

# Urology Happenings

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## New Location and New Website

On June 20, 2008 the Division of Urology moved from its previous location in the Bioinformatics building to the new Physicians Office Building. Our phone numbers remain the same, only our address has changed. Our new address is:

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170 Manning Drive  
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On Friday, December 5, 2008 the Division of Urology launched a new website inline with the University of North Carolina School of Medicine's guidelines. The new web address is:

<http://www.med.unc.edu/urology>

The new site contains information on who to contact and what information will be requested if you are a patient and want to make an appointment. It also contains information if you are a referring physician and want to refer a new patient to UNC Urology.

The site contains information about our faculty, clinical trials, residency program, fellowships, student rotations, current and past copies of Urology Happenings, and lots of other information pertinent to UNC Urology.

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## Message from the Chief



Dr. Culley Carson

As we welcome 2009, we gladly reflect on a successful 2008. UNC Urology was active and growing during a difficult financial year for the US and the world. While we said a fond farewell to Dr. John Lavelle and David Collins and their families, we welcome new members of our group including John Hartwick, our new division manager, and Dr. Matt Nielsen our third urologic oncologist. With the help of the UNC Cancer Research Fund, we have increased our clinical and research efforts in urologic oncology through the hard work of Raj Pruthi, Director of Urologic Oncology and Eric Wallen, Director of Minimally Invasive Urology. The addition of a third urologic oncologist will increase our patient volume, as well as, our research, teaching, and outreach in urologic oncology.

Our 2008 residency program continued to excel. Urology residents presented papers at national meetings and collected three prizes at the North Carolina Urology Residents Seminar at the Grandover Resort in Greensboro, North Carolina. While we said goodbye to two outstanding residents, Drs. J. Slade Hubbard and Heather Stefaniak we welcomed two new members to our residency, Drs. Stephen McKim and Eugene Simopoulos. The 2008 residency interview season also saw UNC Urology receive a record 259 applications for our two residency positions.

As we enter 2009, UNC Urology continues to be healthy and growing. We will welcome two clinical urology fellows in July 2009 Drs. Matthew Raynor and Brian DeFade will further increase our clinical and research programs.

Our chief residents Drs. Adam Hickerson and Dan McRackan continue to thrive as outstanding residents and are assisting in improving our educational program.

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## Dr. Matthew Nielsen to Join UNC Urology



*Dr. Matthew Nielsen holding son Peter, his wife Cassie, daughter Madeline and son George.*

Dr. Matthew Nielsen joined UNC Urology on December 31, 2008, as Assistant Professor of Urology. Dr. Nielsen completed urology residency in June 2008 at Johns Hopkins James Buchanan Brady Urological Institute where he was a chief resident. He is a native of Kansas, where he obtained his undergraduate degree from the University of Kansas, and he is an Alpha Omega Alpha graduate receiving his MD degree from The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. He received second prize in the Pfizer Resident Clinical Research Essay Competition at the 2006 annual Mid Atlantic Section of the American Urological Association and the American Society for Clinical Oncology Merit Award in 2007.

Dr. Nielsen will join UNC Urology as its third urologic oncologist and will be working closely with Drs. Raj Pruthi and Eric Wallen. Dr. Nielsen's research interests dovetail with his clinical interest in Urological Oncology. He has numerous peer-reviewed publications in outcomes research and has obtained grant support in the areas of translational research and biomarker development applicable to clinical trials in prostate, bladder, and kidney cancer. Dr. Nielsen has a strong interest in resident and medical student education and plans to pursue advanced clinical research training through the UNC School of Public Health in parallel with his clinical and educational activities.

Dr. Nielsen will be reuniting with his wife, Cassie, and children, Madeline, George and Peter (in North Carolina since June) after a six month appointment to the faculty at Johns Hopkins.

## Dr. John Lavelle Accepts Position at Stanford



*Dr. John Lavelle and his wife Ursula.*

Dr. John Lavelle who joined UNC Urology in July 2000 as an Associate Professor of Surgery/Urology specializing in female urology and urodynamics accepted a faculty position at Stanford University beginning in September 2008. Dr. Lavelle and his wife Ursula were given a well deserved send off at La Residence on August 24th by faculty and residents, hosted by Dr. and Mrs. Culley Carson.

The division certainly appreciates Dr. Lavelle's dedication and contributions to UNC Urology and wish him and his family well in California.

## David Collins Departs UNC Urology

David Collins, Division Manager of Urology beginning in May 1998 left 10 years later in June 2008 to accept a Department Manager position in the UNC School of Public Health. A send off sponsored by American Medical Systems in David's honor was held at Bailey's in Chapel Hill attended by current and previous office staff, faculty, nurses, and residents. David was also recognized by Dr. Culley Carson for his dedication and hard work at the 2008 Resident Graduation Banquet. We all wish David well in his new endeavors at the School of Public Health.

## John Hartwick Joins UNC Urology as Division Manager



*Division Manager John Hartwick, his wife Trish, and stepson Dillon.*

John Hartwick has been a member of the UNC Community since 2002 when he joined the UNC Women's Specialty Center Clinic in Raleigh. In 2005 he became the manager of the UNC Pediatric Surgery Raleigh Clinic until he joined UNC Urology as its new Division Manager on September 2, 2008. John hit the ground running on his arrival and has been instrumental in recruiting new faculty members, retaining current staff members, and accepting all new challenges with a "can do" attitude and a smile on his face. UNC Urology welcomes John, his wife Trish, and stepson Dillon.

Another June has come and gone. Another set of residents have completed their residency at the University of North Carolina School of Medicine Division of Urology. It was time to reminisce about the past five years that Dr. J. Slade Hubbard and Dr. Heather Stefaniak had spent in urology. Dr. Slade Hubbard was joined by his wife Gina, sister and grandparents. Dr. Heather Stefaniak was joined by her husband Chris and her mother. The Division of Urology has again produced a pair of fine, upstanding urologists to make their marks in the wonderful world of urology.

Dr. Culley Carson presented each of the graduating residents with their certificate of completion, history of UNC Surgery, and an University of North Carolina chair for their private offices. The Arnold B. Tein Resident of the Year Award was presented to Dr. Heather Stefaniak. This award is voted on by faculty, nurses, residents and staff. The Urology Scholar of the Year Award, dubbed "The Sheriff" was presented to Dr. Slade Hubbard for achieving the highest score on the in-service exam at UNC urology.

Dr. Eric Wallen was awarded the Attending of the Year award for his dedication to resident education, willingness to teach, and advocacy for the residents. A resident from a previous institution where Dr. Wallen was a faculty member comes to UNC to proctor in the operating room with Dr. Wallen, former residents from UNC Urology picking up the phone to discuss a case, are just two of the examples of Dr. Wallen's sincere dedication to teaching residents.

Each of the attendings and residents spoke of their experiences working with Slade and Heather over the past five years. The evening closed with Slade and Heather sharing their fond memories.

On Friday, June 27th, thanks to support from John Hernandez and Coloplast, Slade and Heather hosted a gathering at Adam Hickerson's place in Chapel Hill for all attendings, nurses, staff, and guest speakers from the Landes Symposium. Claude Hooker was the hit of the evening as the preparer of "barbeque" and all the fixings. A good time was had by all.

Dr. J. Slade Hubbard is currently in private practice in Greenville, North Carolina.

Dr. Heather Stefaniak has relocated to Green Bay, Wisconsin and joined BayCare Surgery.



*Dr. J. Slade Hubbard, Urology Scholar of the Year, "The Sheriff".*



*Dr. J. Slade Hubbard, Dr. Culley Carson, Dr. Heather Stefaniak, recipient of the Arnold B. Tein Resident of the Year Award*



*Dr. Floyd Fried*

## Dr. Floyd Fried Weds in Florida

Dr. Floyd Fried, John Sloan Rhodes and John Flint Rhodes Professor Emeritus and past Chief of Urology at the University of North Carolina School of Medicine Division of Urology wed Jo Ann Weissman on Sunday, December 21, 2008 at the Aventura Turnberry Jewish Center in Aventura, Florida. We wish them well.

## Campbell's Urology Presentation

In July 2008, Van Mainer of Bayer Pharmaceuticals and John Hernandez of Coloplast, Inc. presented volumes of Campbell's Urology to PGY2 residents Matt Coward and Angie Smith.

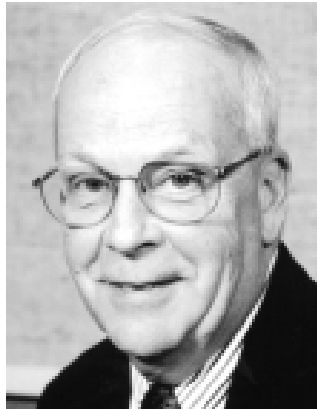
The Division of Urology and the residents thank these representatives of industry and their employers for their continued educational support of UNC Urology.



*Dr. J. Slade Hubbard, Dr. Eric Wallen, Attending of the Year, and Dr. Heather Stefaniak*



## The 6th Annual Landes Symposium



*Dr. Edward McGuire, 2008  
Ralph Landes Professor*

On June 27th & 28th the 6th Annual Landes Symposium was held at the Rizzo Conference Center in Chapel Hill. Dr. Eric Wallen, was the course director for the conference. The 2008 Ralph Landes Lecturer was Dr. Edward McGuire a Professor of Urology at the University of Michigan. Dr. McGuire's Ralph Landes Lecture on Saturday was "Stress Incontinence: Good and Bad and How to Treat It...And How to Fix What Somebody Else Did". He also spoke on Friday about "Evaluation and Management of the Neurogenic Bladder and Urethra". Dr. Michael Ferragamo with Urocare Associates of New York presented a course on "Urological Coding—How to Get Paid for What You Do". UNC faculty members spoke on topics including new operative techniques including cryoablation, cyberknife usage, advances in robotic surgery, new AUA guidelines for bladder cancer and the Survivorship initiative at UNC, botox and the bladder, and testosterone and prostate cancer. Mark your calendars for next year's symposium on June 19 and 20, 2009. It promises to be an another exciting symposium. Dr. Gerald Jordan of Eastern Virginia Medical School will be the 2009 Ralph Landes Lecturer.

## 8th Annual North Carolina Resident Seminar

On Saturday, November 1, 2008, UNC Urology sponsored the 8th Annual North Carolina Resident Seminar was held at the Grandover Resort in Greensboro, North Carolina. Participants included residents and faculty from UNC, Duke and Wake Forest along with guest speaker Dr. John Mulcahy, Clinical Professor of Surgery/Urology at the University of Arizona presented a lecture entitled "Update on Penile Implants". Two residents from each institution presented basic and clinical research papers. Three UNC Urology residents were awarded prizes.

Dr. Angela Smith, PGY2 was awarded first place for her case report presentation about an eight year old female with history of tuberous sclerosis presenting with enlarging bilateral renal masses.

Dr. R. Matt Coward, PGY 2 was awarded third place for his case report presentation about a 34 year old female presenting with recurrent intermittent right flank pain and hydronephrosis leading to multiple previous hospitalizations, multiple ureteral stents, and a previous percutaneous nephrostomy over the past several years at an outside hospital.

Dr. Jeffrey Nix, PGY3 was awarded third place for his research presentation entitled, "Prospective Randomized Trial of Open Versus Robotic-Assisted Laparoscopic Radical Cystectomy for Bladder Cancer: Interim Results".

Congratulations to all.

Many thanks to sponsors of the event: Coloplast, American Medical Systems, Sanofi-Aventis, Applied Medical, Auxilium, Lilly, and Pfizer, without their support the seminar would not be possible.

## PGY5 Resident Heather Stefaniak Receives Dr. Robert Cefalo House Officer Award



*Dr. Heather Stefaniak, Dr.  
Robert Cefalo House Officer  
Award Recipient*

On Wednesday, May 28th, Dr. Heather Stefaniak, Chief Resident, received the first Dr. Robert Cefalo House Officer Award.

The chiefs of the clinical dental, medical and surgical services at UNC Hospitals have established the House Officer Award to recognize members of the Hospitals' housestaff for exemplary service to patients and families, professional performance and compassionate patient care. As many as five house officers are honored annually, based on nominations submitted by UNC attending physicians and other UNC Health Care employees.

Her nominator orated, "I think I can honestly say that Heather is the best urology resident with whom I have worked in my seven years as an attending. She brings a great attitude and an unmatched work ethic to her job every day. She works well as part of small and large teams taking care of urology patients." To confirm this nominators feelings opinions were sought from the Urology Clinic and office staff. "Approachable", "wonderful demeanor" were phrases used to describe Dr. Stefaniak's willingness to provide the best patient care.

Throughout her residency Dr. Stefaniak has exhibited an excellent balance of ability, professionalism, empathy, and communication. These character traits that brought her to the field of medicine will obviously make her a successful urologist.

Congratulations Dr. Stefaniak!

Faculty and residents represented the Division of Urology well at the national level since the last newsletter. The AUA was held May 17-22, 2008 in Orlando, Florida. The following presentations were made:

NS Kansal, G Henry, C Carson, C Donatucci, A Lentz, M Cleaves, E Rampersaud. A review of over 200 revision surgeries for penile prosthesis implantation: a multicenter study.

M Pearson, J Nix, S McKim, E Wallen, R Pruthi. Partial cystectomy for bladder cancer: analysis of recent trends in its use and misuse presented by Matthew Pearson MD.

M Pearson, J Nix, W Kim, G Grigson, E Wallen, R Pruthi. A Phase II study of neoadjuvant erlotinib (tarceva) in patients with muscle-invasive bladder cancer undergoing radical cystectomy: preliminary results presented by Matthew Pearson MD.

M Pearson, J Nix, S McKim, E Wallen, R Pruthi. Trends of length of stay in patients undergoing radical cystectomy presented by Matthew Pearson MD.

M Pearson, J Nix, C Amin, WK Rathmell, Y Whang, P Godley, R Pruthi, E Wallen. Effect of neoadjuvant tyrosine kinase inhibitors on patients undergoing radical nephrectomy presented by Matthew Pearson MD.

M Pearson, J Nix, S McKim, E Wallen, R Pruthi. Trends of cystectomy use in octogenarians with bladder cancer presented by Matthew Pearson MD.

K Guru, R Pruthi, Z Butt, E Wallen, F Muhltaler, J Mohler, H Stricker, H Kim, P Wiklund, J Peabody, M Menon. International robot-assisted cystectomy consortium (IRCC): immediate oncologic results after one hundred and sixty two cases. (poster and abstract)

M Pearson, J Nix, E Kouba, A Smith, E Wallen, R Pruthi. Characterization of pT3a renal carcinoma in tumors less than 4.0 cm in size presented by Matthew Pearson MD.

M Pearson, J Nix, E Wallen, R Pruthi. Robotic-assisted laparoscopic versus open radical cystectomy: comparisons of a simultaneous experience presented by Jeffrey Nix MD.

M Pearson, J Nix, E Wallen, R Pruthi. Robotic-assisted laparoscopic radical cystectomy: evaluation of the learning curve presented by Jeffrey Nix MD.

A course entitled "ED: New Concepts in Diagnosis, Prevention and Management" was presented by Culley Carson MD and two colleagues.

At the International College of Surgeons meeting held in Reno, Nevada, June 5-7, 2008, Dr. Culley Carson presented "Management of erectile dysfunction".

In June 2008 Dr. Culley Carson presented The J. Hartwell Harrison Visiting Professor Lecture "Surgical Management of Peyronie's Disease" at Harvard University.

In July 2008, Dr. Culley Carson presented "Penile Prosthesis" at the American College of Osteopathic Surgeons meeting in Traverse City, Michigan.

Dr. Culley Carson was the program director for Masters in Urology held in Bermuda in July 2008. He also presented sessions on medical treatment of BPH and LUTS, penile prostheses: complex implantation and outcomes, and endoscopic treatment of renal calculi.

In August 2008 Dr. Culley Carson was Visiting Professor at the University of Puerto Rico presenting a variety of topics to the residents.

In September 2008, Dr. Culley Carson was the 13th Gershom J. Thompson Visiting Professor at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota and spoke on the "Surgical Management of Peyronie's Disease."

Also in September, 2008 Dr. Carson spoke to the American Board of Thoracic Surgeons annual meeting in Asheville, North Carolina, on "Running an Integrated Residency Program".

On October 16, 2008 Dr. Culley Carson presented "Androgen deficiency in the aging male" and "Current management of Peyronie's disease" at the 16th Innovations in Urologic Practice hosted by Baylor College in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

On October 19, 2008, Dr. Culley Carson was the moderator for the Society of Urologic Prosthetic Surgeons (SUPS) Surgery Update at the Sexual Medicine Society of North America meeting in Toronto, Canada. PGY3 resident Jeff Nix attended a SUPS Residents Surgical Training Program at this Toronto meeting also.

At the 94th Annual Clinical Congress of the American College of Surgeons held October 12-16, 2008 in San Francisco, California, the following were presented:

R Pruthi, E Wallen. New surgical technology in localized prostate cancer: robotics, HIFU, and focal cryotherapy.

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E Wallen, R Pruthi. The impact of bladder neck sparing modification on outcomes after robotic-assisted laparoscopic radical prostatectomy.

At the annual Society of Urologic Oncology meeting held in Bethesda, Maryland, December 4-5, 2008 the following presentations were made:

H Doak, A Smith, M Coward, R Kurpad, M Nielsen, E Wallen, R Pruthi. Outcomes and implications of follow-up biopsies of men on active surveillance for low-risk prostate cancer presented by Angela Smith MD.

A Smith, M Coward, D Kelly, M Nielsen, E Wallen, R Pruthi. Evaluation of the incidence of a second urologic malignancy (bladder cancer and kidney cancer) in men with a diagnosis of prostate cancer presented by Angela Smith MD.

A Smith, M Coward, R Kurpad, M Nielsen, E Wallen, R Pruthi. The impact of a multidisciplinary approach in the management of urologic malignancies: does it influence diagnostic and treatment decisions? Presented by Angela Smith MD.

A Smith, M Coward, D Kelly, R Kurpad, M Nielsen, E Wallen, R Pruthi. An analysis of the impact of race on bladder cancer treatment and mortality presented by Angela Smith MD.

M Coward, A Smith, R Kurpad, M Nielsen, E Wallen, R Pruthi. Robotic-assisted laparoscopic radical cystectomy: medium-term clinical and oncologic follow up presented by Matthew Coward MD.

M Coward, A Smith, R Kurpad, M Nielsen, E Wallen, R Pruthi. Robotic-assisted laparoscopic anterior pelvic exenteration for bladder cancer in the female presented by Matthew Coward MD.

M Coward, A Smith, R Kurpad, M Nielsen, E Wallen, R Pruthi. Impact of obesity and adiposity on outcomes of patients undergoing radical cystectomy for bladder cancer presented by Matthew Coward MD.

M Coward, A Smith, M Pearson, R Kurpad, W Kim, M Nielsen, E Wallen, R Pruthi. A Phase II study of neoadjuvant erlotinib (tarceva) in patients with muscle-invasive bladder cancer undergoing radical cystectomy: preliminary results presented by Matthew Coward MD.

## **Department News**

Grandparents Cathy and Bob Weiser, along with their daughter Kelli, son-in-law Ian, and grandsons Caleb and Aidan welcomed Abigail on Monday, July 18, 2008. Abby weighed 8 pounds and 9 ounces.

Dr. Bradley Steele and his wife Kimberly welcomed Iris Ann Steele, on July 25, 2008. Iris weighed 6 pounds and was 21 inches long.

Drs. Chris and Mary Tornehl along with big brother Max welcomed Davis Jeffrey Tornehl on Friday, September 12, 2008 at 8:22 AM. Davis weighed 7 pounds and 15 ounces and was 19 inches long.

Dr. Slade Hubbard and his wife Gina welcomed Davis Slade Hubbard on Thursday, October 9, 2008. Davis weighed 8 pounds and 13 ounces.

Tryston Jack and husband David welcomed Ella Catherine Jack on Tuesday, November 4, 2008 at 3:02 PM. Ella weighed 7 pounds and 1/2 ounce and was 19 inches long.

Ava Pettiford, program coordinator for UNC Lineberger NeuroOncology and Genitourinary Oncology Programs, assistant to Drs. Raj Pruthi and Eric Wallen, received one of five 2008 Oncology Excellence Awards. Ava has eight years of service to UNC Hospitals and one of her nominators said "she is an outstanding example of how the multidisciplinary oncology program office should work at an institution like UNC, committed to providing patient centered personalized care."

Alexis Pojafsky received first place for her entry in the Caps for Chaps category of the Hat Program sponsored each year by UNC Hospitals Oncology in October/November.

Tryston Jack received a Star Heels award from the Department of Surgery for her dedication to Pediatric Urology in June 2008.

If you have an event to report please email it to [lmwest@med.unc.edu](mailto:lmwest@med.unc.edu).

## **Chief's Message Continued from page 1**

Challenges remain, however, in promoting the educational program that has been so successful in Chapel Hill. These challenges include limitations on industrial support of our residency program. With changes in the pharma guidelines beginning in January 1, 2009, resources previously counted on for resident research and presentation of research papers will be significantly limited. As a result, we are moving forward in an effort to encourage philanthropic giving to the Carolina Urologic Endowment to offset these limitations. It is critically important for our program to be able to encourage young investigators to initiate, carry out, and be successful in presenting and publishing research work from UNC Urology. It is only through the generous support of alumni, grateful patients, and other philanthropic resources that we can maintain our research and educational missions and increase the visibility of UNC Urology regionally, nationally, and internationally.



*Dr. Bradley Steele with his catch of the day.*



*Bradley and Kim Steele*

Not sure of where he wanted to spend the rest of his life, after Dr. Bradley Steele graduated from the University of North Carolina School of Medicine Division of Urology in June 2000 he joined a new private practice in Hilton Head and Beaufort, South Carolina. He really wanted to live in a larger city and in 2002 he was given the opportunity to join a three man group in Charleston, South Carolina where former UNC Division of Urology resident Dr. John Britton had been in practice since 1999.

Dr. Steele lived in the downtown historic district for a year but preferred the marsh grass and pluff mud to the close-quartered downtown area. In 2003 he moved to the “country” on Johns Island and bought a house on a couple of acres where he enjoys working in his yard and one of his favorite lowcountry hobbies - - fishing. He says he has no lack of outside interests and enjoys golf, photography, running and working on cars. His favorite winter hobby is working on a 1967 Lincoln that he has been restoring for the past three years. He is an avid Indianapolis Colts fan and enjoys college basketball.

In 2003 he met his future wife Kim, they were married in October 2005 in Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in downtown Charleston. Dr. Carson and many of his friends from residency attended the wedding. Kim is an attorney who is a Solicitor for Charleston. She enjoys fishing and has become an Indianapolis Colts fan but has no interest in working on cars.

In 2006 his practice merged with four others to form Lowcountry Urology Clinics PA. It is now a 15 man group with six office locations in Mt Pleasant, North Charleston, and Charleston. It has been one of Dr. Steele’s most passionate goals is to help with the organization and management of the practice, he spends many countless hours working on the business aspects of the group practice. They started a da Vinci robotic surgery program in 2007.

On July 25, 2008 Dr. Steele and his wife Kim, welcomed their daughter Iris. Dr. Steele says she has been a true blessing for himself and his wife Kim, they are currently enjoying the responsibilities of parenthood and every day is a new experience. They can’t wait to see what Iris will do next.



*Baby Iris.*

## Update from Dr. Lesley Marson

Dr. Lesley Marson and her assistants have been busy with research, presentations and preparing for upcoming presentations. Andy Dobberfuhl is a UNC fourth year medical student who is working in Dr. Marson’s lab for the academic year 2008 - 2009 as a Holderness Fellow. Andy gave a presentation to the Department of Surgery Research Conference lunch on rat behavior entitled “Quantifying Animal Behavior in Rats” on Tuesday, October 28, 2008.

Andy will be presenting at the ISSWSH in February, entitled “Understanding vaginal innervation: a pseudorabies virus retrograde tracer study” Dobberfuhl AD, Chan SP, Marson L. Dr. Maria Boccia will be presenting at the same meeting entitled “Antidepressant treatment reduces behavioral indices of depression in a rat model of post-partum depression” Boccia M, Marson L, Pedersen C, Overstreet P.

Dr. Marson has been funded to look at a new potential drug for premature ejaculation, this is company sponsored research. Dr. Marson is a member of the IACUC for almost four years and just recently worked with the group to renew the university’s AAALAC accreditation. The group was successful, accreditation has been renewed for three years.



## Current Clinical Trials

Lynn West, Editor

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Culley Carson, MD  
Eric Wallen, MD  
Lesley Marson, PhD

Choosing to participate in a clinical trial is an important personal decision. Carefully conducted clinical trials are the fastest and safest way to find whether new drugs or treatments are both safe and effective. The Division of Urology currently has clinical trials available to qualifying patients.

An efficacy and safety study of the effect of Cialis usage in the immediate postoperative period of the preservation of erectile function in men undergoing bilateral nerve sparing radical prostatectomy.

An efficacy and safety study of BOTOX purified neurotoxin complex in patients with neurogenic detrusor overactivity and neurological respiratory impairment.

An evaluation of the efficacy and safety of a new drug formula in subjects with premature ejaculation.

A study to assess the safety and effectiveness of the Ablatherm Integrated Imaging as compared to Cryotherapy for treatment of localized, low risk prostate cancer.

A study to assess the safety and effectiveness of injectable drugs in improving penile curvature in men with Peyronie's disease.

A prospective, observational study on the perioperative outcome of open surgical cystectomy versus robotic cystectomy.

For more information on the above studies please contact Patricia Robinson at 919-966-9253.

We also have **pediatric** studies.

A study to investigate the efficacy, pharmacodynamic and safety of alfuzosin in the treatment of children and adolescents 2-16 years of age with elevated detrusor leak point pressure of neuropathic etiology.

A study to collect data on the clinical significance of positioned to instill contrast (PIC) vesicoureteral reflux (VUR) in children that have had urinary tract infection with a fever in the past two years.

For more information on these pediatric studies please contact Becky Richardson at 919-966-8054.

Visit our website at <http://www.med.unc.edu/urology>. You will find clinical trials listed for general urology, pediatric urology and for urologic oncology.

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## WHAT CAN YOU DO.....

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