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Notable and Newsworthy



[Dr. Sara Best](#) has been awarded the 2021 UW Health Clinical Educator Physician Excellence Award. This award recognizes her work training residents and medical students through the Department's simulation education program.

The Department of Urology is proud to recognize our 1,000th holmium laser enucleation of the prostate (HoLEP) procedure performed. [Dr. Dan Gralnek](#) is Director of our HoLEP program.



[Dr. Matthew Grimes](#) has been awarded a two-year Wisconsin Urologic Research Institute (WURI) grant for his project "Defining Clinical Phenotypes in Benign Prostatic Hyperplasia".

[Petra Popovics, PhD](#) has been awarded a two-year Wisconsin Urologic Research Institute grant for her project "Development of Urinary Markers for Prostatic Fibrosis".



Dr. Shannon Cannon Joins the Pediatric Urology Program

[Shannon Cannon, MD](#), joined the Department of Urology's Pediatric Urology Division on October 1, 2021. She was also appointed the Department's Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. Dr. Cannon earned her medical degree at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and completed her six-year Urology residency at the University of Washington-



Seattle. Following her residency, she went on to fellowship at Seattle Children's Hospital.

Dr. Cannon attributes her "trajectory toward Urology" to her exposure to the specialty and the "great teachers and mentors" she had while training at UW-Madison. A Wisconsin native, she is happy to return and is grateful for the opportunity to continue the research she began in fellowship: exploring "how disparate access to care can affect patient outcomes." Dr. Cannon is also interested in workforce issues in Urology; she aims to learn how we can recruit people to the urologic workforce "to better reflect our patient populations and serve their needs." Dr. Cannon believes that "this central theme of equity in [her] research dovetails nicely" with her new position in the Department.

Clinically, Dr. Cannon's specialties cover the full spectrum of pediatric urology, including kidney stones in children, spina bifida, and neurogenic bladder. She has extensive training in minimally invasive procedures using robotics, such as robotic reconstruction, pyeloplasty, and ureteral reimplant. Dr. Cannon also performs open reconstruction, bladder augmentation, and neonatal surgeries (early interventions for congenital anomalies).

Welcome to the team, Dr. Cannon! We are so glad to have you back in Wisconsin!

