National Laboratory Professionals Week
April 22—28, 2018

Lab Week is celebrated nationwide, this annual celebration of medical laboratory professionals and pathologists, who play a vital role in health care and patient advocacy, honors the “behind the scenes” expertise that the lab contributes to patient care.

The laboratories at UCLA employ more than 800 staff in blood bank/transfusion service, clinical chemistry, cytology, hematology, microbiology, molecular pathology, phlebotomy/support services, regulatory affairs, surgical pathology, toxicology, and the UCLA Blood and Platelet Center. At least 70% of medical decisions rely on the results that lab professionals provide health care providers!

In addition, The UCLA Blood & Platelet Center is the largest hospital-based donor center in the United States, collecting more than 20,000 whole blood and 10,000 platelet units annually. The laboratory also manages the point-of-care testing services in inpatient and hospital-based outpatient locations and actively supports clinical research activities.

Additionally, our reach extends beyond UCLA Health - the Telepathology Department provides diagnostic services throughout California and China. Many of our staff are actively engaged in community service through education and healthcare of the underserved.

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Awards and Recognitions

Congratulations to **Precious Ann Fortes**, post sophomore fellow, for being selected as a recipient of a national medical student award from ASCP.

Congratulations to **Dr. Dawn Ward**, Assistant Professor in our Department (Transfusion Medicine section), for being selected as a recipient of the 2018 UCLA Exceptional Physician Award. This is a major recognition of our institution.

Congratulations to **Dr. Jianyu Rao** on his new role as Vice Chair in Diagnostic Technology Innovation role within the Department.

Congratulations to **Dr. Rita Effros** for her ongoing contribution to knowledge, education, and service to our community. Dr. Effros received this years, Edward A. Dickson Emeritus Professorship Award.

Congratulations to **Dr. Dipti Sajed** on her NEJM case study.

Employee Spotlight

**AP Employee of the Month for April—Kam Kou**

Kam is an Administrative Assistant in the Reporting Office and has been working at UCLA since 1990 (over 28 years). Kam’s favorite part about working at UCLA is her “amazing pathologists, residents, and co-workers”.

**AP Employee of the Month for March—Nick Oseguera**

Nick is a hospital laboratory technician (HLT) II in the Cytology Department and has been working at UCLA for 8 years. His primary functions are accessioning, processing specimens, scheduling for the FNA clinic, managing off-site storage, and daily troubleshooting; he is also the cytology department’s Beaker Super User.

New Employees

April 2018

Genesis Balatayo - CPT II, RRH
Mary Gabe – CPT II, RRH
Jessica Juarez – HLT II, RRH Transfusion Medicine
John Sylvain – Sr. CLS Specialist, SMH Transfusion Medicine
Domingo H Tiamzon, Jr – CPT II, RRH
Shannin Watkins – CLS, RRH Transfusion Medicine

UCLA Pathology Poetry Tweet

Please enjoy viewing the contributions to Pathology Poetry Tweet for the national poetry month. More than 20 staff, trainees, and faculty participated, each with their personal imagination and perspective. Like the floats after the Rose Bowl, the site will be up for viewing during May. As in previous years, we'll keep permanent page of cumulative Pathology Poetry Tweet contributions.

With delight and appreciation for our many contributors.

Jonathan Braun, M.D., Ph.D.
Professor and Chair
More on Lab Week…

Medical Laboratory Professionals Week, April 22-28, 2018, is an annual celebration of medical laboratory professionals and pathologists who play a vital role in health care and patient advocacy! Games and events were planned all week to help highlight how our Star Lab personnel help patients live long and prosper. Guest speakers from the Mindful Awareness Research Center included Diana Winston and Dr. Marvin Belzer, who spoke on the benefits of mindfulness for self-care and stress management. A UCLA transplant recipient discussed his journey before and after transplantation focusing on his direct appreciation for the lab work we do on a regular basis. Speaker, Shola Richards encouraged a positive change in how we live, work, and lead our lives. Special thanks to our departments very own Dr. Naini, who spoke about post-training pathology gaps and Dr. Garner who spoke on microbiomes. Cooking competitions crowned Emmy Von SeyFried (RRH Core) as the Cook-Off Champion for 2018 whereas Julie Do (CLS Student) was crowned the Bake-Off Champion. As part of the Lab Gives Back initiative, the laboratory raised $1300 for the People-Animal Connection Program for both Reagan and Santa Monica hospitals.

It is truly an honor to work with you in our quest to provide the best possible laboratory testing for UCLA patients, and support our clinicians and nurses caring for these patients and their families! Your hard work and dedication to your craft is commendable and makes a difference every day! Happy Lab Week!

~ Alyssa Ziman, MD

UCLA Immunogenetics Celebrates Lab Week
Safety Corner

2017 Winter Quarter Safety Quiz

Thank you to everyone who entered the Safety Quiz contest. We are excited to announce the winner of our very first Safety Quiz!

Answers:
1. What number(s) should be called to report a Major Chemical spill?
   911 and #36

2. List two locations Safety Data Sheets (SDS) may be accessed.
   www.ucmsds.com (UCLA mednet SDS),
   http://www.actiocms.com/chemquik/

3. What information should be present on secondary labels of chemicals, and reagents or solutions that contain chemicals?
   Full name and concentration of the chemical
   An indication of the physical and health hazards
   What to do if accidental contact occurs
   Date of transfer/preparation
   Person responsible for transfer
   Storage requirements
   Expiration date

WINNER!!!
Maria Corazon Gonzales (BURL—PC)

LABORATORY SAFETY TIPS

- ONLY biohazardous material may be placed in biohazard containers
- Biohazard waste containers must:
  - be rigid and leak-resistant
  - have a lid that fits
  - be labeled with the word “BIOHAZARD” and the biohazard symbol on the top and sides of the container
  - be lined with a red biohazard bag that fits and meets ASTM-D1922 & ASTM D1709 standards
- Biohazard bags may ONLY be used to dispose of medical waste
  - Do not use biohazard bags for any other function
  - Do not remove items from biohazard bags
  - Do not transport items that will be used or tested later, in biohazard bags (use a clear specimen transport bag)
- Biohazard bags should be closed by twisting and tying a goose-neck knot
- Biohazard bags must be kept inside containers at all times; no red bag waste should be on floors or on top of containers
- No item may be stored on top of biohazard containers
- Keep lid closed on biohazard containers unless in use
- DO NOT fill sharps containers past the fill line; ensure that sharps containers are no more than 2/3 full
- Store containers in secure area; do not set them in a public hallway or corridor
- Call EVS if containers need to be replaced

Safety Quiz

1. What is the emergency code for an internal or external disaster?
2. When putting your emergency kit together, what is the minimum number of days (or hours) your supplies should last?
3. What other locations, besides your home, should you store an emergency kit?
4. How many gallons of water per person per day should you store in case of an emergency?
5. What should a Family Disaster Plan include?

Send your responses to byasin@mednet.ucla.edu by May 30, 2018.

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