Dr. Daniel Shapiro has been awarded a Wisconsin Urological Society Pilot Grant for his project "Spatial Immunophenotype as a Prognostic Biomarker in Renal Cell Carcinoma".

Urology Resident, Emily Serrell, MD has matched to the UW Endourology Fellowship starting July 2023. Dr. Serrell is currently a Chief Resident in the Department, and earned her Medical Degree from Tufts University School of Medicine.

Dr. William Ricke presented at the Kenya Africa Conference on Environment, Epigenetics and Reproduction on "Development Origins of Health and Disease (DOHaD): Fetal Exposure to ECDs Promotes Benign Prostatic Hyperplasia/Hypertrophy (BPH)".

Our Division of Pediatric Urology has been supporting colleagues in Ukraine by helping them secure medical supplies for children in need of prompt medical care. In addition, our team has helped create a virtual curriculum to educate surgeons in the city of Lviv on advanced surgical procedures and assist in their decision making on complex cases. Walid Farhat, MD, and his team received several letters expressing their gratitude. The strong relationships forged will continue throughout this humanitarian crisis.

Pictured here, left to right: Drs. Shannon Cannon, Walid Farhat, Ruthie Su, and Vinaya Bhatia.
Busy Year for Urology Simulation Education Program

On March 2, 2022, the Urologic Emergencies lab was held for all Urology residents and medical students on the Urology service. The lab consisted of hands-on stations, including suprapubic tube placement (utilizing homemade low-fidelity pelvic models), priapism and hemostasis (bleeding kidney). To continue to physical distance in the UW Health Simulation Center, the residents were split into two groups; one group practicing on the above stations and one group discussing case-based scenarios. The following faculty members provided teaching points at each station: Dr. Sara Best, Dr. Margaret Knoedler, Dr. Shannon Cannon and Dr. Daniel Williams.

We were especially proud to offer a skills session for the SMPH Urology Interest Group on April 25, 2022. Twenty interested Phase I students participated in hands-on training, including knot tying/suturing, cystoscopy, ureteroscopy, and Rezum. Drs. Sara Best, Brian Le, Shannon Cannon and resident, Ali Ghasemzadeh, provided training and support for this well-received event.

Another all-resident lab related to Percutaneous Nephrolithotomy (PCNL) was held on May 18, 2022 in the UW Health Simulation Center and WIMR fluoroscopy suite. Residents were split into groups and practiced PCNL access and calculi extraction, live PCNL access via fluoroscopy, kidney ultrasound, flexible cystoscopy, and ureteroscopy. A short didactic session was followed by hands-on opportunities at each session. Dr. Sara Best, and Drs. Jason Pinchot and Lori Mankowski-Gettle (from the Department of Radiology) led the sessions.

PGY-1 Bootcamps were held in July 2022 and included Knot Tying and Suturing, Basic and Advanced Laparoscopic Skills, Laparoscopic Port Placement, Cystoscopy/Ureteroscopy, and Bowel Anastomoses. These bootcamps included the new interns, visiting Sub-interns and SMPH medical students rotating on the Urology service.

We have plans for fall 2022 to hold an Introduction to Loupe Surgery lab and a Breaking Bad News/Disclosure of Unanticipated Outcomes lab both facilitated by Dr. Walid Farhat. Labs planned for spring 2023 include a Male Pelvic Floor lab, Female Urology/Advanced Endourology lab and a Hypospadias lab.

We are grateful to all of the faculty, from both Urology and other departments, who offer their time to assist in teaching the labs!