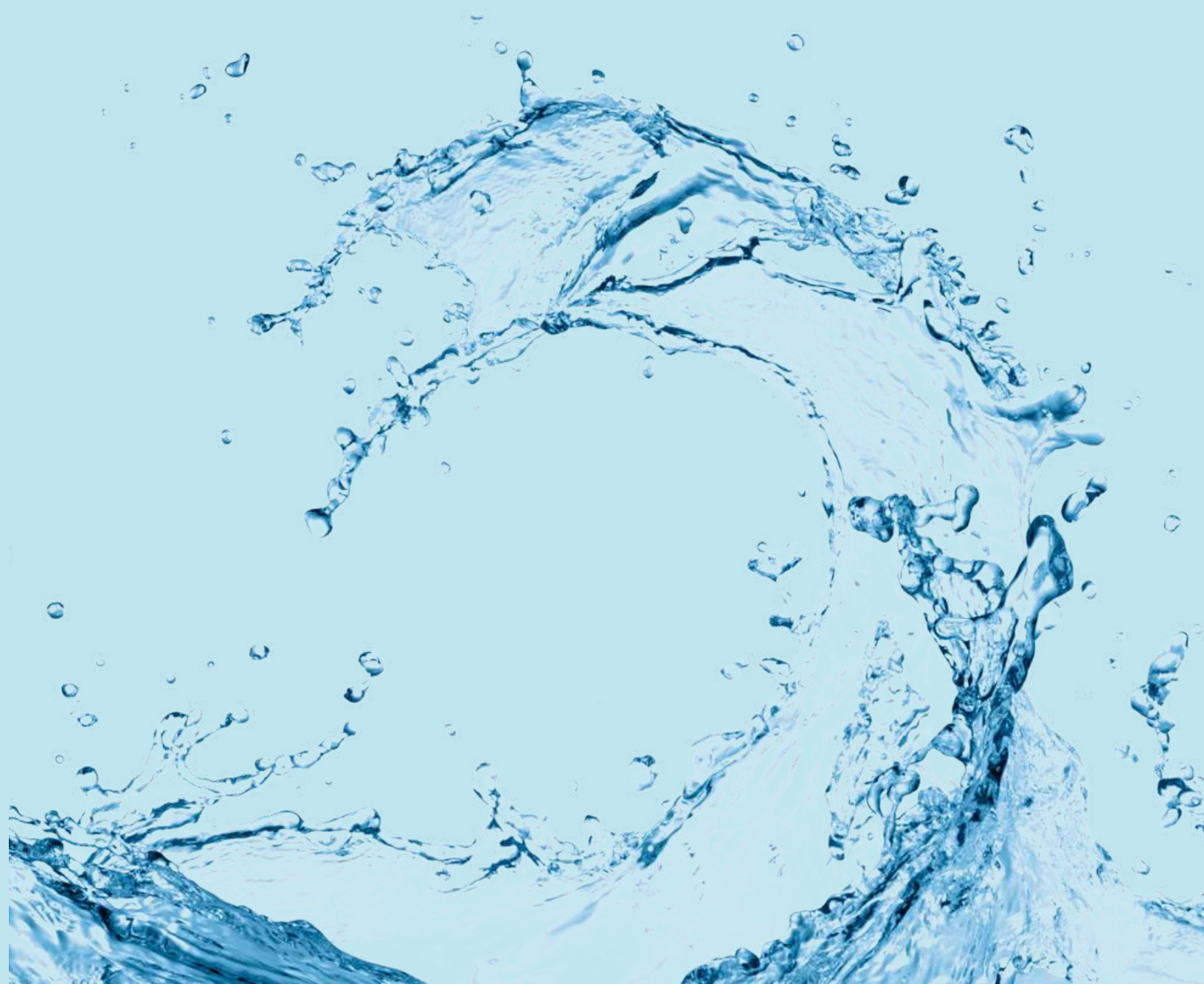


September 2022

# In The Loupe

UCSF Department of Surgery Newsletter



# Message from our Chair

I hope everyone had a safe summer and a relaxing Labor Day weekend; welcome back to those who took off some well-deserved time with family and friends! As you will see in this newsletter, a lot has happened over the summer; congratulations and **THANK YOU** to everyone.

There is a lot planned for **2022-23**. Our faculty ranks will swell over the coming weeks as new colleagues hired over the last year join us across multiple clinical divisions and on both sides of the Bay and Golden Gate Bridges. We also have new clinical fellows who started on **August 1st**; to all our newest colleagues, we offer a very warm welcome! We encourage everyone to introduce themselves when you see a new face in the operating rooms, clinics, and hallways. Furthermore, the recruitment season for **2022-23** is moving into full swing. It is really important that all of us participate in the search and selection processes; in the end, we need to work together to recruit the most talented – and diverse – colleagues. Open houses are beginning for our next class of interns. Moreover, we are opening several critical faculty recruitments in the West and East Bays.



Many of you will be tapped to lead and serve on faculty search committees; your service is essential to driving the future of our Department. Thank you in advance for your service! One way to recognize a colleague might be if they carry a **UCSF Surgery backpack** (pictured left), our newest department swag that will be distributed over the coming weeks to our full-time faculty and all our residents and fellows. We hope that you will use them with **(UCSF) PRIDE!**

September is **Women in Medicine Month**, and the **Muriel Steele Society** has already kicked off the celebration of the women in our Department with an evening of S'mores on Ocean Beach (pictured right). We will be interviewing candidates for our **Inaugural Director of Gender Equity** position and plan to announce our Department's new and important leader this fall. In addition, planning is underway for Department-wide childbearing, childrearing, and lactation policies, along with investment to inventory – and expand – support and resources for new parents. Many thanks are due to the ongoing work of **Drs. Lan Vu, Alexis Colley**, and the Muriel Steele Society leaders who are working with our department and educational leadership to accelerate change.

Over the coming year, we will be emphasizing wellness. **Dr. Amanda Sammann**, our **Chief Experience Officer**, and I will join division faculty meetings to continue to press for a strategic agenda that buoys wellness as a high priority, using departmental and local strategies aligned with the University, School, ZSFG, and UCSF Health. Some degree of experimentation will be necessary, and multiple initiatives will almost certainly need to be deployed. We hope that with the newest round of COVID boosters and smart policies, we will be able to find more and more opportunities to see each other and gather safely. One initiative will be **DOMINOS - Department of Medicine Informal Networking Opportunities with Surgery**; multiple events will be set up over the fall, with leaders from both Departments bringing together our faculties to have fun outside of work and build collaboration and teams. Stay tuned...and please sign up and participate! I look forward to seeing all of you more, soon! - **Julie Ann**



*Dr. Julie Ann Sosa*



*Jillian Russell*

her to be a very simple, humble, and astute person. She has and always possessed a way with numbers, which makes even a complicated financial problem look effortless. Her strength is her succinct communication skills as well as her ability to navigate delicate situations with poise and sophistication." **Sharon Cheng, Director of Finance**, stated "I have enjoyed working with Jillian in the past seven years. She has unmatched dedication, organizational skills, and institutional knowledge. She is always calm, respectful, diligent, and motivated to help others. I am very appreciative of the invaluable contributions she has made to our Post Award team."

## Staff Spotlight

### Post-Award Manager

**Jillian Russell** is our Post-Award Manager in the Department of Surgery. She has been with the department since 2015 and has extensive experience in contracts and grants management. Her day-to-day duties include overseeing the operations of the Research Administration unit and managing the finances of all extramural funded projects to ensure compliance, consistency with guidelines and policies, and effective collaborations for our principal investigators. Jillian provides expertise and overall leadership to the Post Award team which supports the long-range financial planning of gifts, endowments, and sponsored and discretionary projects portfolio for our faculty research programs.

**Mike Panion, Assoc Chair of Finance & Admin** for the department, says, "I still remember Jillian's first day in our department vividly, as our post-award manager at the time had resigned, leaving Jillian alone in the unit. Seven years later, she is our Post-Award Manager with a team of four analysts and a leader in our Department. I can't think of anyone who is more committed to the success of our Department than her; she is a true super-star. **Administrative & Research Director, Kalpana Harish**, had the following to say: "I have had the pleasure of knowing and working closely with Jillian for a few years now and throughout all these years, I have found



# Women In Medicine



Each September, the AMA Women Physicians Section honors physicians who have offered their time, wisdom, and support to advance women with careers in medicine. This September, our department and our **Muriel Steel Society** wish to acknowledge our past, present, and future female colleagues for their dedication as physicians and surgeons. Each day we take inspiration from amazing female role models in both our personal and professional lives and strive for excellence and harmony in our work both inside and outside of the hospital.

For those interested in more information about the Department of Surgery's Muriel Steele Society, please visit the following link <https://murielsteelesociety.ucsf.edu>. In addition, if you are looking for more specific information or interested in joining as a member, please reach out to one of their Co-chairs **Dr. Madhulika "Mika" Varma** (Mika.varma@ucsf.edu) or **Dr. Lucy Kornblith** (Lucy.kornblith@ucsf.edu).

For more real-time updates, keep up with the MSS on Twitter at [@UCSFMSS](https://twitter.com/UCSFMSS) as they celebrate several women physicians throughout the year and specifically this month.



# EDUCATION

Our Upcoming 2022-23 General Surgery Residency interview dates will take place on the following Wednesdays: December 7th, December 14th, & January 11th, 2023 (with virtual evening receptions the Tuesday night before each)

**Keith Hansen** (General Surgery PGY4), **Yvonne Kelly** (General Surgery residency graduate class of 2022), and **Alex Gupta** (General Surgery PGY4) won Best Posters at ATC 2022.

**Hillary Braun** (General Surgery PGY5) presented her poster at ATC 2022.

**Mignote Yilma** (General Surgery research resident) presented her work on social determinants of health in liver transplantation at ATC 2022.

**Caroline Melhado** (General Surgery research resident) presented her work at the 2022 Western Trauma annual meeting, showing that 80% of whole body CTs obtained prior to transfer to PTC are unindicated.

**Alison Baskin** (General Surgery PGY2) published a paper in Surgery on Langer's arch: An Anatomic Variant Complicating Axillary Node Dissection.

**Alexandra Hight** (General Surgery PGY2) published a paper in Global Surgical Education - Journal of the Association for Surgical Education on evaluating the distribution of medical school graduation awards through an equity lens.

Dr. Hight also wrote a piece on her experience as an intern on KevinMD.com.

**Katherine Sanders** (General Surgery research resident) presented her poster at the 2022 Vascular Annual Meeting on improved statin prescription in CLTI patients.

**Sophia Hernandez** (General Surgery PGY2) published a paper in Journal of Surgical Research on the association of race/ethnicity with substance use testing after trauma.

**Nichole Starr** (General Surgery PGY5) and **Zachary Matthay** (General Surgery PGY5) published a paper in Current Trauma Reports on platelet transfusion for trauma resuscitation.

**Mary Kathryn Abel** (UCSF medical student), **Joe Lin** (General Surgery PGY5), and **Dr. Elizabeth Wick** published a paper in JAMA Network Insights on how to improve the surgical care of patients who are homeless.

**Dr. Ashley Campbell**, one of our newest General Surgery categorical interns, was presented with the Dr. Patricia Numann Medical Student Award by the Association of Women Surgeons.

The mission of the Patricia Numann Medical Student Award is to encourage and support an outstanding female medical student who is pursuing a career in surgery and have demonstrated leadership potential or made significant contributions to surgery.

**Joe Lin** (General Surgery PGY5), **Hannah Decker** (General Surgery research resident), as well as **Hope Schwartz** and **Mary Kathryn Abel** (UCSF medical students) published a paper in Annals of Surgery on barriers to colorectal cancer screening and surveillance in homeless patients.

Loupes Ceremony & Naffziger Day will take place on September 21st, 2022 from 7am - 1:00pm



## Annual Achievement and Education Awards

**Dr. Matthew Lin** won the Junior Resident Faculty Teaching Award. The Junior Resident Faculty Teaching Award, chosen by the intern class, recognizes a faculty member who has had a great impact on their education.

**Dr. Nancy Ascher** won the Muriel Steele Society Award in recognition of her trailblazing efforts to advance the field of surgery.

**Yvonne Kelly** (General Surgery residency graduate class of 2022) won the Haile T. Debas Resident Teaching Award.

**The Haile T. Debas Resident Teaching Award**, chosen by residents only, recognizes the chief resident who has demonstrated the greatest commitment to teaching the art and science of surgery to their co-residents and students. It is awarded in honor of Dr. Debas because of his dedication to teaching, and was established in 2003.

**Yvonne Kelly** and **Andrew Wisneski** (General Surgery residency graduate class of 2022 and first-year Thoracic Surgery Fellow) won the Lawrence W. Way Critical Thinking Award.

**The Lawrence W. Way Critical Thinking Award** (\$1000), chosen by faculty only, recognizes the chief resident who has demonstrated a notable ability to critically interpret and apply current medical concepts to the care of each patient. The award is named in honor of Dr. Way, Professor Emeritus, and was established in 2013.

**Caitlin Collins** (General Surgery residency graduate class of 2022 and first year Critical Care Fellow) won the Chesson Compassion Award.

**The Chesson Award for Compassion**, chosen by the faculty, fellows and residents, honors a chief resident who has shown outstanding compassion to patients and families in the course of caring for their illness. Jane Chesson and her family established this award in 1997 after receiving excellent care at UCSF.

**Elizabeth Lancaster** (General Surgery residency graduate class of 2022 and first year Vascular Fellow) and **Michael Zobel** (General Surgery residency graduate class of 2022) won the Nusz Achievement Award.

**The Nusz Achievement Award**, chosen by the faculty and fellows only, honors a chief resident who has demonstrated, by outstanding clinical work, teaching, and/or research efforts, great promise as a future leader in academic surgery. The award is named in honor of Esther Nusz, a former patient of Professor Emeritus Dr. Maurice Galante, and was established in 1987.

**Dr. Hueylan Chern** won the Lim-Thomas Excellence in Teaching Award. **The Lim/Thomas Excellence in Teaching Award**, chosen by the graduating chief resident class, recognizes faculty member who has had great impact on their education throughout residency.

**Kim Kirkwood** and **Elizabeth Wick** won the UCSF Medical Student Faculty Teaching Award.

**Yvonne Kelly** (General Surgery residency graduate class of 2022) also won **The Evan C. Werlin Lodestar Award**.

**The Evan C. Werlin Lodestar Award** is presented to a resident member of the UCSF Department of Surgery whose contributions transcend surgery – a 'lodestar' is a star that leads, inspires and guides – and the award will be given to a resident at any level who has gone above and beyond in support of their fellow residents. This recipient has made a major contribution to the UCSF community through their daily interactions with their co-residents, their example of compassion and professionalism with their colleagues, and their joyous love of surgery.

This award is not designed to reward academic achievement or even technical excellence but to recognize an exceptional resident among us who makes our days as a surgeon that much better and brightens the surgery culture at UCSF. The award is named for chief resident Evan Werlin, MD; he possessed bravery and determination in the face of adversity, relentless drive, and joyous compassion for fellow colleagues and patients.

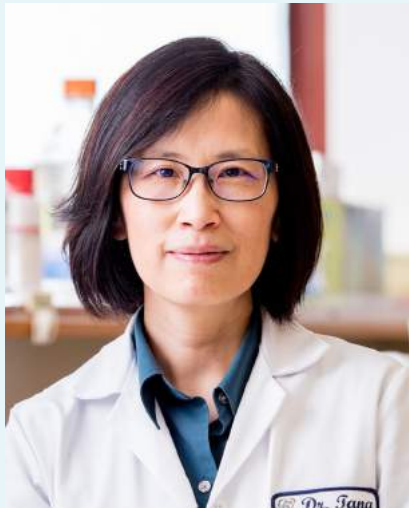
# RESEARCH

## \$3.4 Million



*Dr. Sandy Feng*

Overseen by our Vice-Chair of Research **Sandy Feng, MD, PhD (pictured right)**. The Research Grants page gives an overview of the research and efforts of our investigators, who are continuously working to fund their projects and divisions within the department. As we know, science is everchanging, and so is the need for financial funding. Here we highlight not all but a few of those impactful awards our department members have brought home.



**DR. QIZHI TANG**

**Dr. Qizhi Tang**, along with **Dr. Michael McManus** and **Dr. Greg Ku**, were awarded a multiple PI R01 research grant worth **\$3,431,875** by the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK) for their project titled **"Genome editing of human pancreatic islets to withstand ischemic injuries and promote immune evasion."** Dr. Tang's funding started on July 1st, 2022 and will run through April 30th, 2027. The team brings together the expertise of islet transplantation (Tang), somatic cell gene editing (McManus), and pancreatic beta cell biology (Ku) to improve islet

transplantation using somatic cell gene editing. They propose to help islets withstand ischemic stress after transplantation and resist immune attacks using gene editing approaches. The goal is to develop a strategy for highly efficient islet transplantation without the need for long-term immunosuppression.



**DR. AMAR NIJGAL**

The UC Office of the President has nominated **Dr. Amar Nijgal** for a **Cancer Research Coordinating Committee Faculty Seed Grant** for his project titled "Dysregulated Immune Signals in the Developing Liver Promote Pediatric Hepatoblastoma," which is worth **\$75,000**.

In other news, **Dr. Nijgal**, along with **Dr. Bruce Wang** & **Dr. Franklin Huang**, have published a study in Nature Communications titled **"Single-Cell Analysis of Hepatoblastoma Identifies Tumor Signatures That Predict Chemotherapy Susceptibility Using Patient-Specific Tumor Spheroids."**

### Important Points to Note from This Paper Are:

- In-depth single cell transcriptomic analysis of hepatoblastoma and its tumor microenvironment led to the identification of distinct tumor signatures and immune cells that may be the root of heterogeneity in HB.
- We have also harnessed our ability to generate patient-derived HB spheroids to model HB biology in vitro and test susceptibility to conventional and novel chemotherapies.
- This publication is reflective of the scientific and clinical collaborations within the Pediatric Liver Center at UCSF BCH.



**DR. HUEYLAN CHERN**

With her extreme dedication, **Dr. Hueylan Chern** has been selected for the **UCSF-Intuitive Education/Data-Science research fellowship**. The grant provides funding in the amount of **\$312,000** over the next three years.

Excitingly this funding will allow for two consecutive fellows, each for two years, funded at 78K per year, providing our department with four funded fellows.

**DR. TASCE BONGIOVANNI**

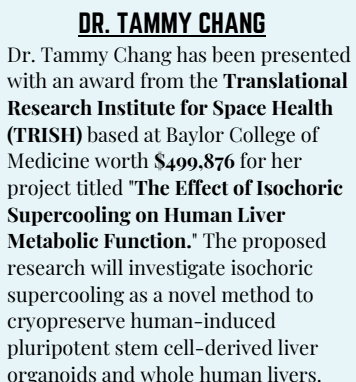
**Dr. Tasce Bongiovanni's** proposal, "Prolonged Use of Pain Medication Past the Postoperative Period in Older Adults," was selected for almost **\$700,000** in funding as a K23 award from the **National Institute on Aging through the National Institutes of Health**. As the number of older adults undergoing surgery in the United States is dramatically increasing, these patients face unique concerns with regards to pain management in the postoperative period including high rates of adverse drug events.



**DR. LUCY KORNBLITH**

**Dr. Lucy Kornblith** has been presented with an award from the **Doris Duke Charitable Foundation's Fund /CTSISociety** & from UCSF's **RDO RAP Diversity Supplement program** for her **"Post-Injury Platelet Biology: Mechanisms and Outcomes"** project worth **\$42,000** combined.

The Doris Duke Foundation funding is intended to retain clinical scientists. It supports her study of mechanisms and molecular alterations in post-injury platelet biology in order to identify novel platelet-based therapeutic targets to improve outcomes in injured patients.



**DR. TAMMY CHANG**

**Dr. Tammy Chang** has been presented with an award from the **Translational Research Institute for Space Health (TRISH)** based at Baylor College of Medicine worth **\$499,876** for her project titled **"The Effect of Isochoric Supercooling on Human Liver Metabolic Function."** The proposed research will investigate isochoric supercooling as a novel method to cryopreserve human-induced pluripotent stem cell-derived liver organoids and whole human livers.



**"Prehabilitation Using a Digital App in Elective Inpatient Vascular Surgery."**

He says, "There is a major gap in care for older adults requiring vascular surgery who often have multiple geriatric syndromes impacting their surgical outcomes." **PrehabPal**, a web-based app developed at UCSF by **Dr. Emily Finlayson** assesses patient vulnerabilities and uses an AI-based algorithm to deliver individualized content to prepare for major surgery. Older adults undergoing major vascular surgery will tailor the app to their specific needs and pilot PrehabPal prior to their surgery to help optimize patient satisfaction and surgical outcomes."



**DR. JAMES IANNUZZI**

**Dr. James Iannuzzi** was presented with an award from the Society for Vascular Surgery worth **\$25,000** for his project titled



# DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION

## Chief Experience Officer



*Dr. Amanda Sammann*

### To do list....

1. Measure and track surgeon wellness
2. Identify and design systems and Department level interventions to support wellness
3. Support and empower DoS Chiefs to implement division level wellness interventions and evaluations into routine leadership activities
4. Represent DoS faculty wellness needs to senior leadership across campuses and to UCSF and UC leadership
5. Collaborate nationally and internationally on physician wellness and experience



**Dr. Amanda Sammann**, an Associate Professor of Surgery in the Department of Surgery, is also our **Chief Experience Officer**. Since taking this recently created role, she has identified several division and hospital-specific issues that she hopes to address. She says, "my next steps are to meet with a purposely sampled cohort faculty with the goal of 1-2 faculty/week to gain a deeper understanding of the division, hospital, and demographic-specific issues."

### Collaborative Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Grand Rounds

On August 10th, 2022, **Dr. Eric Cervini**, award-winning author, producer, and historian of LGBTQ+ politics, led our special DEI Grand Rounds in partnership with the Departments of Anesthesia & Perioperative Care, Orthopaedics & Ophthalmology.

His first book, **The Deviant's War: The Homosexual vs. The United States of America**, was an NYT bestseller and a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize. It also won the Publishing Triangle's Randy Shilts Award for Gay Nonfiction, the NYT Editor's Choice, and the "Best Read of 2020" at the Queerties. As an authority on 1960's gay activism, Cervini serves on the Board of Advisors of the Mattachine Society of Washington, D.C., a nonprofit dedicated to the preservation of LGBTQ+ history. This collaboration was moderated by both **Dr. Odi Ehie** and **Dr. Gabe Sarah** from the Anesthesia Department.



**Dr. Jina Sinskey**, inaugural Associate Chair of Well-Being for the Department of Anesthesia, took to social media to highlight a quote from Dr. Cervini - "Persecution doesn't just affect the persecuted individuals, it affects everyone."

**Dr. John David**, Professor of Medicine and Dean of Curriculum, was also in attendance and tweeted, "Really phenomenal grand rounds! Thanks for putting this on, and thanks to Dr. Eric Cervini for the great discussion!"



So many important lessons to keep learning from our past to help create a more equitable and just future."



# NEW HIRES



## Dr. Allan Conway

Allan M. Conway, MD, will join our faculty on November 1st, 2022, as an HS Associate Clinical Professor of Surgery specializing in Vascular and Endovascular Surgery. He will be located at MarinHealth.

Dr. Conway has been a vascular surgeon at Lenox Hill Hospital in New York City for the past 10 years, where he's served as an Associate Professor of Surgery and Program Director of the Vascular Surgery Residency.

## Dr. Vinod Sebastian

Vinod Sebastian, MD, joined our faculty as an Associate Professor of Clinical Surgery on September 1st, 2022, and will primarily be located at both Benioff Children's Hospitals in San Francisco and Oakland.

Dr. Sebastian was an Assistant Professor of Pediatric Cardiac Surgery at UT Southwestern and has since been in practice for 10 years in Dallas, Fort Worth, and Denver.



## Virginia Schuler

San Francisco native Virginia Schuler graduated from UC Berkeley (undergraduate) and USF (graduate) and has been with UCSF for 22 years. She recently joined our department as Operations Manager of the Surgical Skills Center better known as the Skills Lab.

As Operations Manager, some of her duties will include 1. Administrative manager for the Surgical Skills Lab 2. Coordinating accreditation with ACS (American College of Surgeons)/AEI (Accredited Education Institute) and 3. Managing our Surgical Education Fellowship



# MERITS AND PROMOTIONS UPDATE



By: Dr. Emily Finlayson

The UCSF School of Medicine recognizes faculty who have made exceptional contributions to the academic mission above and beyond what is expected for promotion with accelerated advancement. The Department of Surgery is eager to promote qualified candidates for acceleration. Accelerations can be proposed by your chair, chief, or YOU.

Click the following link <https://tinyurl.com/49ev5c78> to the review the criteria for accelerated promotion.



# ACCOMPLISHMENTS



**Dr. Amar Nijagal**

Our UCSF Liver Center has selected Dr. Amar Nijagal as an early-stage investigator and will recognize Dr. Nijagal's accomplishments at the Digestive Diseases Research Core Center Director's Meeting in Charleston, South Carolina, this October



**Dr. Melissa Coleman**

Thoracic Surgeon and Assistant Professor of Surgery Dr. Melissa Coleman has accepted a new Medical Leadership position and is now the Director of UCSF Medicine's Clinical Immersive Experiences (CIEx)



**Dr. Patricia O'Sullivan**

Dr. Patricia O'Sullivan, Professor of Surgery and Medicine & Director of Research and Development in Medical Education, has received the UMC Utrecht 2022 Honorary Harmen Tiddens Medal



**Dr. Adnan Alseidi**

Dr. Adnan Alseidi has been selected as a new member of The Haile T. Debas Academy of Medical Educators. He will be inducted into the distinguished Medical Educator Academy on September 21, 2022, at the Sandler Neurosciences Center Auditorium at Mission Bay



**Dr. Esther Kim**

Dr. Esther Kim, our Associate Program Director of Plastic Surgery & Residency Co-Director of the Microsurgery Fellowship, was announced as 1 of 3 faculty members named awardees for the 2021-2022 GME Excellence and Innovation Award



**Dr. Joseph Cuschieri**

Dr. Joseph Cuschieri, Interim Chief of Surgery at Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital, was named an Adjunct Professor in Laboratory Medicine



**Dr. Lucy Kornblith**

Trauma Surgeon and Assistant Professor of Surgery Dr. Lucy Kornblith was named an Adjunct Assistant Professor in Laboratory Medicine. She was also presented with the RAP Family Support Award for her proposal titled "Post-Injury Platelet Biology: Mechanisms and Outcomes," which will be funded by the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation's Fund to Retain Clinical Scientists



**Dr. Arja Ray**

Postdoc Dr. Arja Ray, who has been mentored by Dr. James Gardner and Dr. Max Krummel, was awarded the Sandler Breakthrough Biomedical Research Award for his "Defining and targeting hyper-reactive CD8 T cells in autoimmune type 1 diabetes" research



**Dr. Ajay Maker**

Dr. Ajay Maker, Chief of Surgical Oncology, received the Scholarship to attend the Executive Leadership Program in Health Policy & Management at The Heller School of Social Policy and Management at Brandeis University, thanks to The Americas Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary Association (AHPBA) & the ACS Foundation





# HIGHLIGHTS

## ROBOTIC MITRAL VALVE SURGERY

Surgeons from our Cardiothoracic team at the University of California San Francisco (UCSF) completed the first successful robotically assisted mitral valve surgery in San Francisco. Only a limited number of facilities, including NYU Langone Health and Cleveland Clinic, currently offer robotically assisted mitral valve surgery.

During robotically assisted mitral valve surgery, the surgeon uses a 3D camera to examine the patient's heart and then carefully guides the movements of robotic arms and surgical instruments. These procedures are typically recommended for younger patients in search of a quick turnaround.

**Dr. Tom C. Nguyen**, Robotic Heart Surgeon and Chief of Cardiothoracic Surgery at UCSF said "Robotically assisted mitral valve surgery allows us to make even smaller incisions with greater precision. "By using the robotic arms, we have more degrees of articulation than with our natural wrists. The robot also magnifies the surgical field 10X in 3D. Ultimately, this translates into more precise surgery with faster recovery." **Dr. Tobias Deuse**, Cardiac and Transplant surgeon and our Director of Minimally-Invasive Surgery,



added that "Every valve looks different, the extraordinary 3D vision that the robot camera provides is just a real step up from all the technologies we have been using in the past." Dr. Nguyen has also shared that we've performed the **3rd Beating Heart Mitral Valve Repair** as part of the **RESTORE trial** and had great growth in heart transplant and with a record month in June.

## FIRST ROBOTIC WHIPPLE PROCEDURE

On August 24th, 2022, Gastrointestinal Cancer Surgeon and Assistant Professor **Dr. Mohamed Adam** (pictured left) from our Division of Surgical Oncology performed UCSF's First Robotic Whipple Procedure with our Vice-Chair of Education and fellow Gastrointestinal Cancer Surgeon **Dr. Adnan Alseidi**. Pancreaticoduodenectomy (**Whipple**) is one of the most complex abdominal procedures. Thus, the adoption of minimally invasive (MIS) Whipple has lagged behind due to the procedure's inherent anatomic and reconstructive complexity.

**The da Vinci® robot** is advantageous for such a complex procedure, given its improved dexterity, articulation, and ergonomics. These features can be leveraged, in experienced hands, to match the complexity of the resection and anastomotic reconstruction steps of the operation. Data from high-volume centers demonstrated advantages of the robotic Whipple approach, such as reduced blood

loss, improved major complications, and shorter lengths of hospitalization. National experts in the field of **MIS Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary surgery (HPB)** acknowledge the role of robotics in building comprehensive MIS-HPB programs, as candidates for the procedure are expected to enjoy excellent and superior surgical outcomes.

## UCSF HEART TRANSPLANT TEAM



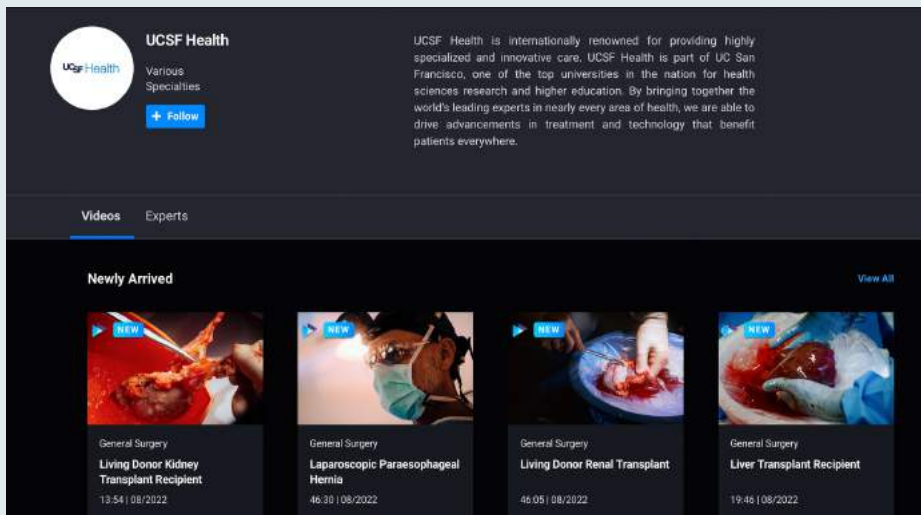
In June, our Heart Transplant team had its busiest month ever! They performed six heart transplants between June 1 and June 30!



# DEPARTMENTAL INFORMATION

## GIBLIB VIDEO COMING SOON

The UCSF Department of Surgery is officially partnering with **GIBLIB** to produce videos of surgical procedures and educational/marketing/CME videos. This is part of a broader effort to develop a departmental video library for learners, patients, and referring providers. **GIBLIB is an online platform producing and publishing various surgical procedures and educational videos at leading academic institutions in the U.S.** Although this is a subscription platform, all UCSF faculty, staff, and learners will have free access to GIBLIB.



Simply go to [watch.giblib.com](https://watch.giblib.com), click the "create free account" (if you aren't already registered) link at the top right of the page, and enter your UCSF email address.

You will need to be on a **hospital IP address** the first time you register for the individual account, but you can access it from anywhere after registration. The videos are high quality and professionally produced, and we encourage faculty to browse the site to get an idea of what types of videos can be produced. UCSF already has a presence with videos produced during the pilot period. We will have full rights to any produced video to use on non-commercial platforms (e.g., UCSF/departmental websites).

Divisions that are interested in getting videos made should prioritize and send a list to **Alice Jo** ([Alice.Jo@ucsf.edu](mailto:Alice.Jo@ucsf.edu)). Along with the list, please provide block times and sites so that we

can coordinate across each specialty group. GIBLIB will have **two videographers** dedicated to UCSF, and filming slots will likely fill quickly, so please get your requests in ASAP. GIBLIB has previously filmed only at Parnassus but will be available at other UCSF campuses in the near future. As is required of any video project, all identifying patient information will be removed. However, a **standard UCSF video consent** is available and is all that will be required if a patient is willing to participate. If you have other questions or concerns, please contact **Dr. Sang-Mo Kang** ([Sang-Mo.Kang@ucsf.edu](mailto:Sang-Mo.Kang@ucsf.edu)) or **Alice Jo** ([Alice.Jo@ucsf.edu](mailto:Alice.Jo@ucsf.edu)).

## UPCOMING GRAND ROUNDS SCHEDULE

*Schedule Subject to Change*

### ● September 14th, 2022

Faculty Spotlight: Dr. Ian Soriano and Dr. Rodrigo DeSouza

### ● September 21st, 2022

Naffziger Day and Loupes Ceremony: Naffziger Society President Virginia Litle, MD and other Naffziger Society members

### ● September 28th, 2022

M & M: 2 cases from VA / 1 case from Bariatric

### ● October 5th, 2022

Global Surgery Visiting Speaker: Professor Emmanuel Ameh, Consultant Pediatric Surgeon, Abuja National Hospital, Nigeria President, Global Initiative for Childrens Surgery

### ● October 12th, 2022

Awareness and Empowerment Rounds

### ● October 26th, 2022

Faculty spotlight: Dr. Kyle Cromer and Dr. Alex Lin

### ● November 2nd, 2022

M & M: Adult Cardiac / Pediatric Cardiac / Pediatric

## DEPARTMENT OF SURGERY CLINICAL RESEARCH CORE

The primary mission of the **Clinical Research Core** is to provide concierge service to DoS faculty in support of the conduct of clinical trials and patient-facing research. We believe that centralized management will greatly enhance the research staff's overall flexibility, efficiency, and performance. We aim to foster a sense of community among our research staff by supporting communication and collaboration across divisions and investigators. As a result, we will be able to share resources, reduce duplication of work and improve performance through exposure and enrichment.



**Donna Liu**, (pictured far left) Clinical Research Supervisor, manages the Core's day-to-day operations. Donna has extensive experience not only conducting but also managing clinical trials. In addition, we have developed a full infrastructure to hire, onboard, train, and supervise research staff. Currently, the Core oversees three Clinical Research Coordinators shared among five Divisions and multiple investigators within our Department. We are in the process of hiring two additional coordinators and expanding our coverage to two additional Divisions.

**The Clinical Research Core routinely provides the following services:**

- 1) Clinical trial startup and regulatory management: IRB submissions, coverage analysis review, budgeting, contracting, and general troubleshooting,
- 2) Clinical trial conduct and management: Subject screening and recruitment, management of visit schedules, conducting study visits and procedures, data entry, preparation for and attendance of all monitoring and close-out visits.
- 3) Staff management: Posting, interviewing, hiring, onboarding, training, management, and oversight of research coordinators

Please email **Donna Liu** at ([Donna.Liu@ucsf.edu](mailto:Donna.Liu@ucsf.edu)) & **Kalpana Harish** (pictured right) at ([Kalpana.harish@ucsf.edu](mailto:Kalpana.harish@ucsf.edu)) if you would like for the Core to manage the project or if you are in need of a part-time/full-time CRC.