

Nephrology Division Newsletter

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Announcements

- ❖ **Dr. Vanessa Grubbs'** narrative nonfiction essay entitled, "Undocumented Immigrants and Kidney Transplant: Costs and Controversy" was recently published in Health Affairs, Narrative Matters section, 33(2): 332-335.



Fellowship Program

- ❖ **Dr. Julie Ishida** recently published Ishida JH, Johansen KL. Iron and infection in hemodialysis patients. Semin Dial. 2014;27(1):26-36. She was also co-author on a CJASN paper regarding hospitalization rates among for-profit vs. nonprofit dialysis facilities.
- ❖ **Yongen Cheng, MD, PhD** and **Steve Kim, MD** were featured in a series of videos produced by the American Society of Nephrology about careers in nephrology (<http://www.asn-online.org/education/training/students/career-videos.aspx>).
- ❖ On 01/30/2014, **Dr. Anna Malkina** presented her research findings at the Young Investigators Forum at UCSD Advanced Nephrology: Nephrology for the Consultant conference. "The Association of Adiposity with Kidney Function Decline among HIV-Infected Adults: Findings from the FRAM Study."
- ❖ **Dr. Joachim (Joe) Ix** was named the Chief of the Division of Nephrology-Hypertension at UC San Diego (<http://mednews.ucsd.edu/2014/01/02/joachim-ix-named-chief-of-nephrology-hypertension/>). Joe was a UCSF intern, resident, chief resident and then renal fellow (2004-2006). He had been interim Division Chief previously.



Accomplishments and Awards

- ❖ In 2012-2013, **UCSF** ranked #1 in terms of research funding from the NIH awarded to medical schools in the country. Within the school, the Department of Internal Medicine also ranked #1 (data is not further divided by sub-specialties). UCSF's School of Dentistry, School of Nursing and School of Pharmacy were also ranked #1 in NIH funding for their respective fields (http://www.brimr.org/NIH_Awards/NIH_Awards.htm).
- ❖ In the first-ever large-scale survey of physicians on the quality of medical residency programs, participants were asked to name up to five programs they believe to offer the best clinical training in internal medicine. **UCSF** was one of the 4 most named programs in internal medicine (<http://health.usnews.com/health-news/top-doctors/articles/2014/02/20/doctors-name-americas-top-residency-programs>).

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