

Nephrology Division Newsletter

July-August 2020

Announcements

- **Dr. Michelle Estrella** has accepted the position of Chief of the Division of Nephrology at SFVA to start September 1, 2020. She has been acting as interim chief since July 2020.
- **Cynthia Delgado, MD** is a co-chair on the NKF-ASN Task Force on Reassessing the Inclusion of Race in Diagnosing Kidney Disease. The other co-chair is Dr. Neil Powe.
- **Drs. Raymond Hsu, Leticia Rolon** and UCSF renal pathology colleagues gave a presentation titled “Clinical-Pathological Correlations: UCSF Cases” at the NKF Northern California Journal Club/Case Discussion July 1, 2020.
- The UCSF Multi-disciplinary Advancement of Transplant-Centered Healthy (MATCH) Outcomes Research Center led by **Elaine Ku, MD** officially launches September 2020. Please see match.ucsf.edu for more information.

Fellowship Program

- **Dr. Diana Kwong** first-authored and **Dr. Kazem Fallahzadeh** co-authored “Recovery of Kidney Function Among Patients with Glomerular Disease Starting Maintenance Dialysis” *AJKD* ahead of print. *Am J Kidney Dis* 2020 Aug 6;S0272-6386(20)30865-9. doi: 10.1053/j.ajkd.2020.06.012.
- **Debbie Chen, MD** was selected to be the *AJKD* Editorial Intern for 2020-21. She was also co-author on an editorial “Should Renin-angiotensin System Blockade be Avoided in Patients with Declining Kidney Function?” *Am J Kidney Dis* 2020 May 12;S0272-6386(20)30671-5. doi: 10.1053/j.ajkd.2020.04.003.
- **Dr. Chi Chu** published “Completeness and Quality of Text Paging for Subspecialty Consult Requests” in *Postgrad Med J* 2020 Aug 20;postgradmedj-2020-137624. doi: 10.1136/postgradmedj-2020-137624.
- Former UCSF renal fellow **Dr. Nisha Bansal** (2007-2010) received the 2020 ASN Midcareer Distinguished Researcher Award from the American Society of Nephrology.
- Former UCSF renal fellow **Dr. Harini Chakkera** (2000-2004; transplant fellow 2004-5) has become Chair of Division of Nephrology at Mayo Clinic Arizona.
- Congrats to **Dr. Kazem Fallahzadeh** for being awarded an ASN Kidney Cure 2020 Sharon Anderson Research Fellowship. The project title is “Identifying Opportunities for Improved Cardiovascular Care Delivery Among Kidney Transplant Recipients.”
- Congrats to **Jon Amatruda, MD** for getting a F32 grant. His project title is “NSAID Use and Multidimensional Assessment of Kidney Health.”

Accomplishments and Awards

- **Dr. Anoop Sheshadri** who was awarded a R03 Grant for Early Medical/Surgical Specialists Transition to Aging Research (GEMSSTAR) titled “Identifying Goals and Barriers to Exercise for Prehabilitation in Older Adults Awaiting Kidney Transplantation and their Caregivers.”
- For the 8th year in a row, **UCSF Nephrology** has been ranked among the top 10 programs in Nephrology by U.S. News & World Report (#8 for 2020-21). UCSF Medical Center ranked #8 in the nation on the Best Hospital Honor Roll.
- **Dr. Harini Sarathy** has been selected to receive a School of Medicine annual peer-nominated Excellence in Teaching Award for 2020.
- **Dr. Leticia Rolon** has become a member of the UCSF Haile T. Debas Academy of Medical Educators.
- **Dr. Kathleen Liu, MD, PhD, MAS** received the 2020 ASN Midcareer Distinguished Leader Award from the American Society of Nephrology. She also recently served as an ad hoc member of the NIDDK Council.

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

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