

Nephrology Division Newsletter

July - August 2016



Announcements

- ❖ **Ryan Rieger** started mid-May as our new division manager. He comes to us from the San Francisco VA Medical Center where he was the National Administrative Director for the Epilepsy Centers of Excellence. He has a MHPA from Washington State University. We want to thank **Lan Pham**, the ID Division manager, for helping us during the interim.
- ❖ We are thrilled to have been able to add to our faculty from our graduating fellows' roster. As of July 1:

Dr. Jun Shoji will be working in the KTU as an Assistant Professor. She was a KTU fellow and before that was at George Washington University where she received her medical degree and completed her residency and general nephrology fellowship.

Dr. Leticia Rolon will attend on the General Nephrology service at Parnassus. Leticia received her medical degree from UCLA and did her residency and nephrology fellowship at UCSF.

Dr. Vasantha Jotwani will join the SFVAMC as a clinical research faculty. She received her medical degree from Northwestern University and finished her residency, chief residency and nephrology fellowship at UCSF.

Dr. Anna Malkina has rejoined the Division as a part-time attending. She completed her residency and renal fellowship at UCSF and most recently was an Assistant Professor at Loma Linda University Medical Center.



Fellowship Program

- ❖ We want to congratulate our graduating class of 2016 fellows: **Drs. Gene Chang, Neda Hashemi, Vasantha Jotwani, Steven Kim, Thuy Le, Leticia Rolon, and Jun Shoji.**
- ❖ We extend a warm welcome to our incoming class of first-year fellows: **Drs. Patrick Ahearn** (residency: UCLA), **Christopher Carlos** (UCSF), **Diana Kwong** (Johns Hopkins), **Diana Mina** (University of Illinois at Chicago), **Anthony Muiru** (Massachusetts General Hospital), **Thuy Nguyen** (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill) and new KTU fellows: **Dr. Mohamed Alseiari** (general nephrology fellowship: Brown University), **Thuy Le** (UCSF).



Accomplishments and Awards

- ❖ **Dr. Elaine Ku** received the NKF young investigator award. Her project examines weight change in adult and pediatric CKD patients.
<https://www.kidney.org/news/san-francisco-researcher-receives-national-kidney-foundation-young-investigators-grant>

- ❖ **Dr. Ruth Dubin** is PI (along with Drs. Peter Ganz and Rajat Deo in a multiple PI mechanism) of a newly funded U01 titled: "Identifying modifiable biomarkers/mediators for disease progression and cardiovascular risk in chronic kidney disease."
- ❖ Many of you probably know that the latest U.S. News and World Report rankings were released and we were once more included among the top 10 hospitals in the country. **UCSF Nephrology** moved up a rank to #3 (<http://health.usnews.com/best-hospitals/rankings/nephrologyand>). We are again the highest ranked specialty at UCSF (<http://health.usnews.com/best-hospitals/area/ca/ucsf-medical-center-6930043>)--having this unique honor now for the third year in a row.

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

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