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Dr. Dan Shapiro Receives KCA's Inaugural Rising Star Award



Dan Shapiro, MD was recently awarded the Kidney Cancer Association's inaugural "Christopher G. Wood Rising Star Award." The award was formally presented to Dr. Shapiro at the 2022 International Kidney Cancer Symposium: North America on November 5, 2022 in Austin, Texas. This award also came with an invitation to be a Speaker in the WoodFire session at the IKCS-North America.

The Christopher G. Wood Rising Star Award was named for the former Chair of the Board of the Kidney Cancer Association (KCA) and was established to recognize junior-level faculty who "show clear promise in advancing kidney cancer treatment and patient care." This honor is a reflection of Dr. Wood's dedication to educating, mentoring, and supporting the next generation of kidney cancer providers and his impact on patient lives."

Notable and Newsworthy

[Dr. Walid Farhat](#) has been appointed as the Director of Global Urology within the UW SMPH Department of Urology.

[Drs. Dan Gralnek](#) and [Christopher Manakas](#) were recently featured on Wisconsin Public Radio in an interview regarding prevalent ailments urologists commonly treat. The interview can be listened to [here](#).

UW Urology faculty and staff won two Abstract Awards at this year's North Central Section of the American Urological Association's Annual Meeting:

Prospective Randomized Clinical Trial to Assess the Utility of Urinalysis Prior to Office Urology Procedures

Alexa Rose, Aleah Warden, Sara Best, MD, Tudor Borza, MD, Vani Tadakala, E. Jason Abel, MD, FACS, Daniel Shapiro, MD, David Jarrard, MD, Kyle Richards, MD, FACS

Randomized Controlled Trial Comparing Holmium Laser With Moses Technology and Superpulsed Laser System with Thulium Laser for Renal and Ureteral Stones: Preliminary Single Center Results

Margaret Knoedler, MD, Christopher Haas, MD, Shuang Li, PhD, Kristina Penniston, PhD, Sara Best, MD, Stephen Nakada, MD, FACS, FRCS(Glasg).

Medical Student Brendan Dolan, one of the Shapiro Summer Research Program Scholars, and mentee of Dr. Jason Abel, received the Excellence in Student Research Award at the 21st Annual UW SMPH Medical Student Research Forum on November 21, 2022.

Drs. Christopher Manakas, Dan Gralnek, and [Frank Lin](#) all recently presented at the Wisconsin Academy of Physician Assistants (WAPA) Medical Conference.

UW Urology and Radiology Collaboration brings Novel MRI-Guided Treatment for Prostate Cancer to Wisconsin

The University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health made history this past April when interventional radiologist [Erica Knavel Koepsel, MD](#) teamed up with UW urologic oncologists [Tudor Borza, MD](#) and [David Jarrard, MD](#) to complete Wisconsin's first MRI-guided cryoablation. Two weeks later, the team performed the UW's first-ever MRI-guided biopsy of the prostate. A novel form of "focal therapy," these procedures offer select patients a more accurate, minimally invasive option in the treatment of prostate cancer.



"To have this program up and running with all of Erica's efforts allows us to provide the entire spectrum of prostate cancer treatment right here," says Dr. Borza.



UW urologists have been doing MRI-fusion prostate biopsies in clinic for some time. But MRI-fusion is an *ultrasound-guided* MRI adjunct biopsy. "Many places will do MRI fusion, but few can do true *MRI-guided* biopsies or ablations – and that's an important distinction," says Dr. Borza.

In fact, only a handful of sites in the country have the equipment and expertise to perform this novel form of focal therapy for treating prostate cancer. Since that first MRI-guided ablation last spring, patients have come to UW from as far away as Georgia to have the procedure done.



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