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ACHIEVEMENTS



Dr. John Brown, Assistant Clinical Professor of Emergency Medicine, received a special recognition award from the UCSF Association for Clinical Faculty for his leadership in Emergency Medicine education, including developing and directing the EMS/Disaster Medicine Fellowship, leading the EMS/Disaster Area of Distinction for the EM Residency, developing and leading the EMS/Disaster rotation for the EM R4's, and the development and teaching of the LGBT Health Issues curriculum for the EM residents. He has also mentored medical students, visiting residents and fellows, and participates in the Global Health Interest group.

FACULTY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Teri Reynolds, Lead for the Emergency, Trauma and Acute Care program at the World Health Organization, hosted the first WHO meeting on Emergency Care Systems in Geneva on Sept 14-15. The meeting focused on the WHO Emergency Care Systems Toolkit, including the Emergency Care Systems Framework and Assessment Tool and the Basic Emergency Care course. Attending from our faculty were **Dr. Renee Hsia** representing the Center for Health Policy Studies and **Dr. Andrea Tenner** consulting for the ETA program.



Dr. Eric Isaacs, Clinical Professor of Emergency Medicine, was a planner and co-leader of a workshop on October 5 for physicians communicating with seriously ill patients given to the Kaiser SF Emergency Medicine group.

Dr. Aaron Kornblith, Assistant Clinical Professor of Emergency Medicine and Pediatrics, served on the planning committee for the UCSF Care of the Hospitalized Child CME Symposium. He and his colleagues, **Dr. Nate Teismann**, **Dr. Jahan Fahimi**, **Dr. Brad Ching** (Ultrasound Fellow), and **Dr. Karla Canseco** (PGY2) organized, lectured, and instructed at the

Point of Care Ultrasound Workshop, which was part of the symposium, on October 8, 2015. The course was extremely well received by the participants and course directors.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

Dr. Ellen Weber, Professor and Vice Chair and the editor in chief of the *Emergency Medicine Journal* gave an invited talk and workshop at the Mediterranean Emergency Medicine conference in Rome, Italy, on writing up your research article. At the annual meeting of the Royal College of Emergency Medicine (RCEM) In Manchester, England, she spoke on how to get published and recorded a short video with the take-home points which can be viewed here.



Dr. Ellen Weber on the RCEM
U-tube channel

Dr. Melissa Clark, Assistant Clinical Professor of Emergency Medicine, was invited to speak at the UCSF Pathway to Discovery in Global Health on the topic of Disasters, Complex Humanitarian Emergencies and Refugee Health in September. She also gave a Grand Rounds lecture at Highland Hospital on the topic of Complex Humanitarian Emergencies and Refugee Health.

Dr. Robert Rodriguez, Professor of Clinical Emergency Medicine, gave Grand Rounds at Highland Residency on Critical Care in the ED.

Dr. Jeff Tabas, Professor of Clinical Emergency Medicine, was invited to speak at Essentials of Emergency Medicine in Las Vegas.

NACCT ANNUAL MEETING

The North American Congress of Clinical Toxicology (NACCT) meeting was held in San Francisco on October 8 to 12. The poster presentations below were given by members of our toxicology group: **Dr. Craig Smollin** (Associate Clinical Professor of Emergency Medicine and Co-Medical Director of the California Poison Control System-SF Division), **Dr. Annie Arens** (second year toxicology fellow), and **Dr. Hallam Gugelmann** (just graduated toxicology fellow and now an Assistant Medical Director of the Poison Control Center). **Dr. Patil Armenian**, Assistant Clinical Professor of EM at UCSF-Fresno (and former fellow in San Francisco) gave a platform presentation titled "Ease of Identifying and Purchasing Popular 'Research

Chemicals' via the internet."

Smollin C, Fu J, Levin R. Physician Recognition and Knowledge of Medications with Boxed Warnings

Chen HY, Horng H, **Smollin C**. Mistaking poison hemlock for wild celery resulted in rapid respiratory arrest.

Arens A, Gerona R, Meier K, **Smollin C**. Acute cholecystitis associated with kratom abuse

Arens A, Ben-Youssef L, Hayashi S, **Smollin C**. Esophageal rupture following ghost pepper ingestion.

Durrani TS, Muzaffar SA, **Arens A**, Hayashi S, Kosnett M. A lead-intoxicated patient with end stage renal disease treated with Ca EDTA and high-flux hemodialysis.

Gugelmann H, Durrani T. Bong water cotton fever: parenteral administration of sterilized, desiccated and reconstituted methamphetamine water pipe runoff.

Gugelmann H, Armenian P, Gerona R, Thornton S. Sketchy spice: characteristics and limitations of synthetic cannabinoid-related toxicologic case reports

Gugelmann H, Smollin C, Kearney T. Poisoned and hallucinating: a 12-year review of California Poison Control System data.

Gugelmann H, Smollin C. Vinegar Ketoacidosis: The perils of immoderate vinegar ingestion.

MEDIA COVERAGE

Dr. Chris Fee, Associate Professor of Clinical Emergency Medicine, was interviewed by the *Orange County Register* and quoted in an article published on September 22, 2015, titled "[Death in disguise: a broad campaign targets sepsis, which often mimics minor ills.](#)"

RESIDENT/FELLOW ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Nida Degesys, PGY2, was appointed to the US Department of Health and Human Resources/Health Resources and Services Administration committee (the Council of Graduate Medical Education or COGME). She was appointed to this prestigious committee by the Secretary of HHS (Secretary Burwell).

Chief resident **Dr. Sally Graglia** organized a team of volunteers to participate in the EMRA EM Day of Service inaugural event. Emergency Medicine providers around the country were challenged to identify community needs and volunteer to



address those needs. San Francisco's Project Homeless Connect held a big event (PHC 60) at the Bill Graham Civic Auditorium for people needing medical services among many other kinds of services. Fellow resident doctors **Noah Hawthorne, Lamarr Echols, Julia Chang, Maria Beylin, Christian Rose, and Tomas Diaz**, as well as their Program Director, **Dr. Chris Fee**, and Associate Program Director, **Dr. Esther Chen**, volunteered their services on September 23.

Dr. Eric Silverman, EMS/D Fellow responded to the Valley Fire in Lake County in September to provide medical support.

PUBLICATIONS

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Kanzaria HK, Probst MA, Hoffman JR. [In Reply - Credat Emptor](#). *Academic Emergency Medicine*. 2015 Sep 10. doi: 10.1111/acem.12764. [Epub ahead of print]

Li K, Gugelmann H, **Tabas JA**. [Young woman with seizures](#). *Annals of Emergency Medicine*. 2015 Oct; 66(4):363-7.

Mabray MC, Talbott JF, **Whetstone WD**, Dhall SS, Phillips DB, Pan JZ, Manley GT, Bresnahan JC, Beattie MS, Haefeli J, Ferguson AR. [Multidimensional Analysis of MRI Predicts Early Impairment in Thoracic and Thoracolumbar Spinal Cord Injury](#). *Journal of Neurotrauma*. 2015 Sep 28. [Epub ahead of print] PMID: 26414451

Mastenbrook J, **Savino P**, Mazurek P, Eichel J, Selde W, Ekblad G. [Air Medical Curricula in Emergency Medicine Residencies: A National Survey](#). *Air Medical Journal*. 2015 Sep-Oct; 34(5):283-8. doi: 10.1016/j.amj.2015.05.013.

McGreevy J, **Isaacs E**, Marill K, Venkat A. [Ethical Decision-making in the Emergency Department](#). *Academic Emergency Medicine*. 2015 Sep 21. This is an online lecture with materials that was published by Academic Emergency Medicine.

Raja AS, Baumann B, **Rodriguez RM**. Prevalence of Chest Injury with the Presence of NEXUS Chest Criteria: Data to Inform Shared Decision-Making Regarding Imaging Use. *Annals of Emergency Medicine* [Epub ahead of print].

Wang RC, Rodriguez RM, Moghadassi M, et al. [External Validation of the STONE Score](#), a

Clinical Prediction Rule for Ureteral Stone: An Observational Multi-institutional Study. *Annals of Emergency Medicine* [Epub ahead of print].

<http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.annemergmed.2015.08.019>.

POSTER PRESENTATION

Probst MA, **Kanzaria HK**, Frosch DL, Breslin M, Langan M, Hess EP, Richardon LD. Patient and Provider Perspectives on Shared Decision-Making in Syncope: Qualitative Groundwork for Decision-Support Intervention Development. Poster Presentation, Society for Medical Decision Making, St. Louis, MO October 2015.

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