Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to the first issue of the Department of Emergency Medicine semi-annual newsletter, highlighting a number of significant accomplishments of our faculty and residents over the past six months. Most of you already know we care for 36,000 emergency patients a year at UCSF Medical Center (accounting for 30% of all hospital admissions) and 52,000 at SFGH (accounting for 90% of admissions). We hope to also keep our colleagues in the UCSF community informed about our other activities, accomplishments, and scholarly achievement over the past half year. I am proud to be chair of such a productive and energetic faculty and encourage you to get to know them better. If you have any comments or questions, please contact me at Michael.callaham@emergency.ucsf.edu.

Best regards,
Michael Callaham, MD
Chair, Department of Emergency Medicine

RESIDENCY ACCREDITATION

The UCSF-SFGH EM Residency Program received five-year full accreditation from the ACGME Residency Review Committee - an impressive accomplishment for a new EM residency program. Additionally, we have been highly competitive each year, receiving over 600 applications for 12 spots. The results show in our residents, who now rotate on many of your services.
FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

- Dr. Michelle Lin has been appointed to the first Academy of Medical Educators Chair in Emergency Medicine Education. This program allows talented teachers to expand their impact at UCSF and beyond. Its purpose is to further enrich the education of UCSF medical students and cultivate student leaders in the field of emergency medicine through innovation. Michelle will use the Chair to advance her work on the Digital Instruction in Emergency Medicine project [http://www.cdemcurriculum.org]; keep up her "Academic Life in Emergency Medicine" [http://AcademicLifeInEM.blogspot.com]; and serve as a resource to innovate, educate and disseminate information within UCSF and the greater EM community. Her work was singled out and praised at the School of Medicine leadership retreat on innovations and education on January 20, 2012.

- Dr. Susan Promes received the CORD Academy for Scholarship in Education in Emergency Medicine "Distinguished Educator" Award.

- Drs. Esther Chen, Stephen Hoffman, and Jeffrey Tabas received the Ob/Gyn Outstanding Resident Teaching Award for 2010-2011.

- Dr. Prasanthi Govindarajan received the American Heart Association Clinical Research Program Award in San Francisco in October.

- Drs. Esther Chen, David Duong, Greg Hendey (Fresno), and Jacqueline Nemer received the 2011 Excellence in Teaching Award from the UCSF Academy of Medical Educators.

- Dr. Kenny Banh received the 2011 UCSF Academy Assembly Distinction in Teaching Award.

FACULTY LEADERSHIP

- Dr. Susan Promes is Chair of the School of Medicine GME committee and the Acting Designated Institutional Official for all ACGME related activities while Dr. Baron, the Associate Dean for GME and CME, is on sabbatical.

- Dr. Jeffrey Tabas is Acting Chair of the CME governing board at UCSF. He is covering the CME office while Dr. Baron is on sabbatical for the year.

- Dr. Jeffrey Tabas and Dr. Susan Promes are new members of the UCSF SOM Medical Education Leadership Group chaired by the new Vice Dean of Education, Catherine Lucey.

- Dr. Steve Polevoi was named an Associate Chair for the new Integrated Curriculum
Steering Committee for the School of Medicine.

- Dr. Jeffrey Tabas chaired the American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP) National Scientific Assembly 2011 in San Francisco last October.

RESEARCH FUNDING AWARDS

- Dr. Reena Duseja has been awarded a KO8 Career Development Award through the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) for her study titled "Understanding and Risk-Adjusting Return Visits to the Emergency Department."
- Dr. Maria Raven will be the Co-Investigator for a pilot study to pilot mobile phone usage among Department of Health-identified Heavy Users of Multiple Systems (HUMS) patients to improve communication and care coordination, funded by the UCSF Clinical & Translational Science Institute Strategic Opportunities Support (CTSI-SOS) Program.

FACULTY LECTURES/PRESENTATIONS

- Dr. Ellen Weber spoke at the British Museum two-day symposium co-hosted by the UK College of Emergency Medicine and the International Federation of Emergency Medicine entitled "Defining Quality in Emergency Care." The Princess Royal, a patron of the College, gave a keynote address, then listened from the front row to lectures by Dr. Ellen Weber (US), Dr. Suzanne Mason (UK), and Dr. Michael Schull (Canada) all of whom for the first (and only time) in their lives, began their talks with "Your royal highness....." During the coffee break that followed, Princess Anne chatted with each of the three.
- Dr. Jeff Tabas represented UCSF at Mayo Clinic's Continuous Patient Care Improvement Summit in December 2011 to discuss the implementation and implications of Maintenance of Certification across the spectrum of physician specialties.
- Dr. Susan Promes was an invited speaker at the Australasian College for Emergency Medicine’s 28th Annual Scientific Meeting in Sydney, Australia, focusing on "Educating for our Future" in November 2011.
- Dr. Renee Hsia was an invited speaker on a panel on disparities in resuscitation, "Barriers to Trauma Center Access for Vulnerable Patients," for the American Heart Association Resuscitation Science Symposium in November 2011 in Orlando, Florida.
- Dr. Renee Hsia presented at the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Physician
Faculty Scholars National Meeting in San Diego in November 2011.

- Dr. Prasanthi Govindarajan chaired the “Comparative Effectiveness Research: Opportunities for the EMS Community” session at the National Association of Emergency Medical Services Physicians 2012 Annual Meeting in Tucson, Arizona, in January.

- Dr. Prasanthi Govindarajan presented her work on “Probabilistic Matching of Computerized Emergency Medical Services (EMS) records and Emergency Department and Patient Discharge Data: a Novel Approach to Evaluation of Prehospital Stroke Care” at the International Stroke Conference in February 2012 in New Orleans, Louisiana.

- Dr. Maria Raven presented her work, "Addressing Barriers to Housing and Health Care for the Chronically Homeless with State and Local Partnerships in New York City" at the 139th American Public Health Association (APHA) Annual Meeting in Washington, DC, in October 2011.


- Eight faculty and four residents presented research abstracts at the ACEP (American College of Emergency Physicians) National Scientific Assembly in San Francisco in October 2011.

**RESIDENT ACHIEVEMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Dr. Bory Kea received the Best Resident Research Paper Award presented at the 2011 ACEP Research Forum entitled "Does Chest CT Detect Clinically Significant Injuries Missed on Chest."

- Three residents have been selected for oral presentation of their abstracts in the 15th Annual SAEM Western Regional Research Forum being held March 2012 in Las Vegas: Dr. Swati Singh is presenting "Improving Paramedic Education in Management of Psychiatric Emergencies"; Dr. Hangyul Chung-Esaki is presenting "Prospective Validation of a Prediction Instrument for Endocarditis in Febrile Injection Drug Users"; and Dr. Daniel Kievlan is presenting "Impact of an English-Based Pediatric Software on Physician Decision Making: A Multicenter Study in Vietnam."

- Dr. Dina Wallin is a member of the American Academy of Emergency Medicine Resident and Student Association (AAEM/RSA) Vice President’s Council.

- Dr. Kennedy Hall received the CTSI Fall 2011 Resident Research Funding Award for his project, "EMS-STAR: Emergency Medical Services Superuser
Associations, a Retrospective Study."

- Dr. Elizabeth Brown is the 2011-12 resident representative on the UCSF Risk Management Committee.
- Dr. Jillian Mongelluzzo serves as the 2011-12 resident representative on the UCSF Critical Care Committee. This is her second year on the Committee.
- Dr. Jennifer Wilson is the 2011-12 resident representative on the UCSF Medical Ethics Committee.
- Dr. Nathan Wilson is the 2011-12 resident representative on the UCSF Medical Records Committee.
- As part of the hospital-wide housestaff incentive program, the ED residents have chosen a department specific goal of reducing our mean room-to-exam time by 20% from last year. They have done a great job, reducing last year’s 30 minute room-to-exam time by 44%.

NEW FACULTY

Dr. Eric Suess joined the department in July 2011, splitting his time between Parnassus and SFGH. He received his MD degree from the University of Vermont College of Medicine in 2007 and completed his residency in Emergency Medicine in June 2011 at SUNY Downstate/Kings County Hospital.

Dr. Melanie Watts joined the department in September 2011 and is based at Parnassus. She attended a combined MD program at Dartmouth Medical School and Brown Medical School and received her MD degree in 2006. She completed her residency in July 2011 at Alameda County Medical Center.

PUBLICATIONS

- Shen YC, Hsia RY. Does Decreased Access to Emergency Departments Affect


**MEDIA COVERAGE OF UCSF EM RESEARCH**

**Dr. Renee Hsia** was featured in:

- **Wall Street Journal** online, August 2, 2011, “ERs move to Speed Care; Not Everyone Needs a Bed”


- **USA Today**, Associated Press, October 5, 2011, “Study: 69M must travel longer to a trauma center”

- **International Business Times**, October 6, 2011, "Lack of Trauma Centers Means Less Nearby Help and More Travel for Minorities, Uninsured: Study”

**Dr. Ellen Weber** was featured in an interview in the January 2012 *Urgent Matters* newsletter for her work on delays at triage.