Multidisciplinary Benign Urology Virtual Research Day

Friday, April 24, 2020

Duke Multidisciplinary K12 Urologic Research Career Development Program

Friday, April 24, 2020
8:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Duke University Medical Center
Durham, North Carolina
8:00 am  **CHECK IN:** Test your audio, video, chat box, raise hands; obtain link to the program booklet

8:30 am  **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS:** Cindy L. Amundsen, MD, KURE PI and Program Director

8:40 am  **KEYNOTE SPEAKER:** Carlos R. Estrada, Jr., MD, MBA, Harvard Medical School  
*Urological Tissue Engineering in 2020: A Clinician-Scientist’s Perspective*

9:20 am  **PANEL DISCUSSION: Regenerative Medicine/Tissue Engineering for Urologic Conditions**  
Panelists: Joshua R. Mauney, PhD, Urology and Biomedical Engineering, UC, Irvine  
Jiro Nagatomi, PhD, Bioengineering, Clemson University  
J. Koudy Williams, DVM, Regenerative Medicine, Wake Forest Institute  
Carlos R. Estrada, Jr., MD, MBA, Harvard University  
Moderator: William Boysen, MD, Urology, Duke Surgery

10:10 am  **BREAK or Check-In for Presenters of Flash Talks Session 1**

10:15 am  **FLASH TALKS SESSION-1: Abstracts 1 to 28**  
1 or 2-minute presentations, each followed by 1-minute Q&A

11:30 am  **BEST ABSTRACTS ORAL TRAINEE PRESENTATIONS**

11:30 am  **Clinical Science:** Rohit Tejwani, MD, Duke Univ. School of Medicine  
*Assessing Clinical Outcomes Based on Pediatric Experience in Pediatric Surgical Patients*

11:45 am  **Basic Science:** Casey Steadman, PhD, Duke Univ. Pratt School of Engineering.  
*Effect of Epidural Kilohertz Frequency Spinal Cord Stimulation on Lower Urinary Tract Function*

12:00 pm  **Translational Science:** Julie Bennington, DVM, Wake Forest Univ. School of Medicine  
*Chemokine Regenerative Therapy for Chronic Fibrotic Kidney Disease: Translational Studies*

12:15 pm  **BREAK/LUNCH or CONVERSATIONS WITH the EXPERTS**  
Small groups of trainees meet with experts in virtual breakout rooms (sign-up required)

1:00 pm  **BREAK or Check-In for Presenters of Flash Talks Session 2**

1:05 pm  **FLASH TALKS SESSION-2 – Abstracts 29 to 56**  
1 or 2-min presentations, each followed by 1-minute Q&A

2:20 pm  **BREAK – Judges turn in scores for Flash Talks**

2:25 pm  **KEYNOTE SPEAKER:** Nicole L. Miller, MD, Urology, Vanderbilt University Medical Center  
*Innovations in the Surgical Treatment of BPH*

3:05 pm  **PANEL DISCUSSION: Innovative Technologies for Benign Prostatic Hyperplasia**  
Panelists: Samdeep K. Mouli, MD, MS, Radiology, Northwestern University, Feinberg  
Neal D. Shore, MD, FACS, Urology, Carolina Urologic Research Center  
Brian M. Whitley, MD, MPH, Urology, Duke University Medical Center  
Nicole L. Miller, MD, FACS, Urology, Vanderbilt University Medical Center  
Moderator: Ashley W. Johnston, MD, Urology, Duke Surgery

3:55 pm  **PRESENTATION OF TRAINEE AWARDS AND CLOSING REMARKS**
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Trainee Oral Presentation: Best Clinical Science Abstract (O-1)

Assessing Clinical Outcomes Based on Pediatric Experience in Pediatric Surgical Patients.
Tejwani, Rohit; Chandrapal, Jason; Young, Brian J.; Routh, Jonathan C.
Division of Urologic Surgery, Duke University Medical Center, Durham, NC
Research Areas: Clinical Outcomes Research, Health Sciences Research, Pediatric Urology

Trainee Oral Presentation: Best Basic Science Abstract (O-2)

Effect of Epidural Kilohertz Frequency Spinal Cord Stimulation on Lower Urinary Tract Function
Steadman, Casey J1; Langdale, Chris L1; Grill, Warren M1,2,3,4
Duke University, 1Biomedical Engineering, 2Electrical and Computer Engineering, 3Neurobiology, 4Neurosurgery, Durham, NC.
Research Areas: Neurourology, Therapeutic Development, Urodynamics, Bladder dysfunction after spinal cord injury

Trainee Oral Presentation: Best Translational Science Abstract (O-3)

Chemokine Regenerative Therapy for Chronic Fibrotic Kidney Disease: Translational Studies
Julie Bennington1, Doug Hepler2, Gopal Badlani3, Shannon Lankford1, Renata Magalhaes1, Jason Fanning4, Cucu Kartini5, Irma Suparto6, Winda Kusumawardhani6, ArRaniri Putra5, Silmi Mariya6, J Koudy Williams1
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Research Area: Regenerative Medicine / Tissue Engineering
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Britney N Hudson¹, J. Todd Purves²,³, Francis M. Hughes², and Jiro Nagatomi¹
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²Departments of Surgery and ³Pediatrics, Duke University Medical Center, Durham, NC, USA
**Research Area:** Bladder Outlet Obstruction

Trainee F-02

**Prospective Evaluation of Intradetrusor Injections of OnabotulinumtoxinA in Adults with Spinal Dysraphism**
Mackay, Alexander; Sosland, Rachel; Tran, Khue; Stewart, Julie; Boone, Timothy; Khavari, Rose
Houston Methodist Hospital, Department of Urology, Houston, TX
**Research Areas:** Neuourology, Urodynamics

Trainee F-03

**Intravesical Prostaglandin E2: Bladder Irritant or Urethral Smooth Muscle Relaxant?**
James Hokanson¹, Christopher Langdale¹, Phil Milliken⁵, Arun Sridhar⁵, Warren M. Grill¹,²,³,⁴
Departments of Biomedical Engineering¹, Electrical and Computer Engineering², Neurobiology³, and Surgery⁴; Duke University, Durham, NC; Galvani Bioelectronics⁵ Stevenage, UK
**Research Area:** Overactive Bladder (OAB)

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**Co-culture with Healthy Schwann Cells is Unable to Recover Major Pelvic Ganglia Neuron Survival after Radiation**
Randolph, Joshua T., Pak, Elena S., Koontz, Bridget F., Hannan, Johanna L.
Brody School of Medicine, Department of Physiology, East Carolina University, Greenville, NC and Duke University School of Medicine, Department of Radiation Oncology, Durham, NC
**Research Area:** Sexual Dysfunction

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**Stimulation of the Pudendal Sensory Nerve Alters Voiding Behavior in Conscious Unrestrained Wistar Rats**
Langdale, Christopher L ¹; Hokanson, James A ¹; Degoski, Danielle ¹; Milliken, Phillip ⁵; Grill, Warren M ¹,²,³,⁴
Departments of Biomedical Engineering¹, Electrical and Computer Engineering², Neurobiology³, and Neurosurgery⁴ Duke University, Durham, NC; Bioelectronics R&D⁵; Galvani Bioelectronics, Stevenage, UK
**Research Areas:** Overactive Bladder (OAB), Urodynamics
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Quantification of Spontaneous Rhythmic Contractions Throughout Filling: Is All Detrusor Overactivity Clinically Relevant?
Cullingsworth¹, Zachary E; Li¹, Rui; Klausner², Adam P; Speich¹, John E.
¹Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU), Department of Mechanical and Nuclear Engineering, Richmond, Virginia; ²VCU, Department of Surgery/Division of Urology, Richmond, Virginia.
Research Areas: Data Science / Predictive Analytics, Overactive Bladder (OAB), Urodynamics

Trainee F-07

Chronic Monitoring of Voiding Function in a Novel Model of Detrusor Underactivity
Gonzalez, Eric J; Odom, Michael R; Hannan, Johanna L; Grill, Warren M.
Duke University, Department of Biomedical Engineering, Durham, NC
East Carolina University, Department of Physiology, Greenville, NC
Research Areas: Neuromurology, Voiding Dysfunction/Urinary Retention

Trainee F-08

An immunohistochemical prostate cell identification key indicates that aging shifts procollagen 1A1 production from myofibroblasts to fibroblasts in dogs prone to prostate-related urinary dysfunction
Ruetten, Hannah¹²*, Cole, Clara¹²*, Wehber, Marlyse¹²*, Wegner, Kyle A.²³; Girardi, Nicholas M.¹²; Peterson, Nelson T.²³; Scharpf, Brandon R.²³; Romero, Michael F.⁴; Wood, Michael W.⁵; Colopy, Sara A.; Bjorling, Dale E.; Vezina, Chad M.¹²³ *authors contributed equally to this work
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Research Areas: Benign Prostatic Hyperplasia, Voiding Dysfunction/Urinary Retention

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Immune Cell Interactions in Benign Prostatic Hyperplasia
Broman, Meaghan M.¹; Lanman, Nadia A.¹²; Vickman, Renee E.³, Franco, Omar E.³, Hayward, Simon W³; Henry, Gervaise⁴; Strand, Douglas W.⁴; Ratliff, Timothy L.¹²
¹Purdue University, Department of Comparative Pathobiology, West Lafayette, IN, USA, ²Purdue Center for Cancer Research, West Lafayette, IN, USA, ³NorthShore University HealthSystem Research Institute, Evanston, IL, USA, ⁴University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, Department of Urology, Dallas, TX, US
Research Area: Benign Prostatic Hyperplasia
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The endogenous anti-inflammatory Annexin A1 augments recovery following bladder outlet de-obstruction
Brent D. Nosé1, Shelby Harper1, Francis M. Hughes, Jr.1, Todd J. Purves1
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Research Areas: Benign Prostatic Hyperplasia, Bladder Inflammation, Bladder Outlet Obstruction, Urodynamics, Voiding Dysfunction/Urinary Retention

Trainee F-11

Role of Estrogens in Fibrosis and Myofibroblast Phenoconversion of Prostate Stromal Cells
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Trainee F-12

Steroid Hormone Metabolism Mediated Racial Disparity in Men with Benign Prostatic Hyperplasia
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Trainee F-13

MRI Based Patient Specific Urinary Flow Dynamics Simulation
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Trainee F-14

Hindlimb cells in the penis: A newly identified cell population involved in penis formation
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Trainee F-15

Chronic high fat diet increases vaginal sphincter laxity but not pelvic floor muscle function in mice
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Trainee F-16

Evaluating the Impact of Anxiety on Postoperative Pain in Pelvic Reconstructive Surgery
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Trainee F-17

Sperm DNA Methylation Altered by THC and Nicotine: Vulnerability of Neurodevelopmental Genes with Bivalent Chromatin
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Trainee F-18

A Five Year Look In Review Of The Wake Forest Baptist Health Experimental Pediatric And Adolescent Fertility Preservation Program
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Trainee F-19

**Whole Testes Cryopreservation For Future Auto-Transplantation: Comparison of Different Freezing Methods**

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Trainee F-20

**Differential effects of simulated bladder voiding cycles on urothelial cell function *in vitro.***

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Trainee F-21

**Diabetes Dysregulates Genes Controlling Urothelial Barrier Function in a NLRP3 Dependent Manner**

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Trainee F-22

**A possible mechanism underlying mood disorders associated with LUTS: Chronic bladder outlet obstruction causes NLRP3-dependent inflammation in the hippocampus and depression in rats**

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Determining the Prevalence of Lower Urinary Tract Symptoms in Children with Diabetes: Multi-center Cross-sectional Survey
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Trainee F-24

Analysis of Carbapenem-Resistant Enterobacteriaceae Isolates From Duke University Hospital
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Trainee F-25

Underrepresentation of Benign Urologic Conditions in Federal Research Funding
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Trainee F-26

Risk Factors for Surgical Shunt Placement Among Patients with Ischemic Priapism
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Trainee F-27

Topiramate induced nephrolithiasis may be mitigated by appropriate medical therapy
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Trainee F-28

Examining outcomes for totally tubeless percutaneous nephrolithotomy
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Trainee F-29

Utility Estimation for Neurogenic Bowel Dysfunction in the General Population
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Trainee F-30

Sexual Dysfunction In Spina Bifida Patients: A Systematic Review
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Trainee F-31

Efficacy of 100 units Compared to 200 units of Intradetrusor OnabotulinumToxinA for Non-Neurogenic Urgency Incontinence: A Secondary Analysis
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Trainee F-32

Preliminary analysis of higher neural function in women with overactive bladder after anticholinergic versus beta-3 adrenergic agonist versus placebo: A randomized controlled pilot trial
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Research Area: Overactive Bladder (OAB)
Trainee F-33

Heightened Sensation in Response to the Sight or Sound of Running Water Identified in Individuals with Overactive Bladder
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Trainee F-34

A Nomogram for Identifying Irregular Bladder Shapes During Filling Using Ultrasound in Women with Overactive Bladder
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Trainee F-35

Characterization of Inflammatory Cells in Human Benign Prostatic Hyperplasia
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Trainee F-36

Stromal estrogen receptor-alpha is involved in the development of lower urinary tract dysfunction.
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Prostatic osteopontin expression is associated with symptomatic benign prostatic hyperplasia
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Medical management of penile and urethral Lichen Sclerosus with topical clobetasol improves long term voiding symptoms and quality of life
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Research Areas: Clinical Outcomes Research, Urinary Reconstruction

Resection of pubic symphysis with cystectomy and urinary diversion improves long term patient reported physical health measures among patients with urosymphyseal fistula
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Use of Isotonic Contrast Solution in the Artificial Urinary Sphincter Does Not Impact Device Longevity
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Preoperative and Postoperative Factors that Impact Renal Function After Incontinent Urinary Diversion for Benign Indications
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Trainee F-42

Viscoelastic properties of fresh human bladder tissue
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Trainee F-43

Purging of Leukemia Cells Prior to Spermatogonial Stem Cell (SSC) Auto Transplantation to Restore Fertility
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Trainee F-44

Heavy Metal Toxicity In The Testis: Comparative Assessment Using 2D Cell Culture And A 3D Organoid System
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Trainee F-45

Efficient Selection Method For Human Round Spermatid In TESE Negative Men
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Trainee F-46

Annexin A1 Inhibits NLRP3 and Prevents Inflammation During Bladder Outlet Obstruction
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NLRP3 Regulates the Progression from Bladder Overactivity to Underactivity in a Mouse Genetic Model of Type 1 Diabetes (Akita)

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Risk of Urinary Tract Infection after Intradetrusor Botulinum Toxin A Injection in Catheter-Dependent Patients with Neurogenic Bladder with Asymptomatic Bacteriuria

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Intravesical Probiotic Use Decreases Urinary Symptoms, Changes Urine Microbiome and Microbial Communities of those with Neurogenic Lower Urinary Tract Dysfunction: First In-Human Trial

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Classification of Multiple Sclerosis Women with Voiding Dysfunction using Machine Learning: is Functional or Structural Connectivity a Better Predictor?

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Admissions for radiation cystitis are increasing among cancer survivors in the United States: Analysis of the Health Care Cost and Utilization Project

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Trainee F-52

Association of Lifetime Interpersonal Violence with Urinary Tract Infections and Painful Bladder Symptoms in a Multiethnic Cohort of Community-Dwelling Middle-Aged to Older Women in California
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Trainee F-53

Increasing Comorbidity and Frailty Do Not Impact Postoperative Complications Among Men Undergoing Artificial Urinary Sphincter or Sling Implantation
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Trainee F-54

Does CT scan after ultrasound change surgical planning for nephrolithiasis?
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Trainee F-55

Readmission After Ureteroscopy for Patients Stented Due to Febrile UTI with Obstructing Stone
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Trainee F-56

The Role of Cavitation in Energy Delivery and Stone Damage During Laser Lithotripsy Treatment
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Vanderbilt University Medical Center  
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Dr. Nicole Miller currently holds the position of Associate Professor of Urology at Vanderbilt University School of Medicine in Nashville, TN. She joined the department in 2007. She completed her M.D. degree at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine in 2000, and received her urology residency training at the University of Virginia. Dr. Miller went on to complete a 2 year fellowship in Endourology and Minimally Invasive Surgery at the Indiana University School of Medicine under the mentorship of Dr. James E. Lingeman. She specializes in the medical and surgical treatment of kidney stone disease as well as laser surgery for BPH. Dr. Miller’s research interests include investigation of Randall’s plaque in the pathophysiology of nephrolithiasis, new laser technologies for kidney stone and BPH treatment, novel platforms for BPH surgery and investigation of pathophysiologic pathways for refractory BPH/LUTS. She has been the major contributor of transition zone prostate tissues from men undergoing surgery for refractory BPH/LUTS as part of Vanderbilt University’s Biorepository in the Center for Benign Urologic Diseases (CBUD) and has co-authored work on this developing resource. She has served as course faculty member and moderator both nationally and internationally for the American Urological Association and Endourological Society in the area of surgical treatment of BPH and nephrolithiasis. Dr. Miller is an Editorial Board Member for the Journal of Urology, Journal of Endourology and Co-director of the Minimally Invasive Surgery and Endourology Fellowship at Vanderbilt University Medical Center. She also served as a member of the AUA guidelines panel for the Surgical Management of Nephrolithiasis and AUA Leadership Class of 2017.
Samdeep K. Mouli, MD, MS
Assistant Professor in Radiology
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I am an Interventional Radiologist who specializes in research regarding imaging and treatment of liver and prostate cancers. I maintain a highly active clinical practice specializing in liver/GI malignancies and GU interventions. Along with Dr. Riad Salem, I manage the Prostate Artery Embolization program at Northwestern University, and have completed 2 prospective IDE clinical trials. From a basic science standpoint, I lead a rapidly developing translational research program focused specifically upon the application of novel therapies in the setting of image-guided therapy for GI and GU cancers. I am co-director of the Interventional Oncology Laboratory (along with Dr. Andrew Larson) of Northwestern University’s Feinberg School of Medicine. I completed an NIH R25 training program specifically targeted to MDs; this program provided an intensive, immersive experience working in the field of nanotechnology for cancer therapeutics and imaging (during later renewal I participated in an advisor role). Over the past eight years, with my colleagues at Northwestern University, I have been a key collaborator in many pre-clinical and clinical research projects. My postgraduate training has covered the gamut from surgery to interventional radiology. My extensive clinical exposure has solidified my understanding of both disease diagnosis and patient management. I have dedicated my career to research as a physician scientist.

Jiro Nagatomi, PhD
Professor, Department of Bioengineering
Director, Cell Mechanics and Mechanobiology Laboratory
Clemson University

Jiro Nagatomi is a professor of bioengineering and the director of Cell Mechanics and Mechanobiology Laboratory at Clemson University (South Carolina). He has been an active researcher and educator in the field of mechanobiology for the past 15 years. He completed his BS followed by a PhD in biomedical engineering at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (New York). His doctoral thesis was on an in vitro investigation of the effects of hydrostatic pressure on bone cell functions. He worked as a postdoctoral research associate at the University of Pittsburgh (Pennsylvania) in the field of soft tissue biomechanics before assuming his current faculty position at Clemson University. He has established his own research program and administered federally funded research projects as PI, published 45+ papers and book chapters, and mentored 1 post-doc, 20 graduate (18 graduated) and 50+ undergraduate students. His research group is interested in understanding the mechanisms involved in cellular and molecular responses to mechanical loading associated with various pathophysiological conditions. In addition, his group is active in biomaterials and regenerative medicine research.
Glenn M. Preminger, MD
James F. Glenn, M.D. Distinguished Professor of Urology
Chief, Division of Urology
Director, Endourology, Metabolic Stone Disease, Laparoscopic and Robotic Surgery Fellowship
Professor of Surgery, Duke University

Dr. Preminger is Director of the Endourology, Metabolic Stone Disease, Laparoscopic and Robotic Surgery Fellowship at Duke University School of Medicine. He is a nationally and internationally recognized leader in the minimally invasive management of urinary tract stones including shock wave lithotripsy, percutaneous and ureteroscopic stone removal, as well as the comprehensive metabolic evaluation and preventative medical treatment of nephrolithiasis. He has had extensive experience in the development of endoscopic instrumentation for minimally invasive urologic procedures and holds eight patents in shock wave lithotripsy design. He along with his collaborator established The Lithotripsy Laboratory within the Comprehensive Kidney Stone Center to study shock wave physics and tissue effects within the realms of shock wave lithotripsy and intracorporeal lithotripsy devices. He has held numerous national and international committee chair positions, including American Urological Association Office of Education and holds an editorial position with Urology and Journal of Endourology. Dr. Preminger serves on the KURE Advisory Board.

Neal D. Shore, MD, FACS
Director, CPI, Carolina Urologic Research Center
Myrtle Beach, South Carolina

Neal D. Shore, MD, FACS is the Medical Director for the Carolina Urologic Research Center. He practices with Atlantic Urology Clinics in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. Dr. Shore has conducted more than 350 clinical trials, focusing mainly on GU Oncology, and serves on the Executive Boards of: Society of Urologic Oncology Board, Bladder Cancer Advocacy Network, and is Immediate Past President, Large Urology Group Practice Association. He is a founder for both: CUSP Clinical Trials Consortium, as well as for DASHKO, large urology practices data registries. He serves as the National Urology Research Director for 21st Century Oncology. He has served on the AUA Male Health Committee and the AUA Data Committee, the SITC Task Force for Prostate Cancer, the Bladder Cancer Advocacy Think Tank and the editorial boards of Reviews in Urology, Urology Times, Chemotherapy Advisor, OncLive, PLOS ONE(Academic Editor), Urology Practice, World Journal of Urology, and serves as Editor, Everyday Urology-Oncology. He has more than 200 peer reviewed publications and numerous book chapters; he performs peer review for Lancet Oncology, New England Journal of Medicine, European Urology, Journal Urology, Urology, BJUI, PCPD, and numerous other high impact scientific journals. A graduate of Duke University and Duke University Medical School, Dr. Shore completed a 6-month clinical research fellowship in Pretoria, South Africa, and then completed his General Surgery/Urology training at New York Hospital Cornell Medical Center and at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York City. He is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons.
Maryrose Sullivan, PhD
Research Health Scientist, VA Boston Healthcare System
Assistant Professor of Surgery, Brigham and Women’s Hospital
Harvard Medical School

Dr. Sullivan’s scientific interests have focused primarily on benign disorders of the bladder, including those related to outlet obstruction, diabetes, spinal cord injury and Parkinson’s disease. Her research is aimed at uncovering mechanisms responsible for bladder function/dysfunction and urinary incontinence, with the ultimate goal of identifying targetable pathways for intervention and alleviating lower urinary tract symptoms. As a research scientist and biomedical engineer, her research projects exploit a number of multidisciplinary approaches to interrogate these pathways at the cellular, tissue and whole animal levels and include imaging, in vitro, ex vivo and in vivo techniques. With funding by the Department of Veterans Affairs and NIDDK, she has published numerous original articles, chapters and reviews on topics related to urinary incontinence, bladder contractility, bladder outlet obstruction, neurogenic and non-neurogenic detrusor overactivity, and diabetic bladder dysfunction. She has been fortunate to be involved in mentoring and supervising many urology residents, post-docs, medical students and junior faculty. She is also an active member of the AUA, SUFU, SPR and ICS, and serves on the editorial board of several urology focused journals. Dr. Sullivan serves on the KURe Advisory Board.

Kevin Weinfurt, PhD
Professor and Vice Chair of Research Population Health Sciences
Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences
Psychology and Neuroscience
Duke University

Kevin Weinfurt is a faculty member of the Duke Clinical Research Institute and a Faculty Associate of the Trent Center for the Study of Medical Humanities and Bioethics. Dr. Weinfurt was a principal investigator in the NIH PROMIS Network, where he led the development of the SexFS to measure male and female sexual function and satisfaction. Currently, he serves as the President of the PROMIS Health Organization, is co-chair of the coordinating center for the NIH Health Systems Research Collaboratory, and co-chair of NIDDK’s Symptoms of Lower Urinary Tract Dysfunction Research Network. As an educator, Dr. Weinfurt co-directs Duke’s masters-level Clinical Research Training Program and has taught graduate courses in patient-reported outcomes research and multivariate statistics along with undergraduate courses in introductory psychology, judgment and decision making, and the psychology of medical decision making. Dr. Weinfurt’s research has been featured on NPR Marketplace, Business Week, ABC News, and US News & World Report. Dr. Weinfurt received his PhD in psychology at Georgetown University and did graduate work in the history of science and philosophy of mind at Linacre College, Oxford. Dr. Weinfurt conducts research on measuring patient-reported outcomes, medical decision making, and bioethics. Dr. Weinfurt serves on the KURe Advisory Board.
Brian M. Whitley, MD, MPH  
Assistant Professor of Surgery, Division of Urology  
Duke Urology of Raleigh  
Duke University

Brian Whitley received his MD degree from the University of Alabama at Birmingham and completed residency in Urology at Duke in 2013. After residency, he practiced urology in the community before returning to Duke as an Assistant Professor in the Division of Urology. His current clinical focus covers the broad aspects of general urology with special interest in minimally invasive surgical treatment of BPH. He performs a variety of BPH procedures including ThULEP, UroLift and REZUM, and focuses on introducing these techniques early in the resident learning experience.

J Koudy Williams, DVM  
Professor of Regenerative Medicine  
Professor of Pathology/Comparative Medicine  
Wake Forest University

J Koudy Williams has been at Wake Forest University for 32 years. During that time, his research focus has been women’s health. While now a faculty member of Regenerative Medicine, his past research focused on the use of animal models to explore regenerative medicine approaches for diseases urogenital systems. He has been funded by the NIH (NIDDK) to explore regenerative therapies for urinary sphincter dysfunction and has been involved from the beginning in the uterine regeneration project. He previously was funded by both the NIA and the NHLBI to study the effects of sex hormones on cardiovascular reproductive organ and bone health. He has focused his studies on regenerative medicine approaches to urogenital tissues using cells and small molecules to stimulate tissue regeneration. They recently reported the results of a study to use cell seeded polymer constructs for uterine tissue replacement in rabbits. The success of this study provides the rationale for extending this approach into nonhuman primates who have a human like uterine structure and reproductive physiology. He has over 40 years’ experience performing studies in nonhuman primates studying the effects of treatments of chronic disease that affect both men and women. Throughout his career, he has always been committed to education and helping develop the next generation of scientists, especially those from underrepresented groups. He has trained over 30 young scientists. In the past 5 years, he has trained 6 graduate students. Four of the six are from underrepresented populations and all are women. All have gone on to academic or industrial jobs.
Ann Word, MD
Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology
Mary Dees McDermott Hicks Chair in Medical Science
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Ann Word, MD, is a member of the Divisions of Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility, Female Pelvic Medicine and Reconstructive Surgery, and Basic Reproductive Biology Research. She is also a member of the Cecil H. and Ida Green Center for Reproductive Biology Sciences. Dr. Word is board certified in obstetrics and gynecology and in reproductive endocrinology and infertility. Her research evaluates the molecular and cellular mechanisms of connective tissue remodeling of the pelvic floor, the lower urinary tract, and cervix during pregnancy, parturition, puerperium and menopause and as well as the pathological conditions of pelvic organ prolapse, urinary incontinence, and injury of the external anal sphincter. For the last 15 years, her lab has investigated both smooth muscle and extracellular matrix remodeling of the cervix, and how certain nuclear hormone receptors orchestrate remodeling of the cervix and endometrium. Animal models and human tissues and cells are used to study the molecular, biochemical, and biomechanical processes of cervical ripening, and how elastic fibers are regulated in the pelvic floor. For the past 20 years, she has directed the Human Biological Fluids and Tissue Core Repository. Dr. Word serves on the KURe Advisory Board.