

General News

Richard Graf M.D. Honored for 45 Years. The Urology Clinic at One South Park Street recently held a celebration for Dr. Graf, who has been with the practice since 1964. Dr. Graf graduated from University of Wisconsin Medical School and returned to Madison after completing his residency at University of Iowa Hospital and Clinics in Iowa City. Dr. Graf conducts urology outreach clinics throughout the region, including Boscobel, Darlington, Dodgeville, Lancaster and Platteville.

Another Addition to the Thaker Family. On May 29th, pediatric Nurse Practitioner Patricia Thaker gave birth to her second child. Andrew Alexander was a healthy 8 lbs, 14 ounces and 21 inches long. Andrew and his two-year-old sister are keeping mom busy. Congratulations, Tricia!

Academic News

Dr. Christian Wins Ira Sisk Award. Matthew Christian M.D. has earned the Dr. Ira Sisk Memorial Award for dedication to scholastic achievement by a resident. Dr. Christian received the top score this year on the in-service exam taken by our eight residents. Way to go, Matt!

Doctors Moore and Manakas Recognized for Teaching. Nathan Moore M.D. has been selected for the Urology Resident Teaching Award for the 2008-9 academic year. Dr. Moore has consistently attained outstanding feedback from medical students who performed urology rotations. Christopher Manakas M.D. won the award for the 2007-8 academic year. Both awards will be presented at the annual Chief Residents' Dinner.

Dr. Bjorling Contributes to Multi-Disciplinary Urologic Research Team. Dale Bjorling DVM, Chairman of the School of Veterinary Medicine's Surgical Sciences Department, continues to bolster our research program. Dr. Bjorling works closely with Vice Chair for Research Wade Bushman M.D., and holds a joint appointment in the Department of Urology. Bjorling was recently appointed to the editorial board of the Investigative Urology Section of The Journal of Urology. In addition, he has been invited to speak at the University of Rochester on June 24th to make a presentation titled, "Does Estrogen Play a Role in Bladder Disease?"

Prize Paper Honors for Doctors Williams and Nelson. The Society for Male Reproduction and Urology (SMRU) recently recognized Daniel Williams M.D. and graduating resident Josiah Nelson M.D. for presenting the prize paper, "The Use of Biased Language and Inaccurate Information about Male Factor Infertility on Fertility Clinic Websites in the United States," at its annual meeting. The study noted a rare incidence of urologists on fertility teams nationwide. Further, it found that only 58% of websites mentioned male factor infertility, and some included inaccurate or biased information that could dissuade a couple from seeking male factor infertility treatment. UW Health has a unique approach to fertility treatment that includes a "couples' clinic" where Dr. Williams works closely with faculty and staff from the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology's Reproductive Endocrinology & Infertility (REI) program.

Clinical News

UWHC Garners Accolades for Nursing Quality. University of Wisconsin Hospital and Clinics has achieved Magnet Recognition status from the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC), a subsidiary of the American Nurses Association (ANA). Only five percent of hospitals in the country have earned this prestigious designation. Earlier this year, UWHC was named the best academic medical center in the nation for nursing quality by the American Nurses Association. Congratulations to our world-class nurses!

Upcoming Events

- August 28 – Resident Laparoscopic Lab, 12:00 – 5:00 PM
- October 22 – 2009 Schnoes Lectureship: Donald S. Coffey Ph.D., Director of Research Laboratories - 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