Farewell to Dr. Christine Cho

Dr. Christine Cho, Assistant Professor of Clinical Emergency Medicine and Pediatrics, has accepted a position as Fellowship Director at Children's Hospital of Los Angeles. As UCSF’s first fellowship trained Pediatric Emergency Medicine (PEM) physician, Dr. Cho has essentially established the discipline of PEM at UCSF and has served as the Interim Chief and Medical Director since April 2013, before the Division's inception in July 2014. She has overseen both the opening of the first Children's Emergency Department at UCSF and the move to the Pediatric Emergency Department at Mission Bay. Dr. Cho’s passion is in the realm of medical education and she is regarded as an exceptional teacher by trainees and her peers. She is the recipient of numerous teaching awards including the UCSF Haile T. Debas Academy of Medical Educators Excellence in Teaching Award. The Department of Emergency Medicine is indebted to her for all the work she has done and wish her continued success in her new position.

New Faculty

Dr. Aaron Kornblith

Dr. Jahan Fahimi

Dr. Jim Hardy
Faculty Announcements

Matt Niedzwiecki, PhD, will join our faculty on August 1 as Assistant Adjunct Professor. He will be our Department’s first full-time health services researcher (non-clinical) and will also be a core faculty member of the UCSF Institute for Health Policy Studies. Dr. Niedzwiecki received his PhD in Economics from UC San Diego in 2013 and completed a post-doctoral fellowship with the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Scholars in Health Policy Research Program at UC Berkeley and UCSF.

Dr. Aaron Kornblith joins the full-time faculty at Mission Bay. He is a graduate of our UCSF-SFGH Emergency Medicine Residency Class of 2013 and just completed his Pediatric EM fellowship at UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital Oakland.

Four of our MSP faculty at Parnassus have transitioned to full-time faculty effective July 1: Dr. Jahan Fahimi, Dr. Jim Hardy, Dr. Liz Kwan, and Dr. Guy Shochat. Dr. Jillian Mongelluzzo, another of our home grown residents (class of 2013), also transitioned from MSP to full-time faculty at SFGH effective June 1.

Two of our fellowship program graduates are joining our full-time faculty. Global Health Fellow Dr. Aaron Harries will work clinically at SFGH. Ultrasound Fellow Dr. Will Shyy will work clinically at UCSF Parnassus.

Dr. Aaron Harries
Dr. Will Shyy

Dr. Steven Bin, Associate Clinical Professor of Emergency Medicine, was appointed Medical Director of the Pediatric Emergency Department at UCSF’s Benioff Children's Hospital at Mission Bay.

Dr. Rajesh Daftary, Assistant Clinical Professor of Emergency Medicine, was appointed Medical Director of the Pediatric Emergency Department at SFGH opening in 2016.
Dr. Eric Silman, Assistant Clinical Professor of Emergency Medicine, assumed the role of Director of Medical Student Education effective July 1. He was also faculty at the ACEP National Simulation Course. He will be helping to run Bay Area Simulation Day this winter.

Dr. Michael Callaham, Professor of Clinical Emergency Medicine, was appointed to the editorial board of the Research Integrity and Peer Review journal.

Dr. Maria Raven, Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine, took part in a Housing As Health Care meeting convened by the Center for Health Strategies in Washington, DC, on July 1 and 2 to discuss federal and state mechanisms that can fund housing for the homeless.

Dr. Raven and Dr. Matt Niedzweicki (who joins the EM research faculty on August 1), along with Dr. Margot Kushel, will be the evaluators for the Santa Clara County Chronic Homelessness Pay For Success project, a 6.25 year randomized trial evaluating the impact of permanent supportive housing for chronically homeless individuals who are frequent users of county services in Santa Clara County.

Operation Callaghan

Dr. Eric Silverman, our new EMS Fellow (pictured at left), participated in the VA/California Air National Guard exercise called "Operation Callaghan" on July 15 run by the California National Guard. It tested the ability to decontaminate and evacuate patients from the port of Oakland to various medical facilities throughout the Bay Area. The VA has the only disaster-capable helipad in SF currently; Dr. Silverman and Dr. Raj Daftary will be working with the UCSF Mission Bay staff to develop and execute an exercise with the helipad there so that it, too, will be capable of responding to this type of emergency (hopefully in the near future).

Media Coverage

Dr. Renee Hsia, Professor of Emergency Medicine, received media attention from the American Journal of Managed Care and the Leonard Davis Institute of Health Economics at UPenn for her article published in the New England Journal of Medicine (see publications section below).

Dr. Renee Hsia served as a UCSF PROF-PATH (an NIH-funded research and career development program dedicated to increasing diversity in the biomedical sciences) mentor to Sidney Le, MS II, and their project was chosen for a podium presentation at Academy Health. (Hsia RY, Le S. Access to Urgent Care Centers in the United States: Who Are They Serving? Podium Presentation, Academy Health Annual Research Meeting, Minneapolis, MN, June 14-16.) Dr. Hsia's mentee, Sidney Le, was also a recipient of the prestigious Alice S. Hersh Scholarship at the 2015 Academy Health Conference.
New Fellows

Brad Ching, MD, joins the department as our Ultrasound Fellow on August 1. Dr. Ching is a graduate of the Alameda Health System, Highland Hospital Emergency Medicine Residency program. He received his MD from NYU School of Medicine. He will be working clinical shifts at Parnassus and SFGH.

Scott Fruhan, MD, MBA, joined the department as our second Global Health Fellow on July 1. Dr. Fruhan is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin’s Emergency Medicine residency program. He received his MD from Columbia and MBA from Harvard and has worked in Ethiopia, Uganda, Australia, Mali, Kenya, and South Africa. He will be working at SFGH clinically and in Uganda and Geneva over the next year.

Virat Madia, MD joins the department as our fourth Medical Education Fellow on August 1. Dr. Madia is a graduate of the Alameda Health System, Highland Hospital Emergency Medicine Residency program. He received his medical degree from University of Minnesota. He will be working clinically at UCSF Parnassus.

Eric Silverman, MD, joined the department as our next EMS/Disaster (ACGME) fellow this month. Dr. Silverman was chief resident at Cooper University Medical Center Emergency Medicine Residency. As with Dr. Brian Savino, our second year (non-ACGME) fellow. Dr. Silverman will be working with San Francisco EMS, DPH, VA and SFFD as well as Alameda EMS.

Kathy Vo, MD, joined the department as our ACGME Toxicology fellow in July. Dr. Vo graduated from our very own Emergency Medicine Residency Program in 2014 and will be our first "home grown" toxicology fellow. She will be working clinical shifts in the emergency department at SFGH and at the VA. She will also be leading our inpatient toxicology consulting team at SFGH.

Resident Announcements

Dr. Kai Li, PGY4, received a CTSI Spring 2015 Resident Research Funding Award for her resident research project, “Does the use of a single dose of 4mg IV ondansetron cause clinically prolonged QTc in the undifferentiated nauseated patient in the emergency department?”

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