

Hannah Valantine, MD, MRCP, FACC
Professor of Medicine; Senior Associate Dean



Dr. Hannah Valantine is a recipient of the NIH Director's Pathfinder Award for diversity in the biomedical workforce, 2010. Originally from the Gambia, West Africa, she grew up in England, and is a graduate of St. George's Hospital, London University. She completed her residency at St. George's Hospital, Brompton Hospital and Guys Hospital London, and her cardiology fellowship training at Royal Postgraduate Medical School in Hammersmith London. For her post-doctoral research fellowship training she moved to Stanford University, and undertook research focused on Echocardiography for the diagnosis of acute rejection. During this time she also conducted clinical research to determine the role of conventional risk factors in transplant coronary artery disease, and the application of intravascular ultrasound for monitoring of the disease process.

Dr. Valantine is a Professor of Cardiovascular Medicine and Senior Associate Dean for Diversity and Leadership at Stanford school of Medicine, a leadership position to which she was appointed in November 2004. In this role she has developed innovative approaches to faculty development, leadership and diversity. Her transformative approach was recently recognized by the NIH Director, by awarding her the Pathfinder Award for diversity in the biomedical workforce. Notwithstanding her leadership and administrative roles, Dr. Valantine maintains an active clinical research program that continues to yield high impact results in patient care. Most recently, she reported in the *New England Journal of Medicine*, (April 2010) on the effectiveness of a novel non-invasive approach for the diagnosis of acute heart transplant rejection, an innovation that represents a major paradigm shift in the way heart transplant patients will be managed in the future. This but one of Dr. Valantine's many innovations that often challenge conventional dogma. She hopes to bring this same level of rigorous enquiry to the challenging issue of faculty career flexibility.

Dr. Valantine is Co-Director of heart transplantation, and Director of Clinical Transplant Research. Her current research interests include pathophysiology of transplant related atherosclerosis, with a focus on the role of infection and lipids; non-invasive diagnosis of acute rejection, with a current focus on the application of high-throughput genomic methods; and new approaches to the conduct of clinical trials. She is an nationally recognized clinical investigator, and has been the recipients of several research grants from the NIH and AHA, including being the Co-Principal Investigator for an NIH- funded Program Project Grant in transplant arteriosclerosis. Dr. Valantine is author of 160 peer-reviewed publications, 10 book chapters, and has been invited to be a presenter at over 100 lectures. She has served on many editorial boards including Journal of Heart & Lung Transplant, Transplantation and Circulation. She is a Past President of the American Heart Association Western States Affiliate Board of Directors.

She is married to Denis von Kaeppler whose background is in information technology. They have two daughters, a college sophomore and a high school senior. Aside from research and diversity, Dr. Valantine has a passion for travel, especially cruising, fine dining, visits to spas, and exercise.