

# research & teaching AWARDS



**2011** Morris F. Collen Research Awards  
Teaching Awards for Excellence



MORRIS F. COLLEN  
RESEARCH  
AWARD

## Daniel Klein, MD

**Infectious Diseases, Greater Southern Alameda Area**

Dr. Daniel Klein is recognized for the indispensable role he played in the transformation of HIV/AIDS from a mostly fatal disease to a chronic, manageable condition.

At the earliest stages of the epidemic, he was one of the first physicians committed to caring for HIV/AIDS patients, when it surely felt like fighting a losing battle. "It was the right thing to do," he says about tackling one of medicine's most vexing challenges.

Dr. Klein's efforts contributed to KP's stellar record in caring for HIV/AIDS patients. Early on, he championed the multi-disciplinary model of HIV care now in use throughout the Northern California region. He authored or co-authored numerous studies on HIV and AIDS and continues to conduct research on new therapeutic agents. Many of his studies significantly influenced HIV/AIDS clinical practice both at KP and in the larger medical community.

Since 1983, he has served as Chief, division of infectious diseases and HIV services at Hayward, and he was Chair of the Regional HIV Task Force from 1996-2007.

In 2010, the Infectious Diseases Society of America named him one of 95 distinguished physicians and scientists in the world, an honor reserved for those "who have achieved professional excellence and provided significant service to the profession."



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## Daniel S. Tseng, MD

Internal Medicine, Santa Clara

Daniel Tseng, MD is recognized for his work as principal investigator on one of the few studies to examine the relationship between ethnicity and tolerance of hypertension medications. Study results are reported in the article "Angiotensin-converting Enzyme-related Cough Among Chinese-Americans," published in The American Journal of Medicine (February 2010).

Dr. Tseng and his team launched the study to investigate the theory that Chinese-Americans might have a higher risk of cough associated with Angiotensin-converting enzyme (ACE) inhibitors, which are commonly prescribed for hypertension and for renal and cardiovascular disease.

The team performed a comprehensive medical record study of all patients who received a prescription for the ACE inhibitor lisinopril any time during 2005 at the Santa Clara medical center.

The study proved what had long been suspected - that Chinese-Americans were significantly more likely to experience the chronic cough associated with ACE inhibitors than the general population. Due to the cough, the Chinese group was more than twice as likely as the general population to discontinue their medication.

Dr. Tseng's study sheds new light on the effect of hypertension treatment on the Chinese population and presents strong evidence that clinicians should consider ethnicity when deciding on therapy for hypertension, congestive heart failure or kidney disease.



## David Levin, MD

Obstetrics and Gynecology, Santa Clara

If it's Thursday, everyone knows where to find David Levin, MD. For the past two decades, he's been leading the gynecology service teaching rounds that bear his name - an honor, richly deserved.

As Ob/Gyn residency program director from 1987-2010, Dr. Levin created one of the nation's finest Ob/Gyn residencies. His program has twice earned maximum 5-year accreditations, a distinction reserved for exemplary training programs.

"He set the standards for a superior residency program and educational institution," says Debora Sawyer, MD, APIC for quality. "He clearly communicates what it means to be a true medical professional."

Throughout his career, Dr. Levin has been an advocate, mentor and role model for his residents, nurturing their professional, educational and personal needs. "Dr. Levin has been the single most supportive attending during my career," says former resident and current colleague, Kimberly Lee, MD.

In 2010, Dr. Levin received the Santa Clara County Medical Association's "Outstanding Contribution in Medical Education" award, the latest in a long list of accolades.

To the regret of his clinical and educational colleagues, Dr. Levin is retiring in 2012. Says his chief Martin Wong, MD: "Dr. Levin's legacy of excellence will endure in the careers of our residency graduates and TPMG colleagues."



TEACHING AWARD  
FOR EXCELLENCE  
IN GRADUATE  
MEDICAL EDUCATION



## Jonathan Blum, MD

Infectious Diseases, Santa Clara

When it comes to anything related to infectious diseases, Santa Clara physicians turn to Jonathan Blum, MD to educate them with equal measures of generosity and wit.

"What sets Dr. Blum apart is the way he engages his audience with his incredible insight and knowledge," says Susan Smarr, MD, Physician-in-Chief. "His lectures to our physician colleagues are always engrossing and full of memorable clinical pearls."

Dr. Blum is in continual "education mode" whether updating the entire medical staff on infectious disease topics or generating at least one instructive email per week. His noontime lectures are well received, well attended and always exceptional. He regularly rounds with hospital-based specialists to teach and consult on complex cases.

He has contributed more than one-third of the content available in the Regional Infectious Disease Chiefs' repository for educational talks. He created the Infectious Disease eConsult Frequently Asked Questions database, and developed most of its content.

"Dr. Blum has the true characteristic of a great teacher - he always questions and listens," says Stanford Shoor, MD, former Chief of Professional Education at Santa Clara. "He always seems to identify and fill critical learning gaps. He is a rare person and an even rarer educator."

TEACHING AWARD  
FOR EXCELLENCE  
IN CONTINUING  
MEDICAL EDUCATION

## Morris F. Collen, MD

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In 1948, Morris F. Collen, MD, became one of the seven founding physicians of The Permanente Medical Group. As a clinician, researcher and teacher, Dr. Collen made significant contributions to Medical Group colleagues and Kaiser Permanente members. Today he is recognized internationally for his pioneering work in applying computer technology to medicine.

From 1953 to 1961, Dr. Collen served as Physician-in-Chief in San Francisco. He became Director of Medical Methods Research (now the Division of Research) in 1961, ending his tenure in 1979 when he became Director, Division of Technology Assessment.

Dr. Collen's work in medical computing attracted national attention. He was elected to the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Science in 1981, and served as Chair of the Library of Medicine's Board of Scientific Counselors from 1985 to 1987. As a Scholar-in-Residence from 1987 to 1993, he wrote a history of medical applications of the computer.

Since 1983, Dr. Collen has served as a Consultant with the Division of Research, and he remains an enthusiastic supporter of research and teaching in TPMG.

*"To be a good physician, you have to keep up with what is new, which means you have to be involved in research and training. So patient care is our first obligation, and to maintain a good quality of care, we must also research and teach. And we do."*

– Morris F. Collen, MD