

# Nephrology Division Newsletter

## January-February 2022

### Announcements

- **Dr. David Pearce** has decided to step down as Chief of Nephrology at ZSFG, a position he has held for 18 years. He will remain on the faculty and focus his attention on research, having just successfully renewed his R01 (DK056695) for 5 more years (Feb 2022-Jan 2027). **Dr. Delphine Tuot** will assume the role of interim Division Chief as a national search is launched.
- We bid a fond farewell to our Fellowship Coordinator, **Gabriel Stelmack**. He is starting a job in the private sector that is closer to his home in Sacramento with his wife and child.
- **Elaine Ku, MD** has become an Associate Editor for AJKD.
- Welcome to Nephrology:
  - **Tiffany Tam** is our new fellowship coordinator. She got her BA from UC Berkeley in Sociology and had been an Administrative Assistant working with Dept of Medicine chief residents and medical students.
  - **Adesuwa Osunde** is a new Assistant CRC for Dr. Chi-yuan Hsu. She is a UC Berkeley graduate who has a BA in Public Health.

### Fellowship Program

- **Dr. Nikolaos Skartsis** first authored “IL-6 and TNF $\alpha$  Drive Extensive Proliferation of Human Tregs Without Compromising Their Lineage Stability or Function” *Front Immunol.* 2021 Dec 23;12:783282. doi: 10.3389/fimmu.2021.783282. eCollection 2021.
- **Dr. Matthew Breeggemann** first authored “Transient Hyperkalemia Following Treatment of Chronic Hypokalemia: A Case Report and Review of Distal Tubule Physiology.” *Case Rep Nephrol Dial.* 2022 Jan 31;12(1):1-4. doi: 10.1159/000521477.

### Accomplishments and Awards

- **Flavio Vincenti, MD** has renewed his U01 AI113362 (formally titled “Novel Therapies to Modulate the Inflammatory Alloresponse in Renal Grafts”) for 3 more years.
- **Dr. Cynthia Delgado** has been invited to speak at multiple forums for her work as co-chair (along with **Dr. Neil Powe**) of the NKF/ASN Task Force on Reassessing the Inclusion of Race in Diagnosing Kidney Diseases whose final report appeared in the February 2022 issue of AJKD. These include the Bowman Society Lecture at the University of Chicago, Renal Grand Rounds at Yale and the NKF 2022 Kidney and Transplant Symposium.
- **Drs. Kerry Cho, Stephen Gluck, Chi-yuan Hsu** and **Allison Webber** were named as San Francisco “Top Doctors” in Castle Connolly for 2022.

- **Dr. Vasantha Jotwani** has gotten her first R01. It is titled “Mitochondrial health, cardiovascular risk, and blood pressure targets in hypertensive adults” (HL151564)
- **Drs. Kathleen Liu** and **Lowell Lo** both received UCSF 2021-2022 Health Exceptional Physician Awards. This honor recognizes select physicians for exemplary demonstration of UCSF Health’s values in their clinical practice and interaction with patients, faculty and staff. Please see videos featuring Kathleen and Lowell at <https://healthrecognition.ucsf.edu/exceptional-physician-awards>.

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

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