Achievements

Dr. Renee Y. Hsia has been named Professor of Emergency Medicine, the first ladder rank faculty member in the Department of Emergency Medicine. Dr. Hsia is Director of Health Policy Studies within the DEM, and also core faculty in the Philip R. Lee Institute of Health Policy Studies, as well as a member of the UCSF Global Health Economics Consortium and UCSF Center for Healthcare Value. Dr. Hsia is a national leader in health policy research having had over 100 publications in peer-reviewed journals. She has received numerous awards, including the Academy for Women in Academic Emergency Medicine Early Career Faculty Award, Society for Academic Emergency Medicine Young Investigator Award, and Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Physician Faculty Scholars Award. She received her medical degree from Harvard Medical School; her master's training in health policy, planning, and financing at the London School of Economics and the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine; and her residency training in emergency medicine at Stanford University. She practices clinically at San Francisco General Hospital.

Faculty Announcements

Dr. Andi Tenner, Assistant Clinical Professor of Emergency Medicine, returns from a three month assignment working with the International Rescue Committee in the fight against Ebola in Sierra Leone where she served as a Case Management Coordinator and helped oversee IRC's three Ebola Isolation Units in the country. Details about her experience were posted on her blog. She spent her quarantine period at World Health Organization headquarters consulting in the Emergency Care Systems program, with a specific focus on surveillance and the surge capacity functions necessary to keep Emergency Care Systems operational in a crisis. Dr. Tenner was highlighted in April's AWAEM Awareness
Dr. Eric Silman, Assistant Clinical Professor of Emergency Medicine, will assume the role of the Medical Student Director effective July 1, 2015, upon Dr. David Duong's departure. Dr. Silman will continue in his role as Assistant Program Director.

Invited Presentations


Research Abstract Presentations


The following were lightning oral presentations at the 18th Annual SAEM Western Regional Meeting in Tucson, Arizona, on March 27 and 28.


Hooker R, Young M, Hendey GW. "Hyperkalemia Frequently Presents as Symptomatic Bradycardia in the Prehospital Setting."

Chinnock B, Hendey GW. "Irrigation of Cutaneous Abscesses Does Not Improve Treatment Success."


Itakura KS, Pillsbury MM, Rodriguez R. "Interruptions of Trauma Resuscitations for Radiographic Procedures."


Riddell J, Tran A, Bengiamin R, Hendey G, Armenian P. "Ketamine Has Clinically Insignificant Effects on Heart Rate and Blood Pressure in Agitated Emergency Department Patients."

Media Coverage

Dr. Renee Hsia was a featured guest in the Emergency Medical Abstracts (EMA) series, published by the Center for Medical Education, and was interviewed about her article "Variation in charges for emergency department visits across California," by W. Richard Bukata, Medical Editor at EMA. The interview was included in the February 2015 Issue; Volume 39, No. 2.
Dr. Renee Hsia’s article published in *Health Affairs* received media attention from the *Los Angeles Times*, *KQED*, *Dotmed Daily News*, and *FierceHealthcare* (see publications section below).

**Fellow Announcements**

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**Dr. Aaron Harries**, Global Health Fellow, recently assisted with the launch of the first air ambulance service in Uganda. He led a medical rescue simulation complete with a helicopter air evacuation which was featured in the national Ugandan newspaper. **Dr. Harries**’s fellowship work has been focused on developing emergency care in Uganda.

**Annual CME Course**

The High Risk Emergency Medicine Hawaii conference was an outstanding success with over 400 attendees. A combined effort from UCSF faculty, residents, and guest speakers with an amazing array of presentations and workshops and even a running presentation of clinical course pearls by twitter feed from our own **Dr. Michelle Lin**.

**Publications**


Book Chapter

Villar J, Lanning J, and Rodriguez RM. Study design. Chapter in Making order out of chaos: Practical advice for doing research in the emergency and acute care setting.