

Nephrology Division Newsletter

July - August 2010



Announcements

- ❖ **Dr. Kerry Cho** was promoted to Associate Professor July 1, 2010. He also switched into the Clinical X series.
- ❖ **Dr. Carmen Peralta** was invited to serve on the national selection committee for the American Kidney Fund Clinical Scientist in Nephrology award.
- ❖ **Dr. Kathleen Liu** was invited to speak at Round Table Conference on the theme "Controversies in Acute Kidney Injury", to be held in Brussels, Belgium from March 19-21, 2011 in conjunction with the 31st International Symposium on Intensive Care and Emergency Medicine (March 22-25).
- ❖ **Dr. Sam James** was interviewed by the San Francisco Examiner in July regarding the availability of dialysis beds in the City of San Francisco:
<http://www.sfexaminer.com/local/Lack-of-dialysis-centers-creates-expensive-problem-for-city-98806179.html>
- ❖ **Dr. Michael Humphreys** attended the 6th International Melanocortin Meeting in Utrecht, The Netherlands, July 8-11 and delivered a paper titled "Cardiovascular Effects of Melanocortins"
- ❖ We are welcoming two adjunct faculty members to the Division: **David Anderson, PhD** and **Sylvestre Quevedo, MD, MPH**. Dr. Anderson, who will be based mostly at the Osher Center, had been at the NIH for more than two decades and does research in hypertension. Dr. Quevedo is a board-certified nephrologist who will be based mostly at UCSF Global Health Sciences where he is working on a partnership with the Aga Khan University.



Fellowship Program

- ❖ We held our annual fellowship graduation on June 30, 2010. Our annual Division photograph was also taken on that day and has been posted on the webpage.
- ❖ During graduation, it was announced that **Dr. Meyeon Park** received the Clinical Fellow of the Year award for the Division of Nephrology as selected by the Department of Medicine housestaff. These awards were introduced for the 2009-2010 academic year to recognize one fellow from each division for outstanding performance in patient care, overall subspecialty knowledge and skills, teaching performance, and professionalism.



Accomplishments and Awards

- ❖ **Dr. Kerry Cho** recently assumed Chairmanship of UCSF Medical Center Pharmacy and Therapeutics (P & T) Committee.
- ❖ A member of our T32 Training Grant Executive Committee, **Dr. Anthony Portale**, Chief of Pediatric Nephrology at UCSF, was recently awarded an R01 titled "Disordered mineral metabolism in CKiD: role of FGF-23"
- ❖ Congratulations to **Dr. Alan Verkman**, who received the 5-year renewal award for his P30 center grant entitled "Novel small-molecule therapies for CF", covering the period of 7/14/10-5/31/15. The first year level of support is \$1,154,801 in total costs.
- ❖ Congratulations to **Dr. Kirsten Johansen** who was awarded a K24 award. The purpose of this Midcareer Investigator Award in Patient-Oriented Research is to provide support for protected time to devote to patient-oriented research and to act as research mentor.

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