

General News

Matt Christian, M.D. is a New Father. Fourth year Urology resident Matthew Christian, M.D. and his wife Sarah are the proud new parents of a healthy baby girl. Lauren Kayla Christian was born on March 16th at 11:44 PM. She was 20 inches long and weighed 8 pounds 1 ounce. We wish them much happiness and success on their exciting new endeavor.

Dr. King Recognized by Medical Students. Second year Urology resident Andre King M.D. was selected by the School of Medicine and Public Health's Class of 2009 to receive the Outstanding Urology Resident Award.

Academic News

Dr. Uehling Honored by NCS. At its November 2009 annual meeting, the North Central Section of the American Urological Association will recognize emeritus faculty member David T. Uehling M.D. for his contributions to Urology. Dr. Uehling was born and raised near Chicago, where he completed his residency and fellowship. He joined the University of Wisconsin in 1965 and became chairman of Urology in 1983. Dr. Uehling had a statewide practice in pediatric urology and contributed significantly to the study of urinary tract infections, with a nationally recognized, NIH-funded research program.

UW-Madison Dieticians Assisting Dr. Penniston with Kidney Stone Research. Department of Nutritional Science undergraduate **Katrina Wojciechowski** is working with Kristina Penniston, PhD to study the dietary habits of kidney stone formers, using state-of-the-art nutrient analysis software. Dr. Penniston is conducting this study as part of her two-year AUA Fellowship. Katrina has applied for the Hilldale Undergraduate Research Fellowship to conduct her own independent project identifying the largest dietary contributors to key stone promoters. **Soniya Deswandikar**, who recently earned her B.S. in Dietetics, has been volunteering with Dr. Penniston to help coordinate a study on the oxalate content of over-the-counter dietary supplements. Results will be presented at the April AUA meeting. **Sommer Witkowski**, B.S., Dietetics just began a Registered Dietitian internship at UW Hospitals and Clinics this month. Sommer volunteered with Dr. Penniston last year and was crucial in coordinating a study of patients who had undergone bariatric surgery for obesity, and analyzing results to identify stone risk. An abstract of these findings will also be presented at the April AUA meeting.

Clinical News

Dr. Williams on Madison Television Newscast. Daniel Williams, M.D. was featured on the Top 5 at 5 on NBC Channel 15 on March 3rd speaking about male fertility and age. Although it is widely known that a woman's fertility potential declines with age, men may have biological clocks too. "While not to the same degree as ovarian function, testicular production of both sperm and testosterone decreases as men age," says Williams. Additionally, exposure to environmental toxins such as heat, radiation, and chemicals increases with time, and these exposures can accumulate and impair sperm's ability to fertilize an egg.

Pediatric Stone Clinic Expanding. The multi-disciplinary clinic jointly staffed by Pediatric Urologist Bruce Slaughenhaupt MD, Pediatric Nephrologist Sharon Bartosh MD, and Clinical Nutritionist Kristina Penniston PhD will be expanding from every two months to once-a-month. The clinic, which was started in 2007, has had a full schedule since its third session. A typical morning clinic accommodates ten patients.

Upcoming Events

- April 4 – Wisconsin Urological Society Meeting, Milwaukee
- April 22 – Administrative Professionals Day
- April 25-30 – American Urological Association Annual Meeting, Chicago
- 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