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## Notable and Newsworthy

Will Ricke, PhD recently had his article titled, "RNA-binding-protein DDX3 mediates post-transcriptional regulation of androgen receptor: a mechanism of castration-resistance" published in Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

At the recent (virtual) annual CAIRIBU (Collaborating for the Advancement of Interdisciplinary Research in Benign Urology) meeting, the UW SMPH DOU was well-represented, earning the most awards of any other institution within CAIRIBU.

- Matthew Grimes, MD, won "best poster" award for his work, "Decreased CD44 expression is associated with increased hyaluronic and acid abundance in human lichen sclerosis."
- In a tie for "best poster" in the "prostate and aging" category, Teresa Liu, PhD and Liviana Myklebust, BS (mentored by Will Ricke, PhD) were awarded "best posters." Both are investigators within the UW-Madison George M. O'Brien (U54) Urology Center.



# Happy Holidays from the UW SMPH Department of Urology!



As what can be considered one of the more challenging years in memory comes to a close, we take a moment to reflect on the achievements and strides made by the department. I've never been as proud to work with this extraordinary team of faculty and staff here in the Department of Urology. Their tireless work and devotion to patients during this unique time should be a source of great pride for all of us.

Despite many of the challenges thrown our way, we expanded our female pelvic medicine and reconstructive surgery (FPMRS) program with the addition of Dr. Frank Lin. We also embarked on a telemedicine program that will evolve and continue beyond the pandemic. Our residency program received the highest number of applicants in our history.

Our grant funding also reached a new high, including two new 5-year NIH awards – a Urology Centers Program Interactions Core Award (U24) led by Kristina Penniston, PhD, RD, and an NIH K01 Mentored Career Development Award for

Assistant Scientist, Teresa Liu, PhD. In addition, Matthew Grimes, MD was granted a NIH K12 Institutional Career Development award through the UW School of Veterinary Medicine's K12 Urologic Research Career Development Program. We are pleased to announce that the support of our generous donors allowed us to fund two grants through our Wisconsin Urologic Research Institute (WURI) – "Coordination Center for the North American Stone Quality of Life Consortium" (Dr. Penniston); and "Improving Bladder Cancer Care in Wisconsin Through Engagement with Patients" (Kyle Richards, MD, FACS).

We are also pleased to recognize our new faculty members that will be joining us next year. Joining our Pediatric Urology faculty will be Dr. Shannon Cannon, who will have completed her fellowship at Seattle Children's Hospital, as well as Dr. Vinaya Bhatia, who will have completed her fellowship at Texas Children's Hospital. We will also be welcoming Dr. Daniel Shapiro to our Urology faculty after completing his two-year Urologic Oncology fellowship at University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center.

These are just a few high points of the year. All of our dedicated faculty and staff have made contributions to our success that are too numerous to list here. Suffice it to say, we appreciate everyone's efforts. The external support from our friends and partners is key to achieving this level of success. Thank you for your interest and support of Wisconsin Urology. We wish you a safe and joyous holiday season and a prosperous new year.

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