

Nephrology Division Newsletter

May - June 2011



Announcements

- [UCSF](#) was represented on the faculty at several recent nephrology [meetings](#), including:
--[April 8-12, ISN World Congress of Nephrology 2011 \(Vancouver\): Drs. Flavio Vincenti and Neil Powe.](#)
--[April 26-30, NKF 2001 Spring Clinical Meetings \(Las Vegas\): Drs. Kirsten Johansen, Chi-yuan Hsu and Kirsten Biggins-Domingo \(SFGH General Medicine\).](#)
- [Carmen Peralta, MD and Michael Shlipak, MD](#) have joined the steering committee leading the National Kidney Foundation's Kidney Early Evaluation Program (KEEP). [Dr. Peralta is also a member of the KEEP Publications Committee which now allows open access to the KEEP database for researchers across the country.](#)



Fellowship Program

- **Dr. Ruth Dubin** has received a Junior Investigator Pilot Study REAC grant: "Determination of coronary flow reserve by transthoracic doppler echocardiography: development and validation of a non-invasive method for use in ESRD and other conditions." She also recently published a first-author paper: "Associations of endothelial dysfunction and arterial stiffness with intradialytic hypotension and hypertension" in Hemodialysis International. Hemodial Int. 2011 Jun 9 [Epub]
- **Dr. Delphine Tuot** received an education stipend to support her travel to the [NKF meeting](#) in Las Vegas where she presented a poster titled: ["Limited English proficiency and health care utilization among patients with CKD."](#)
- **Dr. Ranjan Chanda** gave an oral presentation at the American Transplant Congress, 2011 on May 3rd in Philadelphia: "Ciprofloxacin Prophylaxis To Prevent BK Polyoma Virus Infection in Kidney Transplant Recipients."



Accomplishments and Awards

- **Jep Poon**, Nephrology division administrator at SFGH, received a Chancellor's Award for Exceptional University Service. This award recognizes and rewards outstanding University service by non-academic staff
- **Lillian Rue, RN**, of Acute Hemodialysis Unit and UCSF/Mount Zion chronic dialysis unit, was awarded the UCSF at Mount Zion Milton and Helen Pearly Award for Outstanding Service. This is for a staff member who has provided outstanding service to Mount Zion and has consistently performed at an extraordinary level, above and beyond normal job requirements.
- **Dr. Lowell Lo** was selected for the 2011-2012 UCSF School of Medicine's Teaching Scholars Program.

- According to the latest CMS/Medicare data, **UCSF Mt Zion** was again the only dialysis unit in San Francisco with lower than expected total mortality rates. (<http://www.medicare.gov/Dialysis/include/DataSection/Quality/CompareMeasures.asp?dest=NAV|ResultsQualityMeasuresCompareMeasures#TabTop>) (accessed June 11, 2011).

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