

General News

Reginald Bruskevitz M.D. Retiring After Distinguished Thirty-Year Career. Dr. Reg Bruskevitz attended UW-Madison from 1965 to 1978 as an undergraduate, medical student, and resident. After completing a fellowship in urodynamics at UCLA, he started his practice in Madison in 1979. Over the past thirty years, he has made major contributions to the Department's clinical, educational, and research missions. "We have all thoroughly enjoyed the privilege of working and practicing alongside Dr. Bruskevitz," says Department Chairman Stephen Nakada M.D. "During his tenure here in the Department of Urology he has been an innovative investigator, a high-level intellect in all aspects of urology, and an excellent technical surgeon. More importantly, he is very well respected by all of his patients and colleagues." Dr. Bruskevitz' last day will be June 5th. He plans to keep busy in retirement. Thanks for 30 great years, Dr. Bruskevitz. You'll be missed!

Congratulations to Dr. Kaplon. Endourology fellow Dan Kaplon M.D. and his wife, Julia, welcomed a healthy baby boy into the world at 11:19 PM on March 23rd. Alexander George Kaplon is their first child. Dr. Kaplon will be joining a large group practice in Sarasota, Florida in August after completing his fellowship, and will also become a clinical instructor at Florida State College of Medicine. We extend our best wishes to the Kaplon family during this exciting time!

Academic News

Successful Wisconsin Urological Society Meeting. Department faculty, residents, nurse practitioners and physician assistants were well-represented at the Wisconsin Urological Society meeting on April 3rd and 4th in Milwaukee. Second-year resident physician and University of Virginia Medical School alumnus Crystal Dover M.D. won first place in the resident's competition for her presentation titled "Information about Female Factor Infertility on Websites of Male Specialists in the Midwest," based on her work with faculty member Daniel Williams M.D. Fourth-year resident Matt Christian M.D. and second-year resident Andre King M.D. tied for second place. Our department will host next year's meeting on April 16-17, 2010 at the Fluno Center.

Pfizer Visiting Professor in Urology. We are very pleased to welcome Larry Lipshultz M.D. to Madison from May 27-29. Dr. Lipshultz is Professor and Chief of the Division of Male Reproductive Medicine and Surgery for the Baylor College of Medicine's Scott Department of Urology. He is a renowned male infertility specialist and author of the popular textbook Infertility in the Male. Dr. Lipshultz specializes in erectile dysfunction, microsurgery, genetic causes of infertility, and age-related changes in male hormone levels. His fellowship in male reproductive medicine and surgery has trained 80 physicians, including our own Dan Williams M.D.

Clinical News

Dr. Williams Featured in Articles on Testicular Cancer and Sperm Count. Daniel Williams M.D. has been quoted in several periodicals regarding a study he led of 400 men with various types of cancer. The study found that men with non-testicular cancer generally had normal sperm counts and motility, while men with testicular cancer had significantly lower sperm counts. Chemotherapy and radiation treatment can further reduce counts or completely destroy the ability to produce sperm. Dr. Williams recommends that men bank sperm before treating their cancer. "Because of advances in treatment, young men of reproductive age who get testicular cancer have excellent survival rates. Because of this, it's very important for us to also focus on quality of life after treatment," says Williams. For more information, see: <http://www.med.wisc.edu/news/item.php?id=4693>

Drs. Gee and Jarrard featured on Madison.Com. The Capital Times featured an online story about two of our physicians using the da Vinci surgical robot to perform cystectomies on bladder cancer patients and prostatectomies on prostate cancer patients. To see the article and accompanying video interview, please go to: <http://www.madison.com/tct/news/stories/444240>

Upcoming Events

- May 27-29 – Pfizer Visiting Professor, Dr. Larry Lipshultz from Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, Texas
- June 12 – Chief Residents' Dinner, Fluno Center
- June 13 – Resident Farewell Picnic, Warner Park