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Mark Gonzalgo Joins Urology



Mark Gonzalgo joined the Department of Urology on June 1, 2009. His clinical practice specializes in urologic oncology with expertise in robotics and minimally invasive surgery for prostate and bladder cancer. He is one of the few in this country to have substantial experience in robotic cystectomy for bladder cancer. Originally from California, Dr. Gonzalgo joins Stanford after being on faculty at The Johns Hopkins Brady Urological Institute where he was Associate Professor of Urology and Director of the Fellowship Program in Urologic Oncology. He received his undergraduate degree with honors from the University of California at Berkeley and completed medical and graduate school at the University of Southern California. Dr. Gonzalgo completed his urology training at Johns Hopkins and a fellowship in Urologic Oncology at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center.

Dr. Gonzalgo is a recognized expert in the field of DNA methylation and cancer epigenetics. He has carried out pioneering research on the molecular biology and early detection of prostate, bladder, and kidney cancer and has published extensively on the scientific and clinical aspects of these diseases. He will continue his efforts in translational research in collaboration with members of the Stem Cell Biology and Regenerative Medicine Institute.

Message from the Chair

Friends and
Colleagues:

As with all
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Welcome New Residents for 2009-2010

Simon Conti, M.D. – Simon graduated from University of California, Los Angeles and received his medical training at the University of California, San Francisco School of Medicine. As a medical student he performed research involving active surveillance of prostate cancer with Dr. Peter Carroll, clinical research studies in the field of andrology with Dr. Tom Lue, and coordinated a multi-center research project examining the current standard of practice for admitting IV drug users with fever of unknown origin to rule out endocarditis. Simon enjoys photography, golf, surfing, travel, mountain biking, cooking, snowboarding, backpacking and guitar.

Janet Joy Lee, M.D. – Joy graduated from Yale University and received her medical training at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School at Dallas. As a medical student Joy, under the guidance of Dr. Gary Lemack, participated in a retrospective clinical review of men with lower urinary tract symptoms secondary to bladder outlet obstruction, detrusor overactivity, or both. Joy's biggest interest is travel and when time permits she enjoys cooking for friends, tennis, long-distance running, and reading (art history and magic realism).

Aviva Weinberg, M.D. - Aviva graduated from Yale University. She completed her medical education at the University of California, Los Angeles David Geffen School of Medicine. During medical school she was a research assistant in the laboratory of Dr. Jennifer Anger where she worked on two Medicare beneficiary projects involving rate of thromboembolic complications after sling surgery and utilization of claim data to analyze and explain treatment trends in the surgical management of stress urinary incontinence. Aviva enjoys the fine arts (painting, drawing, sculpting), rock climbing and yoga.

Research Awards:

The **David Packard Award for Best Urology Basic Research Publication** was established in 2005 by generous donation from Dr. David Packard. The winner of the 2008 Packard Award was **Jason Beliakoff, Ph.D.** for his paper "The PIAS-like Protein Zimp10 is Essential for Embryonic Viability and Proper Vascular Development", Beliakoff J, Lee J, Ueno H, Aiyer A, Weissman IL, Barsh GS, Cardiff RD and Sun Z, *Molecular and Cellular Biology* 28:282-292, 2008. Dr. Beliakoff received \$1000 for this award.

Richard Lo Award for Best Clinical Urology Publication was established in 2004 generous donations from Dr. Richard Lo. The winner of the 2008 Lo Award was **Christopher Elliott, M.D.** for his paper "The Performance of Prostate Specific Antigen, Prostate Specific Antigen Density and Transition Zone Density in the Era of Extended Biopsy Schemes", Elliott CS, Shinghal R and Presti JC Jr, *The Journal of Urology* 179:1756-1761, 2008. Dr. Elliott received \$1000 for this award.

Stanford Urology Residents Win Awards at AUA

Christopher Elliott, MD: 2nd Prize in Clinical research at Northern California Urology Resident Meeting, April 2009.

Geoffrey Sonn, MD: 2nd prize in Basic Science Research at Northern California Urology Residents Meeting, April 2009.

Steven Chang, MD: won the Ambrose/Reed Socioeconomics prize for the 2009 from the AUA for his project and paper, Decreasing Utilization of LHRH-Agonists in the United States is Independent of Reimbursement Changes: A Medicare and Veterans Health Administration Claims Analysis. It comes with a \$1,500 prize

Urology Faculty Recognized at the AUA Research Forum



Dr. Leo Giambarresi, Director of Research of the AUA Foundation, and Joseph Liao, M.D.

The AUA Foundation Basic Sciences Research Forum was held on Sunday, April 26th during the Annual Meeting in Chicago. The program titled, "Showcasing Young Investigators", focused on highlighting some of urology's most promising junior investigators conducting basic, translational or clinical research. The presenters were selected from nominations from the AUA sections, specialty societies, and members of the Research Council. The program highlighted research from eight presenters, including Dr. Joseph Liao of Stanford University. Dr. Liao's presentation, "Rapid Molecular Diagnosis of UTI Using Nanotechnology-Based Biosensors," was recognized as the top presentation during the Forum. Congratulations Dr. Liao!

First NKTi-Stanford Teleconference

The first trans-pacific video NKTi-Stanford Teleconference between the Stanford Department of Urology and the National Kidney and Transplantation Institute (NKTi) in Manila, Philippines was held on May 26, 2009. This event utilized the latest in IT video capability to carry out live case presentations

between Stanford faculty and members of the NKTI. This multi-disciplinary conference focused on topics in urologic oncology and was a tremendous success on both sides of the Pacific. In Manila, Dr. Dante Dator, Chairman of Urology, and Dr. JV Prodigalidad led the meeting at NKTI. Stanford participants included Dr. Presti and Dr. Gill from the Department of Urology and Dr. Lauren Harshmann from the Division of Medical Oncology. The live video feed and conference was a hospital-wide event at the NKTI. During the conference, four cases of kidney pathology were discussed in detail with our colleagues in the Philippines presenting the case histories, images and pathology while Stanford faculty commented on case management. Members from both Stanford and the NKTI look forward to future conferences which will be held quarterly and will include topics such as pediatrics, oncology, and stone disease.

Fenmore Professor Lecture

Dr Mark Litwin, MD, Professor of Urology at UCLA was the 12th Dorothy Fenmore Visiting Professorship from January 8-9, 2009. He gave two outstanding lectures to the residents and faculty on "The burden of urologic diseases in America" and "Caring for the uninsured with prostate cancer in California". In the morning all residents presented cases to him for discussion and in the afternoon there were research presentations by Residents, Postdoctoral Fellows. The Dorothy Fenmore Visiting Professorship Lecture which was open to all Stanford faculty and community urologists was titled "Quality of life in men with prostate cancer".



Chief Residents Drs. Tatum Tarin and David Duong with Fenmore Visiting Professor Dr. Mark Litwin

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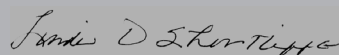
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faculty at UCSF in Pediatric Urology. We welcome our Chief Residents Chris Elliot and Ilene Wong along with 3 new PGY3 residents: Simon Conti from UCSF, Janet Lee from U. Texas—Southwestern, and Aviva Weinberg from UCLA.

We appreciate the support that you have given to our training and research mission in the past and acknowledge your contributions in this newsletter. These gifts are increasingly important to us as we try to provide support to our young trainees during these challenging times. I hope that you may consider becoming a part of our research and educational endeavors again or anew in the future.

I wish you and your family an exciting and peaceful summer.



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