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Notable and Newsworthy

The Pediatric Urology team, and Dr. Walid Farhat have been highlighted in a Press Release and subsequent news stories regarding the decrease in cases of children with Bladder and Bowel Dysfunction (BBD):

- <https://www.uwhealth.org/news/pediatric-bladder-and-bowel-dysfunction-reduced-during-pandemic>
- <https://wkow.com/2021/03/26/pediatric-bladder-and-bowel-dysfunction-reduced-during-pandemic/>
- <https://www.nbc15.com/2021/03/27/local-doctors-note-decrease-in-issues-with-childrens-bowl-movements/>



Dr. Walid Farhat has been selected to serve on the Editorial Board for the Turkish Journal of Urology.

Additionally, Dr. Farhat's abstract, "Radically expandable 3-12mm trocar: A novel, universal alternative for routine mini-laparoscopic surgeries and emergency situations" has been accepted at the 2021 Society of American Gastrointestinal

and Endoscopic Surgeons Annual Meeting.



Dr. Kyle Richards has received the North Central Section of the American Urological Association's Young Urologist of the Year Award for his hard-work and commitment to advancing the development of fellow young urologists.

Dr. Petra Popovics' abstract "Loss of osteopontin leads to the resolution of e. coli-induced prostatic inflammation and fibrosis" was selected as the best abstract in the Basic Science category for the 6th Annual Duke Multidisciplinary Benign Urology Symposium.



Dr. Tracy Downs has accepted a position as UVA Health's inaugural Chief Diversity & Community Engagement Officer in Charlottesville, Virginia starting in July. While this is an incredible opportunity for Dr. Downs, we will miss his presence at UW. Dr. Downs joined our faculty in April 2010 after seven years as faculty at University of California–San Diego (UCSD). He was instrumental in bringing new imaging techniques and therapies for bladder cancer to UW. Dr. Downs has inspired countless medical students with his calm, friendly, and purposeful demeanor, while helping build a more inclusive medical school as Associate Dean for Diversity and Multicultural Affairs since 2016. He has been a major contributor to academic programs in the Department, supported junior colleagues as our urologic oncology section has grown, and formally mentored multiple faculty and residents.

Congratulations to our graduating Residents!

The University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health Department of Urology is proud to announce our graduating resident class of 2021!



Rebecca Gerber, MD will be joining the Atrium Health Urology practice in Charlotte, NC.

Gray Roberge, MD is joining the Urology group at Presbyterian Healthcare Services in Albuquerque, NM.



Aravind Viswanathan, MD will be a fellow in Urologic Oncology at The Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston.

We are all very proud of our graduating chiefs, and wish them the best in their future endeavors!

