

### General News

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**It's a Boy!** Medical Program Assistant Jamie Sobacki gave birth to her first child over Labor Day weekend. William Logan Sobacki was born Sunday September 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 AM. Will weighed in at six pounds, eight ounces with a height of twenty inches. Congratulations Jamie and Tony!

**New Endourology Fellow.** We are pleased to welcome Sutchin Patel, MD, to the Department. Dr. Patel is the first to do the two-year fellowship in minimally invasive urologic surgery, which was previously a one-year program. He completed his residency at Rhode Island Hospital in Providence after earning his Doctor of Medicine and Bachelor of Science degrees from Brown University.

### Academic News

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**Great Month for Dr. Bushman's Lab.** Work performed by post-doctoral fellow Travis Jerde, PhD, was just accepted for publication in the prestigious journal Science Signaling and will be featured on the journal's cover. This work shows that the molecular signaling pathways involved in inflammation actually play a role in normal prostate development. Work performed by Dr. Aubie Shaw, when she was a graduate student in the Bushman lab, was just accepted for publication in the journal Oncogene. This paper describes the activity of Sonic Hedgehog signaling in prostate cancer and a specific gene expression fingerprint that identifies those tumors in which hedgehog signaling promotes tumor growth. The publication of this work is timely as hedgehog inhibitors have just been slated to undergo clinical trials in advanced prostate cancer, and the ability to identify patients in whom these drugs will be effective is likely to improve the overall success of this approach. Finally, the Bushman lab received a \$60,000 grant from the NIH to perform pilot studies on the effect of diabetes on the prostate.

**2009 Uehling Lectures Around the Corner.** This annual event in honor of emeritus professor and former chairman David Uehling, MD, will take place Friday, November 6. It is our privilege to host Uehling Lecturer Anthony Atala, MD, W.H. Boyce Professor and Chairman of the Department of Urology at Wake Forest University. Dr. Atala is Director of the Wake Forest Institute for Regenerative Medicine, which includes 160 physicians and researchers. His research is currently focused on growing new human cells, tissues and organs. He has applied for or received over 200 patents worldwide, and garnered many awards including the Gold Cystoscope Award for advances in his field. Dr. Atala generated one of Time Magazine's top ten medical breakthroughs of the year in 2007. In 2008 Esquire Magazine named him one of the 75 most influential people of the 21st century. Joining Dr. Atala, is Charles T. Durkee, MD, Associate Professor of Urology at the Medical College of Wisconsin, who will give an update on pediatric urology. For more information, please contact Terese Bailey at (608) 240-2141 or [tm Bailey@wisc.edu](mailto:tm Bailey@wisc.edu).

### Clinical News

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**Dr. Jarrard Promotes Prostate Cancer Awareness.** President Obama has declared September Prostate Cancer Awareness Month. David Jarrard, MD, joined host Joy Cardin September 3<sup>rd</sup> on the Wisconsin Public Radio Ideas Network, to discuss the second leading cause of cancer deaths in men. Dr. Jarrard noted that most men over 50 should be screened routinely, as should men over 40 if they are African-American or have a father or brother who had prostate cancer at an early age. Screening tools include the PSA test, which measures the amount of a protein produced by the prostate in the bloodstream, and the digital rectal exam. Jarrard addressed recent studies citing unnecessary screening and treatment, noting that diagnosing and treating small, slow-growing prostate cancers in elderly men in poor health typically does not extend lives. However, he emphasized that 27,000 people die from the disease each year, and screening is important. Dr. Jarrard said the PSA test is not cancer-specific and will detect other abnormalities such as BPH and Prostatitis. In some cases, the test does not detect prostate cancer. He said other screening tools are being studied, and better ones will likely become available in the future.

### Upcoming Events

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- September 24 – Resident Laparoscopic Lab, 12:00 – 5:00 PM
- October 22 – 2009 Schnoes Lectureship: Donald S. Coffey, PhD, Johns Hopkins Department of Urology
- November 6 – 2009 Uehling Lectures: Anthony Atala, MD, Chair - Wake Forest University Dept. of Urology
- November 9-14 – AUA North Central Section Annual Meeting, Scottsdale, Arizona