Dr. E. Jason Abel will assume the role of Urologic Oncology Section Head effective September 1, 2021. He is succeeding Dr. David Jarrard, the inaugural Section Head, who remains in his role as the Department Vice Chair.

Since joining our Department in 2010, Dr. Abel has built an outstanding renal cancer program and currently leads our Urologic Oncology fellowship. During this timeframe he was recipient of the prestigious Gold Cystoscope from the AUA (2018), and he has been recognized nationally as a leader in the Society of Academic Urologists (SAU) and the Society of Urologic Oncology (SUO).

Dr. Matthew Grimes has received a 2-year Loan Repayment Award (LRP) through the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK) for his clinical research.

Our Urologic Oncology Fellow, Dr. Ashanda Esdaille, has received a two-year Bristol Myers Squibb Foundation Diversity in Clinical Trials grant in recognition of her outstanding professional achievements and promise as a community-oriented clinical researcher.
Farewell Barb Lewis!

Barb Lewis, RN, MS has had a longstanding career of 23 years with the School of Medicine and Public Health. She started her career with SMPH in February 1998 in the Department of Surgery as a Nurse Educator for their Medical Education program. In May 2011, Barb accepted a position in the Department of Urology as our GME Program Coordinator responsible for managing the administrative operations of our Residency Training Program. Barb held this position until February 2017 when she took the position of Urology Simulation Educational Program Manager. This was a new position created in the Department for simulation education for our residents and medical students. Barb was integral in creating simulation bootcamps, surgical skills labs, simulated patient scenarios, computer-based training, and high fidelity models as part of the new Urology Simulation Education Program curriculum.

In 2020, Barb received the 2020 Chancellor's Hilldale Award for Excellence in Teaching. We appreciate all of her hard work and dedication to our Simulation Education Program and the Department as a whole! The Department values Barb’s many years of service to the education of our residents and medical students and we wish her only the best in her future endeavors and much relaxation in her retirement.

2021 Department of Urology AUA Abstracts

The Department of Urology has 25 accepted abstracts for this year’s American Urological Association (AUA) annual meeting.

Loss of Osteopontin Leads to the Resolution of E.coli-induced Prostatic Inflammation and Fibrosis
Popovics P, Jain A, Skalitzky K, Schroeder E, Ruetten H, Cadena M, Vezina CM, Ricke WA

The Impact of Agent Orange Exposure on Bladder Cancer Outcomes
Richards KA, Penn T, Rose A, Borza T, Downs TM, Abel EJ, Jarrard DF, Ricke WA
Development of Patient-centered Bladder Cancer Research Priorities via Engagement with Patients
Rose A, Love J, Borza T, Downs TM, Abel EJ, Jarrard DF, Richards KA

Cystoscopic Injection of Tranexamic Acid to Control Refractory and Life-threatening Hematuria: A New Option to Consider
Le B, Tippins K, Falkiewicz M

Do Sexual Medicine Professional Societies Websites Serve as a Public Resource for Sexual Medicine?
Falkiewicz M, Tippins K, Le B

Tensile Strength of Penile Tunica Albuginea in Primate Model
Kandabarow A, Chuang E, McKenna K, Le B, McVary K, Colombo A

Usefulness of WWW.NEOCIRC.ORG - A Multidisciplinary Knowledge Resource for Neonatal Circumcision Providers
Maizels M, Smith EA, Blum E, Fliman P, Goetz E, Farhat WA

Time to Event Analysis for Complication Specific Occurrence in Post-hypospadias Repair: A Single Surgeon Experience
Kim JK, Shiff M, Chua ME, Zu'bi F, Ming JM, Pokarowski M, Farhat WA

Pediatric Sedation Unit Reduces Cost and Leads to Parental Satisfaction in Minor Urologic Procedures
Falkiewicz M, Peters M, Jones S, Farhat WA

A Prospective Analysis of Opioid Use Following Outpatient Pediatric Urologic Surgery
Sherrer R, Su RR, Byrne A, O'Kelly F, Farhat WA

Omeprazole Lowers 24-Hour Urinary Magnesium Excretion in Patients with a History of Urolithiasis: Single Center Experience
Penniston KL, Li S, Nakada SY, Jhagroo RA

Development of the Short Form of the Wisconsin Stone Quality of Life (WISQOL) Questionnaire for Assessing the Health-Related Quality of Life of Patients with Urolithiasis
Penniston KL, Li S, Nakada SY

The Prevalence of Calcium Oxalate Stones is Different When Composition Analyses are from Whole Stones Versus Stone Fragments
Knoedler MA, Li S, Best SL, Hedican SP, Nakada SY, Penniston KL

Does the Use of Moses Technology Increase Efficiency During Flexible Ureteroscopy for Stone Disease? Single Center Experience
Knoedler MA, Li S, Best SL, Hedican SP, Penniston KL, Nakada SY

Multi-Institution Comparison of Nine Flexible Ureteroscopes Using a Validated Flexible Ureteroscope Evaluation Tool
Knoedler MA, Quarrier SO, Uhr A, Li S, Bell JR, Penniston KL, Hubosky S, Jain R, Nakada SY

Clinical Comparison of Non-Prescription Over-the-Counter Urinary Alkalinizing Agents: Effects on Urinary Citrate Excretion and Urine pH
Penniston KL, Medenwald RJ, Coughlin MM, Nakada SY, Jhagroo RA
A New Bladder-Diary Derived Metric to Quantitate Pre-emptive Voiding Behavior in OAB
Rychik K, Edeson M, Weiss J, Bushman W, Blaivas J

The Voiding Frequency Index and Functional Bladder Capacity Index: Two New Indices Derived from Bladder Diaries
Rychik K, Edeson M, Weiss J, Bushman W, Blaivas J

The Relationship Between Prostate Inflammation and Collagen Content in Men with Benign Prostatic Hyperplasia
Serrell EC, Schneider AJ, Bushman W

Normalization of Pre-Operative Labs After Cytoreductive Nephrectomy are Associated with Improved Survival

Multi-Institutional Analysis of Risk Factors for Complications Following Thermal Ablation for Small Renal Masses

Recurrence patterns following microwave ablation of T1a renal masses: a multicenter analysis
Dreyfuss LD, Das A, Maciolek K, Allen GO, Borza T, Wells SA, Culp SH, Abel EJ, McClure TD

Minor Responses (≥10%) to Preoperative Systemic Therapy are Associated with Overall Survival Following Cytoreductive Nephrectomy

Does Observation of Asymptomatic Treatment-Naive Renal Stones Impair Health-Related Quality of Life? -Results from the North American Stone Quality of Life Research Consortium
Streeper NM, Galida M, Boltz S, Li S, Nakada SY, Raffin ER, Brown DR, Pais Jr. VM, Chan JYH, Scotland KB, Chew BH, Penniston KL

Defining the Impact of Perioperative Morbidity from Cytoreductive Nephrectomy on the Timing of Systemic Therapy: A Contemporary Series from Five Centers