the Division.



Fellowship Program

- ❖ **Congratulations** to our graduating fellows:
 - **Frederick Albrecht, MD, PhD**
 - **Sharon Kang, MD**
 - **Christopher Keller, MD**
 - **Brian Lee, MD**
 - **Thanh Nguyen, MD**
 - **Carmen Peralta, MD**
 - **Jesse Qian, MD**We wish you all the best in your future endeavors!

- ❖ **Class of 2008 Nephrology Fellowship Program Graduation**
 - **Wednesday, June 25th, 2008 at 8:00 am**
521 Parnassus Avenue, School of Nursing, N-729

We hope to see all of you there!



Accomplishments and Awards

- ❖ **Deb Adey, MD, Kerry Cho, MD, Denis Glenn, MD, PhD and Julie Yabu, MD** were all nominated for teaching awards at the Medical Student Teaching Award Ceremony on April 22, 2008. They were acknowledged from hundreds of lecturers and small group leaders from the first two years of medical school. This is a real honor!
- ❖ **Congratulations to the entire staff and faculty** associated with the **Renal Practice** for receiving the first annual “*Voice of the Patient- Rising Star Award*”. This award is granted to honor the dedication to a patient centered culture demonstrated by achieving the greatest improvement in patient satisfaction ratings among all outpatient departments (over a two year period). The Renal Practice was formally recognized at the Seventh Annual Medical Center Honors and Awards Celebration on Tuesday, May 6.
 - Here is the poster: *(I plan to upload the PDF to the website and link it, but my access to Dreamweaver isn't currently working)*
 - Department of Medicine website: <http://medicine.ucsf.edu/news/#4>

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