

General News

New Urology Residents. Aaron Potretzke, M.D. and Kelvin Wong, M.D. began their five year residencies in late June. Aaron graduated from the University of Minnesota Medical School, and Kelvin is a graduate of the University of Toledo College of Medicine. Welcome, Aaron and Kelvin!

Wilkinson Joins Department. Lindsay Wilkinson PA-C has joined the One South Park Street Urology clinic as of July 13th. Lindsay graduated from the Physician Assistant Program at the UW School of Medicine and Public Health, and previously earned a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry and Biology from Edgewood College. Lindsay co-authored an article titled "Teaching Chemistry Using October Sky", which was published in the Journal of Chemical Education. Previous job experience includes eight years as a Pharmacy Technician.

Dr. Kryger Celebrates 10th Anniversary. John Kryger, M.D. joined the Department on August 1, 1999 after completing a pediatric urology fellowship at the Children's Hospital of Michigan in Detroit. Ten years later, he has a busy practice at American Family Children's Hospital, and is the Department's Residency Program Director. He is president of the UW Medical Alumni Association, and an ardent supporter of Badger Hockey.

Academic News

Tokyo Urology Professor Visits Department. Doctor Masatsugu Iwamura is observing our Department from July 7th through 17th. Dr. Iwamura is preparing to ascend to the Chair position at Kitasato University's Department of Urology in Tokyo. He is the expert laparoscopic urologist at his center, and is well respected in Japan and the U.S. for his work in minimally invasive surgery. We are honored to host this distinguished guest.

Shapiro Research Fellowship Underway. This summer, medical student Ian McLaren is working with Department Chairman Stephen Nakada, M.D. and Nutritionist Kristina Penniston, PhD to examine the epidemiology of kidney stones in northern Wisconsin over the past thirty years. The project is a collaboration with the Marshfield Clinic Research Foundation through the UW Institute for Clinical and Translational Research (ICTR). The goal is to characterize individuals who suffer from kidney stone disease, and use this information to develop medical and lifestyle management strategies that minimize the occurrence of stones. The Shapiro Summer Research Program, sponsored by the UW School of Medicine and Public Health Dean's Office, matches medical students with research mentors during the summer between the first and second years of medical school.

Clinical News

Dr. Jarrard Responds to PSA Studies. Several media outlets have reported urologic oncologist David Jarrard M.D.'s response to two recently publicized studies (done elsewhere) that found similar mortality rates for patients who received the prostate-specific antigen (PSA) screening test for prostate cancer and those who did not, during a seven to nine year follow-up period. "Screening is more likely to benefit younger individuals and those with over a 10 to 15 year expected lifespan," says Jarrard. He points out that a more aggressive form of the disease kills about 30,000 American men each year, and screening needs to be individualized. "This is a discussion that men need to have with their doctors," he says. The full press release can be found on the UW Health website: <http://www.uwhealth.org/news/thefutureofprostatecancerscreening/20553>

Dr. Williams on ABCNews.Com. ABC news featured reproductive urology specialist Dan Williams, M.D. on the Health section of its website in an article titled "Avoid or Ignore?: Eleven Sperm-Killing Suspects". The story separates factors that inhibit male fertility from "urban legends" with no proven link. Williams emphasizes that infertility is a *couples* issue that calls for a specially trained urologist. He describes a common culprit called varicocele (varicose veins surrounding the testicle) that is treatable with surgery. For the full web article, visit: <http://abcnews.go.com/Health/WellnessNews/story?id=7861678&page=1>

Upcoming Events

- August 28 – Resident Laparoscopic Lab, 12:00 – 5:00 PM
- October 22 – 2009 Schnoes Lectureship: Donald S. Coffey Ph.D., Johns Hopkins Department of Urology
- November 6 – 2009 Uehling Lectures: Anthony Atala M.D., Chair - Wake Forest University Dept. of Urology
- November 9-14 – AUA North Central Section Annual Meeting, Scottsdale, Arizona