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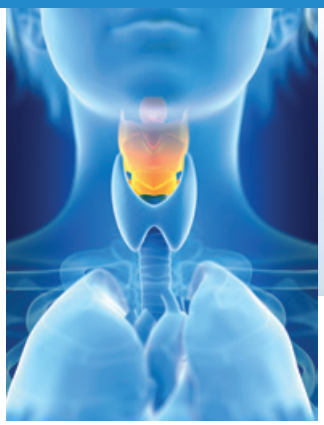

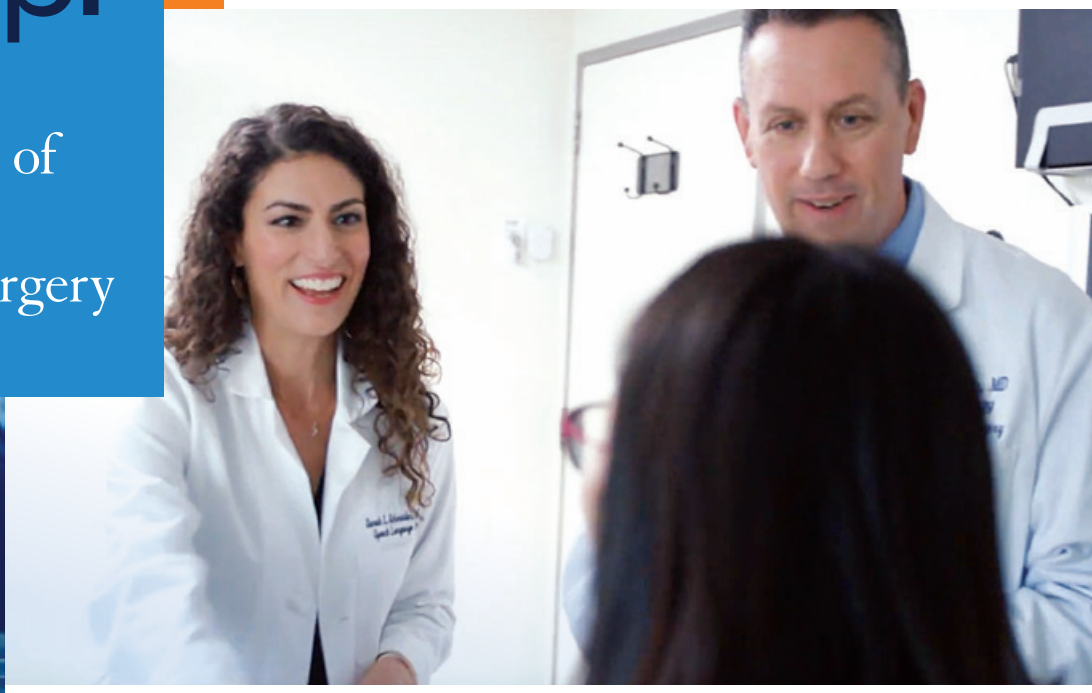

Sarah L. Schneider, MS, CCC-SLP, and Clark A. Rosen, MD, greet a patient at the UCSF Voice and Swallowing Center.

UCSF Voice and Swallowing Center Gains Expertise

Sarah L. Schneider, MS, CCC-SLP, Is Appointed Co-Director

The UCSF Voice and Swallowing Center, a specialized program within the Department of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery, has named Sarah L. Schneider, MS, CCC-SLP, to serve as co-director alongside Clark A. Rosen, MD, the Francis Lewis Morrison, MD, endowed Chair in Laryngology.

The UCSF Voice and Swallowing Center provides state-of-the-art care to address a range of voice and swallowing problems including swallowing, breathing and voice conditions.

"Sarah came to UCSF in 2007 and has been instrumental in the growth and success of the Voice and Swallowing Center," said Department Chair Andrew Murr, MD. "Since 2012, she has been the Speech Language Pathology (SLP) Director for the Department of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery at UCSF."

"In her new role, which began in February 2019, Sarah will work to further improve the full range of service that can be delivered to patients with voice and swallowing problems in our region and nationally," Dr. Rosen noted. "Sarah has been a leader in expanding the SLP service at UCSF. She has also directed many local and national endoscopy and fiberoptic endoscopic evaluation of swallowing courses and has been instrumental in managing national education forums such as the Fall Voice Conference."

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Also in This Issue

Message from the Chair

Noting Our Accomplishments

I am pleased to report some recent high-impact accomplishments among the outstanding faculty in the Department of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery.

Jennifer Grandis and her team have shown that nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) given to patients with head and neck cancer who have a PIK3CA mutation have improved survival. They published a paper in the January 25, 2019 issue of the *Journal of Experimental Medicine* that says the survival improvement is substantial: Regular NSAID use increased survival from 25 to 78 percent. Precision medicine is a compelling strategy for future practice, and UCSF is dedicated to elucidating these types of meaningful improvements in treatment through molecular biology-based treatment techniques, human biome research, and tumor sequencing.

Andrew H. Murr, MD

In neuroscience, UCSF Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery is also having great impact. "How Does Music Affect Your Brain? Every Imaginable Way" is the title of an article in the March 16, 2019 issue of *Wired*. The article features Charles Limb and describes his work on musical improvisation and how that is reflected during active functional MRI.

David Conrad has developed a wireless tracheostomy alarm and respiratory monitoring system, which has great potential for improving pediatric patient care. His efforts were recognized when he won one of five top prizes in the UCSF-Stanford Pediatric Device Consortium (PDC) pitch competition.

Meanwhile, Dylan Chan has been honing his approach to studying cochlear physiology, Omar Akil has been continuing his work on using an adenovirus to deliver genetic therapies to treat deafness, and Andrea Hasenstaub and Christoph Schreiner are studying central auditory pathways in the brain.

All of this work takes diligence, insight…and funding. For 2018, the Department of Otolaryngology was again number one in NIH funding for departments of OHNS in the US, and UCSF Medical School was number one in NIH funding among medical schools. Our research can be translated into advancements in clinical care, and the clinical care that our department provides is also rapidly advancing.

UCSF Health is heavily investing in its health network, and OHNS has been highly active in improving access and providing outreach to our region. June, 2019 will mark the one-year anniversary since our thriving Berkeley location opened at 3100 San Pablo Avenue. If you have a patient who lives in the East Bay and needs our help but does not want to cross a bridge, our Berkeley location is a convenient alternative.

Much other meaningful work is in progress, and we will report on that in future issues of *Head'sUp!* Meanwhile, in the pages of this issue I invite you to read about Marika Russell's work at Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center (ZSFG). Dr. Russell, chief of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery and medical director for surgical specialties at ZSFG, has a strong focus on addressing outcomes and health disparities in the unique patient population seen there. Unlike patients seen at other UCSF locations, the patients at ZSFG often have a whole set of needs that need to be addressed. As you'll read, that presents an entirely different set of challenges when developing surgical plans, for example.

An article about José Gurrola II, our John A. Watson Faculty Scholar, also addresses a desire to focus on the diversity of people as he works in both the clinical and research sides of otolaryngology. Dr. Gurrola's current research involves chronic sinusitis, which is leading him to work with other departments and teams at UCSF and allows him to collaborate with top scientists beyond OHNS to gain the outcomes he needs for his research.

In this issue, you'll also learn more about our stellar Voice and Swallowing Center, which provides state-of-the-art care to address a range of voice and swallowing problems including swallowing, breathing and voice conditions, neurologically-based vocal problems as well as conditions caused by cancer treatment. The center is even stronger now that Sarah Schneider is serving as co-director alongside Clark Rosen.

Finally, I hope to see you at one or more of the many exciting events coming up this spring and fall, including the Lewis Francis Morrison Endowed Lectureship on May 23, which will feature Milan Amin, MD, our esteemed colleague from New York University, speaking on "Laryngopharyngeal Reflux – Update and Perspectives". We are also honored to have Neal D. Futran, MD, from the University of Washington, presenting the Francis A. Sooy, MD Lecture on June 8. Dr. Futran will give two presentations: "Advances in Midface Reconstruction" and "Patients are First: One Surgeon's Journey in the New World of Health Care Measures and Service."

Warmly,

Andrew H. Murr, MD, FACS
Professor and Chair
UCSF Department of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery

A Path Home

A Journey of Diversity for José Gurrola II, MD

José Gurrola II, MD

From his formative years in Stockton, California to his current appointment in the Department of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery, the journey of José Gurrola II, MD has been one of service and intellectual pursuit. Through UCSF and its OHNS Department, Dr. Gurrola is able to enjoy the two things that helped inspire him as a doctor and researcher: the diversity of people and the ability to work in both the clinical and research sides of otolaryngology.

Having grown up in Stockton, Gurrola ventured east for higher education to experience more of the nation. He went to The University of Notre Dame in South Bend, Indiana for his undergraduate education, attended Case Western Reserve in Cleveland, Ohio for medical school, completed his internship and residency at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics in Iowa City, and pursued a fellowship in Rhinology and Skull Base Surgery at Augusta University (previously the Medical College of Georgia) in Augusta, Georgia.

After fellowship, he accepted a faculty position focused on rhinology and endoscopic skull base surgery at the University of Virginia Health System in Charlottesville before coming to UCSF in 2017 as an assistant professor in the OHNS Rhinology and Skull Base Surgery subspecialty.

Chronic Sinusitis and Research Endeavors

His current research involves chronic sinusitis.

"The impact of our research is multifactorial," he explains. "It allows patients with advanced sinus disease to have access not only to the current standard of care for their disease, but also to be a part of efforts that may lead to future treatments. We are trying to determine why a given patient develops a certain type of sinusitis while others may develop another form. If we can identify a cause or predisposition that leads to a specific type of sinusitis in a given patient, we can potentially offer individualized treatments for them. We are also actively exploring whether there are biomarkers, infectious markers or tissue-based analyses that may guide our treatment for each individual patient. These efforts hold the potential to optimize and greatly improve patient responses and long-term outcomes."

"Clinically, during the treatment of chronic sinusitis, we look for measures of disease severity that would suggest that a patient needs additional medical treatment," he says. "We evaluate individual and disease specific patient outcomes. Often, for our most advanced cases, surgery is an important component of treatment, but medical treatment is also required. These combined efforts increase the likelihood of treatment success and provide greater benefit to the patients on a long-term basis.

"We're working with teams like the Pulmonary, Critical Care, Allergy and Sleep Medicine Program as well as the Department of Microbiology and Immunology to provide the highest possible standard of care. Our Anterior Skull Base Division frequently collaborates with the Department of Neurological Surgery for our endoscopic pituitary and skull base cases. In regard to olfaction, I see a lot of potential for growth. From determining outcomes and defining biomarkers, to advancing treatments for diminished, and ultimately, loss of smell, there is great opportunity here at UCSF for continued research with the ultimate goal of some very novel treatments," he says.

A Return to Diversity

Since he left California, Dr. Gurrola's return to the Golden State remained one of his long-term goals.

"I have always felt a calling to come back home to Northern California. I really enjoyed providing care and learning as much as possible during my training and while in practice with other rhinology and skull base programs. During that time, however, there was a significant draw to being able to provide expertise and care for the people and communities that I identified with most closely, which happen to represent a unique level of diversity. Being able to practice in this exciting environment while providing the level of expertise that UCSF affords is a dream scenario," he says.

"I am fascinated and inspired by the fact that within San Francisco and its immediate surrounding areas we have some of the higher echelon of income in the nation, if not the world. Then you go not very far from here and you have areas of significant need.

"The fact that we see such a variety of people enhances our potential for greatness in so many different ways. We are able to see the impact of our clinical efforts with individual patients, but both the providers and the patients in the UCSF family are able to contribute to the far-reaching impact of our research."

The Watson Scholar

For his commitment to advancing diversity, inclusion, and equity in academic medicine, Dr. Gurrola became a John A. Watson Faculty Scholar in July 2018. The opportunity has given Dr. Gurrola opportunities to pursue these interests while tying them in with his research at UCSF.

"It was a huge honor to be selected as a Watson Scholar and to uphold the tradition that Dr. Watson and so many others at UCSF have maintained. I have established mentorship within the department and the greater UCSF family, which has been fantastic. It greatly enhances my ability to pursue these different research efforts. My specific efforts are three-tiered and involve inflammatory sinus disease, olfaction, and my endoscopic skull base efforts."

He is also involved in the teaching scholars' program, a year-long course that helps faculty develop their teaching skills while instructing them on how to become scholars.

The Watson Scholar sums it all up by saying: "It is tremendously rewarding to have a chance to give back to the people and the place that helped make me who I am and provided me with a great start." ■

Faculty Profile

Marika Russell, MD, Serves the Underserved at ZSFG

"Many of our patients come with a lot of issues, and it can be challenging to care for them," says Marika Russell, MD, chief of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery at Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center (ZSFG).

The majority of patients who come to ZSFG are either uninsured or receive public-funded insurance. "Many of them have issues with substance use or they may have housing instability. They may have mental illness, which often goes hand-in-hand with substance abuse, and they may not have access to care regularly. They may be coming in with advanced presentations of their disease, and when we care for them, they often require an additional level of support to meet their social needs," says Dr. Russell.

That additional level of support can often be demanding for most. Matters such as compliance, housing, and even travel can become hurdles for some.

Regardless, quality care is what drives the OHNS Department at ZSFG, and Dr. Russell has a strong focus on addressing outcomes and health disparities in this patient population. While the ZSFG patient population is made up largely of the underserved population of San Francisco, the treatment of these patients remains the same as the high-quality care found throughout UCSF.

A Passion for Equity

"One of the things that I'm really passionate about – in terms of providing care to patients here at ZSFG – is equity. For our head and neck cancer patients, it's important to me that they receive a review of their case at our head and neck tumor board. That's to ensure that they're getting the same standard of care that we offer elsewhere at UCSF."

Often, ZSFG physicians treat patients with very special requirements – ones that non-public hospitals may not need to take up.

"Patients with head and neck cancer have a whole set of needs that we need to address," says Dr. Russell. "There are a lot of elements that go into the care of these patients, and treatment requires complex care coordination between multiple disciplines. We need to help ensure that patients make it though the various steps of treatment. This can involve a significant amount of outreach and support."

Patient Management Challenges

Patient management is often influenced by the challenges of the patient population. "We understand that there may be a risk of the patient not being able to be compliant with treatment," she says.

"I've seen patients who've been admitted with profound hyperthyroidism, which can be a very dangerous condition. They have failed medication to decrease their thyroid hormone output, either because they can't or they won't take the medication daily. Or they failed to follow up on multiple visits. I'm often asked by the treating endocrinology team to perform a thyroidectomy for these patients during their inpatient admission. It's not uncommon to manage patients surgically because they can't be managed medically, though the circumstances are unique to this patient population – they have difficulty with compliance."

At ZSFG, Dr. Russell not only cares for patients, but she educates and trains residents to prepare them for their future as providers.

"It's also important for me when training the residents to ensure an appropriate balance of resident autonomy with learning and supervision by attending physicians. I want to make sure residents get the opportunity to learn, and that often means hands-on experience, typically with some degree of autonomy. I also want to ensure that patients are receiving the same high-level quality of care that they would receive at another center where faculty are really engaged, every step along the way, in patient care."

The residents learn technical skills in the operating room and also communication skills in working with other services. Dr. Russell describes it as a lot of back and forth. "We work very closely with Neurosurgery and Trauma in managing our trauma patients. There's a lot to learn in how to interact with other services in a healthy way, and our residents do a fantastic job. I'm really proud of them on a day-to-day basis," she says.

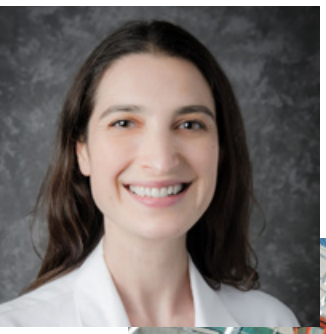
A Model to Emulate

Dr. Russell grew up learning about service to the underserved from her father, a defense attorney whose clientele matched the population of ZSFG population of people who would come to ZSFG.

"Why I'm so passionate about this sort of fits," she explains. "I grew up in a family that was focused on social justice. My father felt that if we don't help the underserved, the system doesn't work well. Someone has to be there for the people who can't access the type of services that they need. If you don't provide it for them, they won't have it."

She describes feeling passionate about serving people who wouldn't otherwise be able to receive the services that they need and explains her love for the community at ZSFG by saying how her colleagues' care about their work and the patients is "the glue that holds everything together."

As a level one trauma center, she says there can be a lot of chaos that rolls in the door. "We are able to respond to crises pretty well, and we enjoy that. We work closely with Anesthesia, Trauma Surgery, Plastic Surgery and our Oral Surgery colleagues. We have clinics that are housed in the same space as Neurology, Neurosurgery, and Ophthalmology, so we have collaborations there. It's a relatively small community of providers, and we're all driven by the same passions. That's a nice thing to have; it generates a positive culture of work." ■



Marika Russell, MD (left), chief of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery at ZSFG (below)

Honors and Awards

Jennifer Grandis, MD, Receives Prestigious Lectureship

Jennifer Grandis, MD, was selected by the American Association for Cancer Research (AACR) to receive the 2019 AACR-Women in Cancer Research Charlotte Friend Memorial Lectureship. The award is presented annually to an outstanding scientist who has made meritorious contributions to the field of cancer research and who has, through leadership or by example, furthered the advancement of women in science.

Jennifer Grandis, MD

On Saturday, March 30, Dr. Grandis, the Robert K. Werbe Distinguished Professor in Head and Neck Cancer in the Department of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery at UCSF, highlighted her innovative scientific discoveries in a lecture entitled *"Leveraging Biologic Insights to Prevent and Treat Head and Neck Cancer,"* at the AACR annual meeting in Atlanta, Georgia.

The AACR-Women in Cancer Research Charlotte Friend Memorial Lectureship was established in 1998 in honor of renowned virologist and discoverer of the Friend virus, Dr. Charlotte Friend, for her pioneering research on viruses, cell differentiation and cancer. ■

David Conrad, MD, Conrad Wins Prize for Pediatric Tracheostomy Device

David Conrad, MD, representing UCSF in the UCSF-Stanford Pediatric Device Consortium (PDC) pitch competition, won one of five top prizes with his entry, a wireless tracheostomy alarm and respiratory monitoring system (Beacon) that has impressive potential to improve pediatric patient care.

Dr. Conrad, an Assistant Professor in the Pediatric Otolaryngology section of the Department of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery, presented his project to a panel of distinguished judges on March 29, 2019 at Stanford University.

The UCSF-Stanford PDC pitch competition features designers of innovative pediatric technologies in various stages of development, from prototype to finished product. This year's judges included venture capitalists, representatives from the Stanford Biodesign Program, as well as Tejal Desai, PhD, Chair of UCSF's Bioengineering and Therapeutic Sciences Department. This year there were 75 applications from across the country, 13 finalists, and five top prize winners, including Dr. Conrad, whose project garnered an award of $50,000. ■

David Conrad, MD (second from left), with fellow prize winners.

Watch an interview with Sarah Schneider at https://tinyurl.com/ucsf-sarah

Sarah L. Schneider, MS, CCC-SLP

Voice and Swallowing Center

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"I am grateful for the opportunity to take on the role of co-director of the UCSF Voice and Swallowing Center," Schneider said. "Treating voice, swallowing, and upper airway disorders truly requires a team approach. The partnership that Dr. Rosen and I have represents the work that our whole team does for patients on a daily basis. I look forward to continuing to support the growth of the Voice and Swallowing Center, and the department, in its mission to provide the highest quality patient care and education while leading the way in research."

Schneider is a graduate of Marquette University with a B.S. in Speech Pathology and Audiology and a master's degree in Speech Language Pathology. She completed her clinical fellowship at Vanderbilt University before taking a position with Robert Sataloff, MD, at Drexel University in Philadelphia.

Schneider's clinical and scholarly interests include the evaluation and treatment of all aspects of voice and upper airway with special expertise in the professional speaking and singing voice, transgender voice and communication, and spasmodic dysphonia and vocal tremor.

In her new role at the UCSF Voice and Swallowing Center, Schneider will provide additional leadership to meet its mission to diagnose and treat patients with voice, airway, speech and swallowing problems.

The UCSF Airway, Voice, and Swallowing Center is a leading interdisciplinary team that comprises laryngologists, voice and swallowing specialized speech and language pathologists, vocal trainers, and singing voice specialists who collaborate to treat a variety of conditions and concerns including those caused by neurological conditions, cancer treatment, swallowing, breathing, and voice problems.

Singers, actors, news broadcasters, teachers, and others who use their voice to perform their jobs are among the Center's patients, as well as those whose voice or swallowing problems are caused by neurological conditions or the side effect of treatments, such as radiation treatment for cancer. ■

OHNS/Neurosurgery Collaboration

The California Center for Pituitary Disorders Continues to Grow

In 2017, the California Center for Pituitary Disorders at UCSF expanded its patient volumes to 264 cases, making it one of the busiest centers of its kind in the United States. The growth in the number of cases continued in 2018.

The center provides both surgical and medical management of all pituitary disorders, including pituitary and parasellar tumors, inflammatory conditions and hormonal conditions.

By adding more surgeons, and through close collaboration with the UCSF Department of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery, the center has also expanded its use of minimally-invasive endonasal surgery, which enables surgeons to see further into the sinonasal and parasellar sinuses than they can with a standard microsurgical approach. The endonasal approach is especially useful for more invasive lesions that are suspected of spreading to other areas of the sinuses.

Understanding Atypical Pituitary Adenomas

Scientists have long struggled to definitively characterize tumors known as atypical pituitary adenomas, which make up about 10 percent of all pituitary tumors. According to neurosurgeon Manish Aghi, MD, PhD, difficulty in defining these tumors is problematic, because some believe such tumors might indicate malignant tumor growth elsewhere and require more careful monitoring than the majority of pituitary tumors. That's why, in the April, 2018 issue of Journal of Neurosurgery, Dr. Aghi was lead author of a widely-read case series on the topic.

"We wanted to start a dialog that could help us do a better job of understanding the significance of these tumors," says Dr. Aghi. His article concluded, "When compared with nonatypical pituitary adenomas, atypical adenomas are more likely to present in younger patients at a larger size, are more often hormonally hypersecretory, and are associated with earlier recurrence. These features lend credence to atypical pituitary adenomas being a distinct clinical entity in addition to a discrete pathological diagnosis."

"The article got an enormous response because shortly before publication, the World Health Organization (WHO) eliminated the category, and we suspect people became concerned that would make it harder to advance understanding of how best to treat these tumors," says Dr. Aghi. "We believe it's part of our job to convince the WHO that this is a worthy category, which could mean expanding our series. We need to be able to identify the worst 10 percent of pituitary tumors, not because we want to frighten patients, but to ensure we properly monitor them and do necessary follow-up scans." ■

Manish Aghi, MD, PhD (right), and Ivan El-Sayed, MD (left), perform endoscopic transsphenoidal surgery for a pituitary tumor.

Watch an interview with Dr. Manish Aghi at https://tinyurl.com/UCSF-pituitary

Neurosurgeon Philip Theodosopoulos, MD (left), and otolaryngologist José Gurrola II, MD, provide collaborative, multidisciplinary care to patients with pituitary disorders.

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Pediatric Pituitary Program

Pituitary disorders in children are rare medical conditions that are best treated by a multidisciplinary group of specialists. At UCSF, pediatric patients with pituitary disorders are treated in a state-of-the-art children's hospital where they can receive care from physicians with in-depth understanding of how pituitary disorders affect this age group. Some of the more common pituitary disorders seen in children include pituitary tumors (such as prolactinomas), craniopharyngiomas and Rathke's cleft cysts. Pituitary dysfunction caused by the growth of abnormal masses can result in loss of normal growth, or failure to progress through puberty. Other common consequences include visual loss and a buildup of cerebrospinal fluid (hydrocephalus).

Looking to the Future

Graduating Residents and Fellows Share Their Plans

RESIDENTS

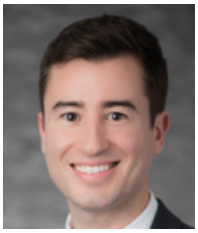
Joseph Chang, MD

Dr. Chang will begin a one-year Laryngology fellowship at Mount Sinai Hospital in New York in July 2019. "My experience at UCSF has been stellar," noted Dr. Chang. "I appreciated the mentorship provided by our outstanding faculty and the opportunity to work and train in a world-class institution that provides outstanding care to our patients."

Divya Chari, MD

In July, 2019, Dr. Chari will join the Neurotology & Otology Fellowship Program of the Harvard Medical School Department of Otolaryngology at Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary. "I could not imagine a better environment in which to complete my surgical training," said Dr. Chari. "At UCSF, I received high-quality mentorship from some of the most knowledgeable and supportive faculty in the field of otolaryngology. I had the privilege to work beside the brightest and most entertaining co-residents who have become not only respected colleagues, but also some of my closest friends."

Phillip L. Perez, MD



"I couldn't be more grateful for the privilege of training at UCSF over the last five years. The incredible patients, my dedicated, inspiring attendings, and the very best co-residents in the world have taught me so much that I will carry with me for the rest of my life," said Dr. Perez, who in July, 2019 will begin a two-year fellowship in otology/neurotology at the University of Pittsburgh, under the direction of Dr. Barry Hirsch.

Nina Zhao, MD

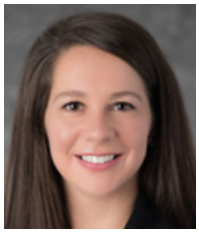
Dr. Zhao will remain at UCSF as a clinical instructor in the Department of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery while she completes a fellowship in Health Professions Education Evaluation and Research and pursues a Master of Arts in Education degree at UC Berkeley. She feels "an overwhelming sense of gratitude to have spent these past five years training at UCSF. I've not only been able to learn from world-class experts and be exposed to a great depth and breadth of otolaryngology, but I've also developed friendships and relationships that will last a lifetime," she said.

FELLOWS

Zachary Fridirici, MD

Dr. Fridirici was reviewing opportunities for next year as Heads Up! went to press. "This year at UCSF has been instrumental in my development as a surgeon. Not only did I have the chance to work alongside and learn from world-class surgeons, but I got to do it in a world-class city. The staff, people, and the care provided at UCSF are second to none," he said.

Andree-Anne Leclerc, MD



In July, 2019, Dr. Andree-Anne Leclerc will join the University of Montreal, Canada as a faculty member with a focus on laryngology. "I have gained so much from my fellowship training at UCSF," notes Dr. Leclerc. "I look forward to bringing the skills I gained as a fellow to my new position at the University of Montreal."

David Schoppy, MD, PhD

Dr. Schoppy will be moving to Hawaii and joining the Kaiser Permanente Ear, Nose and Throat Group near Honolulu as one of their head and neck reconstructive surgeons in July 2019. He noted that his wife is from Hawaii and her whole family still lives there. "We are very much looking forward to being closer to them. I had a great time at UCSF this year and have really enjoyed working with everyone," he said.

Tammy Wang, MD

As *HeadsUp!* went to press, Dr. Wang was reviewing opportunities for the coming year.

"It has been a pleasure working in the Pediatric Otolaryngology department at UCSF!" she said. "I appreciate the high level of training I received through working with OHNS faculty and the entire team."

Bovey Zhu, MD

In July 2019, Dr. Zhu will join the medical staff at Tripler Army Medical Center in Honolulu, Hawaii as a facial plastic and reconstructive surgeon. "I want to thank everyone in the department for letting me be a part of the OHNS family for two years," he said. "It was truly a blessing to be able to work with such a wonderful group of people, and I will always remember my time at UCSF fondly. I hope to see some of you out in Hawaii in the future!" ■

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Upcoming Events

The Lewis Francis Morrison Endowed Lectureship
May 23, 2019, 5:00–7:00 pm
Speaker: Milan Amin, MD, New York University
UCSF Mount Zion Campus, Herbst Hall

UCSF Professional Voice Symposium: Advancing Care of the Singing Voice
June 1, 2019, 8:30 am – 4:30 pm
Speakers: Sarah L. Schneider, CC-SLP, MS and Clark Rosen, MD
UCSF Mission Bay, Rock Hall Building, San Francisco, CA

The 17th Annual Resident Research Symposium
June 7, 2019, 1:30–5:30 pm
UCSF Mission Bay Campus, William and Susan Oberndorf Auditorium

The Francis A. Sooy, MD Lectureship
June 8, 2019, 8:00–11:30 am
Speaker: Neal D. Futran, MD, University of Washington
UCSF Mission Bay Campus, Rock Hall

Sooy Society Alumni Reception at the AAO/HNS Academy Meeting
September 15, 2019, 6:00–8:00 pm
Ralph's on the Park, New Orleans, LA

The Roger Boles, MD Lectureship
October 10, 2019, 5:00–6:00 pm
Location to be announced

The Michael M. Merzenich, PhD Lectureship
October 2019
Date, time, location to be announced

Otolaryngology Update
October 31 – November 2, 2019
Westin St. Francis, San Francisco, CA

The Robert A. Schindler, MD Lectureship
December 2019
Date, time, location to be announced

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