



Pathology and Laboratory Medicine

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.

UCLA BURL Celebrates Lab Week

**Medical Laboratory Observer Magazine
Lab of the Year 2018**

A nationally recognized achievement for the lab, Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center Laboratory was chosen as second runner up for the highly competitive Medical Laboratory Observer Magazine—Lab of the Year 2018. [Read more](#), scroll down to the UCLA section.




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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. Dipti Sajed** on her NEJM case study. [Read More](#)



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 year's Edward A. Dickson Emeritus Professorship Award. [Read More](#)

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?



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