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## Notable and Newsworthy



[\*\*Dr. Sarah McAchran\*\*](#) was elected by her colleagues to serve as a faculty representative on the board of UW Medical Foundation (UWMF), the physician practice of UW Health. The UWMF Board of Directors includes four faculty members with staggered three-year terms. Dr. McAchran's term begins January 1, 2022.

[\*\*Dr. Kyle Richards\*\*](#) has been named "Young Urologist of the Year" by the North Central Section of the American Urological Association (NCS AUA).



[\*\*Dr. Daniel Williams\*\*](#) served as the Co-Director at this year's American Urological Association's Life Long Learning Prep Course held from September 18-19.

Translational research performed by [\*\*Dr. Daniel Shapiro\*\*](#) investigating novel risk factors and a new pathway for treating a renal medullary carcinoma, a rare and life-threatening type of kidney cancer, was presented at the kidney cancer research society meeting in Philadelphia on October 10th. The goal of this work is to try and develop more effective screening and treatment regimens for patients with RMC.



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## Dr. Vinaya Bhatia Joins the Pediatric Urology Program

[\*\*Vinaya Bhatia, MD\*\*](#), joined the Department of Urology on September 1, 2021. Dr. Bhatia earned her medical degree at Loyola University Chicago Stritch School of Medicine. She completed her Urology residency at Northwell Health



Systems, New York state’s largest healthcare provider, where she practiced under the direction of Dr. Louis Kavoussi. Following her residency, she went on to fellowship at Texas Children’s Hospital, Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, TX.

Dr. Bhatia discovered her “passion project” during her residency, where she encountered a large population of patients with hypospadias. This experience sparked a desire to better understand health-related quality of life for patients after their reconstructive surgeries. Through her research, Dr. Bhatia seeks to build measures that will help identify problems experienced by patients after surgery for hypospadias so that “they receive the care they deserve in an expedient fashion.” Her overarching goal is to “bring patient experiences to the forefront of surgical and clinical decision-making” by cultivating “a center of excellence for quality of life in pediatric urology.”

Dr. Bhatia’s clinical specialties include hypospadias, differences of sexual differentiation (DSD), spina bifida, cryptorchidism, and quality of life in pediatric urologic conditions. Dr. Bhatia performs complex genitourinary reconstructive surgeries for hypospadias and disorders of sexual development, as well as the latest treatments for neurogenic bladder, vesicoureteral reflux, ureteropelvic junction obstruction, undescended testicles, hernias, and hydroceles.

Welcome to the team, Dr. Bhatia!

## Celebrating 25 Years

Congratulations to [Dr. Stephen Nakada](#) for his 25 years of service to the Department of Urology and UW Health! Dr. Nakada became the Division Chair in 2001 and the inaugural Department Chair in 2008. He is the David T. Uehling Chair in Urology.

