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Notable and Newsworthy



[Dr. Jason Abel](#) has taken the role of Editor for the Urologic Oncology Section for the Annals of Surgical Oncology.

[Dr. Zoe Blumenthal](#), Urology resident, along with Drs. Frank Lin and Sarah McAchran, had their abstract "Risk factors at the time of midurethral sling placement at a high volume, multi-disciplinary center" accepted at the Society of Urodynamics, Female Pelvic Medicine & Urogenital Reconstruction (SUFU) meeting.



[Dr. Frank Lin](#) had his abstract "Outcomes following surgical excision of vaginal mesh for complication" accepted at the annual SUFU meeting.

[Dr. Kristina Penniston](#) hosted the annual CAIRIBU (Collaborating for the Advancement of Interdisciplinary Research in Benign Urology) meeting Dec. 2-3, 2021. CAIRIBU is a national consortium of NIDDK-funded Centers and Programs engaged in research related to non-cancerous genitourinary health and disease.



UW-Madison Department of Urology investigators and trainees won several awards:

- Best Abstract award (of 50 submitted abstracts) – [Matthew Grimes, MD](#) for his abstract "CD44 expression is decreased in lichen sclerosis."
- Best Poster awards (of 9 total awarded):
 1. **Alexis Adrian**, PhD candidate in UW-Madison's NIH U54 O'Brien Center (mentored by Dr. Will Ricke)
 2. **Eduardo Mora**, medical school student at UW-Madison SMPH (mentored by Dr. Matthew Grimes)

3. **Diya Binoy Joseph, PhD**, postdoctoral researcher in UW-Madison's NIH U54 O'Brien Center (Dr. Joseph is at University of Texas Southwestern and is mentored by Dr. Doug Strand, a Project Leader in the UW-Madison O'Brien Center)

[Professor William Ricke, PhD](#) has been awarded a five year, \$3M RO1 grant from the National Institutes of Health titled Elucidating Hallmarks of Aging in the Development of Lower Urinary Tract Dysfunction (LUTD).



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Happy Holidays!



Season's greetings from the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health Department of Urology! We hope all is well with you and your loved ones. Although this has been another trying year, I'm honored to be working alongside this extraordinary team of faculty and staff in the Department. I'd like to take a moment to reflect on the achievements and strides made by our Department this year.

We were fortunate to welcome four new faculty members to the Department. Dr. Daniel Shapiro, who was formerly a UW Urology resident, has joined our urologic oncology team. Dr. Margaret Knoedler, former UW Urology resident and fellow has joined our endourology team. Dr. Vinaya Bhatia and Dr. Shannon Cannon have joined our Pediatric Urology team, led by Dr. Walid Farhat, which now includes four urologists and three nurse practitioners. Our research is stronger than ever with nine investigators holding extramural grants. We are also happy to share that our virtual resident match has set another new record for the number of applicants. Further, we are pleased to announce that the support of our generous donors has allowed us to fund two more grants through our Wisconsin Urologic Research Institute (WURI) – "Defining clinical phenotypes in benign prostatic hyperplasia" (Matthew Grimes, MD); and "Development of urinary markers for prostatic fibrosis" (Petra Popovics, PhD). This now marks four Department grants, six endowed chairs and professorships, and four endowed lectures for the Department.

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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Professor and Chairman

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