



Urology Happenings



SESAUA & AUA

Spring found our attendings and residents very busy preparing for the SESAUA held in March in Aruba and the AUA held in May in San Francisco.

The following abstracts/papers were presented at the SESAUA:

“Partial Nephrectomy (PN) with Fibrin Glue Repair: Measurement of Vascular and Pelvic/Alceal Bond Integrity in a Live Porcine Animal Model” by E. Kouba, C. Tornehl, J. Lavelle, E. Wallen and R. Pruthi.

“Vardenafil Exhibits Efficacy in Men with Erectile Dysfunction Unresponsive to Prior Sildenafil Therapy: Results of a Phase III Clinical Trial—Patient Response with Vardenafil in Sildenafil Nonresponders (Proven)” by

C. Carson, D. Hatzichristou, S. Carrier, D. Lording, J. Young, and M. Murdoch.

“Reducing Time to Oral Diet and Hospital Discharge in Patients Undergoing Radical Cystectomy (RX)” by S. McLaughlin, M. Richman, J. Chun, E. Wallen, and R. Pruthi.

“Use of Fibrin Tissue Sealants During Laparoscopic Partial Nephrectomy (LPN)” by C. Tornehl, E. Kouba, E. Wallen, and R. Pruthi.

“Comparison of the Clinical and Pathologic Staging in Patients Undergoing Primary Versus Delayed Radical Cystectomy (RCX) for Bladder Cancer” by S. McLaughlin, J. Shephard, E. Wallen, and R. Pruthi.

“The Potential Role of Initial Incision of the Lateral Pelvic Fascia, Development of a “Perirectal Pocket” and Early Ligation of the Lateral Pedicles in Reducing Positive Margins During Radical Prostatectomy (RP)” by S. McLaughlin, M. Richman, and R. Pruthi.

“Laparoscopic Radical Prostatectomy: Results and Functional Outcomes” by S. Corbett, T. Schwaab, M. Thomas, J. Heaney, L. Stempkowski, L. Savoy, R. Pruthi, and E. Wallen.

The following abstracts/papers and/or posters were presented at the AUA:

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Message from the Chief



Dr. Culley Carson

Spring 2004 celebrated another successful and exciting year at UNC Urology. We saw the departure of two outstanding chief residents with Dr. Ash Kshirsagar moving on to an academic fellowship in andrology and male infertility at the University of Illinois in Chicago and Dr. John Kang beginning practice with the Kaiser Permanente Group in Boulder, Colorado. Part of his practice will be academics and the teaching of residents from the University of Colorado. We are clearly proud of both of these chief resident and wish them and their families well.

The 2004—2005 academic year also promises to be an outstanding one. We welcome two post residency fellows in urodynamics and in endourology. We believe that their addition to our program will improve our practice, our research output, and the education of our residents. Additionally two new residents have joined our housestaff as PGY1 residents. Both Adam Hickeron and Dan McRackan were outstanding medical students at the very top of their class and were ranked at the top of our match list.

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New Fellows and Residents Join Urology Program

The start of the 2005 year brings two new fellows and two new residents to our program.

Dr. Heather Gottlieb joins us as a Fellow in urophysiology from Albert Einstein Medical Center in Philadelphia. She graduated from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine and obtained her undergraduate degree from Villanova University. Her husband Neil is a plastic surgery fellow at Duke and they reside in

Durham.

Dr. Adam Hickerson joins us as a PGY1 from Loma Linda University School of Medicine in California.

Dr. Daniel McRackan also joins us as a PGY1 resident from the Medical University of South Carolina and is originally from Fredricksburg, Virginia.

Dr. Robert Santa-Cruz joins

us as a Fellow in urologic oncology from Duke University Medical Center in Durham. His wife Mildred is a fellow in GYN-Oncology at UNC. They have a daughter Sibyl. Once he completes his fellowship here he will move to Jackson, Mississippi where he will be Assistant Professor and Head of Minimally Invasive Urology at the University of Mississippi Medical Center.



Dr. Heather Gottlieb



Dr. Adam Hickerson



Dr. Daniel McRackan



Dr. Robert Santa-Cruz

Awards



Sean McLaughlin (third from left) Pfizer Scholar 2004.

The past few months have brought much recognition to the residents and faculty in the Division of Urology.

A dinner at Spice Street hosted by Mike Arostegui, Naret Viravong, and Laura Stuart, honored Sean McLaughlin as the Pfizer Scholar for his outstanding performance on the In-Service Examination in November 2003.

Kris Gaston was named a 2004 Praecis Pharmaceuticals/AUA Gerald P. Murphy

Scholar. This honor is named for Dr. Gerald P. Murphy, a renowned urologist who made significant contributions to the field of urologic oncology over his long career. Kris attended a luncheon at the AUA where 20 highly regarded mentors in the field of prostate cancer provided stimulus for academic careers in urologic oncology.

John Kang was one of five residents in the country selected to present an abstract entitled "Comparison of Clinical and Pathologic Features in African American and Caucasian Patient Localized Pros-

tate Cancer: Comparisons in the PSA Era", at the Urology Residents & Fellows Forum of Excellence held May 13th in San Francisco.

Chris Tornehl was named an "Outstanding Resident" by the Society of Laparoendoscopic Surgeons.

Ash Kshirsagar was named the Arnold B. Tein Resident of the Year. This award is voted on by urology faculty, nurses, residents, and support staff of UNC and UNC Hospitals.

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Ash Kshirsagar (left) the Arnold B. Tein Resident of the Year 2004

Prostate Androgen Levels in Men with Clinically Localized Prostate Cancer” by D. Moore, P. Petrusz, M. Schell, B. Cohen, K. Gaston, and J. Mohler.

“Expression of Cyclooxygenase-2 (Cox-2) in Human Renal Cell Carcinoma (RCCA)” by R. Pruthi, E. Wallen, W. Funkhouser, and S. McLaughlin.

“Comparison of the Clinical

and Pathologic Staging of Bladder Cancer” by R. Pruthi, J. Shepard, D. Ornstein, S. McLaughlin, and J. Moliterno.

“Rates of BPH Related Surgery in a US Managed Care Population” by J. Lavelle, J. Priest, L. Black, and E. Davis.

“Partial Nephrectomy (PN) with Fibrin Glue Repair: Measurement of Vascular and Pelvicalyceal Bond Integrity in

a Live Porcine Animal Model” by C. Tornehl, E. Wallen, R. Pruthi, E. Kouba, and J. Lavelle.

“Impact of Race, Age, Income, and Residence on Prostate Cancer (CAP) Knowledge, Screening Behavior, and Health Maintenance in Sibblings of Patients with CAP” by R. Pruthi, C. Tornehl, E. Wallen, C. Carson, K. Gaston, and K. Lee.

Graduation 2004



Ash Kshirsagar, Dr. Culley Carson, and John Kang.

On June 11, 2004 we gathered at the Carolina Club to celebrate with mixed emotions the completion of the Urology Residency Program by John Kang and Ash Kshirsagar. The evening was bittersweet as we were saying goodbye to residents that we have all come to know and love over the past five years but on the other hand all their hard work has paid off as they venture out on their own

to pursue a career in urology. This evening was shared with parents, spouses, significant others, faculty, residents, and staff members. Dr. Chris Teigland from Carolinas Medical Center was able to join us for the evening. Dr. Carson started off the awards with the presentation of the *Legends and Legacies* book given to each graduate, their certificates of completion, and the awarding of the Arnold B.

Tein Resident of the Year Award that was presented to Ash Kshirsagar. This year proved to be a first as each graduating chief had an Arnold B. Tein Award to their name as John Kang received the award in 2002. Each faculty member spoke to the accomplishments of the graduates followed by residents and staff members who “roasted” the chiefs. The evening ended on a serious note of congratulations, hugs, goodbyes, and best wishes.

Department News

The stork will be visiting current and past members of the Division of Urology. What are the odds? They are all expecting in November.

Dr. Eric Wallen and his wife Stacey are looking forward to the birth of their second child .

Former resident Dr. Judy Chun and her husband Dr. Peter Vikesland are expecting their first child.

Dr. Jacques Ganem and his wife Sherry are also expecting their second child.

Residents tying the knot. Current PGY3 resident Chris

Tornehl married Mary Ratsch a second year pediatric resident on April 17, 2004 in Wisconsin.

Heather Stefaniak PGY2 married Chris Thompson an intern in Emergency Medicine on September 4, 2004 in Wisconsin.



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4th Annual Resident Seminar at Grandover

The fourth annual North Carolina Urology Resident Seminar was held September 11, 2004 at the Grandover Resort in Greensboro, North Carolina. This seminar involves residents from each of the three North Carolina Urology Residency Training Programs and gives an opportunity to present case reports and research projects in a competitive yet collegial environment. Urology residents from the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, Duke, and Wake Forest participate in this meeting—four residents from each institution present papers. They are judged by faculty for quality

of content and presentation. Dr. Eric Derksen UNC PGY5 won first prize in the research competition.

Principal speakers at the seminar were introduced by Dr. Culley Carson, Professor and Chief of Urology at UNC. Because new leadership had been chosen for the two residency programs in North Carolina, Judd Moul, MD and Anthony Atala, MD presented information regarding their research interest and background. Dr. Anthony Atala, Professor and Chair Department of Urology Wake Forest University discussed issues of tissue

engineering as related to urology. A tissue engineering has been established at Wake Forest to assist in continuing his groundbreaking research in reconstruction of genitourinary organs. Dr. Judd Moul, Professor and Chief Division of Urology Duke University Medical Center presented information from the Center for Prostate Research in Washington regarding epidemiology of prostate cancer, racial differences amongst men with prostate cancer, and PSA determination of prostate cancer in the 21st century.



Dr. Culley Carson (far right) Attending of the Year 2004

Awards continued

Dr. Culley Carson was chosen unanimously by the residents as the Attending of the Year and honored at a dinner at O'Neils Restaurant in Meadowmont. This annual award is supported by Astra Zeneca.

Message from the Chief continued

We are delighted that we could recruit these outstanding young physicians and look forward to their contributions to UNC Urology.

We also hope that as many former faculty and residents as possible can join us for the June 17th & 18th Annual

Urology Symposium and Graduation. This will include the first annual "Ralph R. Landes Medical Lectureship Series" lecture in urology. This promises to be an exciting weekend with education as well as gala celebrations. Please make plans to join us in June and see the progress, advancements, and growth that has made this an outstanding year for UNC Urology.

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June 17 & 18, 2005 Annual Urology Symposium & Graduation

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