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### Happy Holidays
From The Department of Urology

**UROLOGY SYMPOSIUM IN AVALON**

Faculty at Avalon Symposium (Left to Right): Drs. A Andonakakis, TE Figuero, D McGinnis, M Erhard, G Badlani, A Berent, D Bagley, S Hubosky, C Lallas, G Bandi, and L Gomella (See page 3).

### TOP DOCTORS 2007 – DRS. DH BAGLEY AND LG GOMELLA

Philadelphia Magazine, along with Castle Connolly Ltd., has selected Demetrius H Bagley, MD and Leonard G Gomella, MD as “Top Docs” in Urology. Our physicians, among others, have been selected for their excellence in academic medicine and research, as well as their outstanding interpersonal skills. Other criteria included: professional qualifications, education, residency, board certification, fellowships, professional reputation, hospital appointment, medical-school faculty appointment, experience, and disciplinary history. This selection is considered the gold standard for the finest medical care in the Philadelphia area.

The “Top Docs” selection is based on responses from physicians in private practice—both invited and randomly selected—as well as to the medical leadership of major medical centers, specialty hospitals, teaching hospitals and regional medical centers. These selected reviewers nominate outstanding physicians in various specialties and subspecialties “to whom you would send members of your family.” Castle Connolly Ltd., as a partner with Philadelphia Magazine in this process, utilizes their national survey so that outstanding doctors in the Philadelphia area are also nominated by their peers throughout the country, and not simply by other local doctors. This article was adapted from information located at [www.phillymag.com/health/topdocs.html](http://www.phillymag.com/health/topdocs.html).

We are proud of Drs. Bagley and Gomella in the Department of Urology for this remarkable accomplishment.
Dear Friends,

This holiday edition of Jefferson Urology News provides a time to reflect as well as look forward to the coming year. A few highpoints of the past year include the good news that the NCI Cancer Center Core grant for the Kimmel Cancer Center received full approval. We received a preliminary communication from the Urology Residency Review committee that our training program has received approval for 5 years, the maximum that can be granted. Dr. Gaurav Bandi joined our Department as Assistant Professor and has added to our endourology and robotic programs. Dr. Pat Shenot performed the first adult autologous bladder augmentation procedure in the world. This procedure was performed using a Tengion Inc tissue engineered neobladder, grown from cells obtained from a biopsy of the patient’s native bladder. We have also opened our HIFU trial for prostate cancer that uses high intensity ultrasound, led by Dr. Ed Trabulsi. Lastly, our faculty began to provide formal coverage to the Wilmington VA to assist Dr. Ismail with the clinical growth of that important part of our resident program.

What is in store for Jefferson Urology in 2008? We are completing arrangements for the relocation of our South Philadelphia office to a new larger facility and look forward to the upgrading of the Stryker MIS systems in the Pavilion OR suites that will include expanded functionality of our conference room’s remote podium. Dr. Sandy Vasavada, former faculty member now at the Cleveland Clinic specializing in female urology, will be our David M Davis 2008 Visiting Professor. We look forward to working with Dr. Michael Vergare who has been appointed interim dean as the search will begin for a successor to Dean Nasca. Dr. Tom Nasca has been appointed chief executive officer and executive director of the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education in Chicago. The ACGME is the body responsible for the oversight of over 8,100 residency programs in the US and our Department wishes him well in this new important position.

I thank everyone for their hard work on behalf of our Department over the past year. Best wishes form my family to yours for a Happy 2008!!

Lenny

TEDDY 25 CELEBRATION EVENT

The Department of Urology and the Kimmel Cancer Center participated as event sponsors for the “Teddy 25” spectacular held in June at the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts. It marked the 25th anniversary of his car accident here in Philadelphia that caused singer and songwriter Teddy Pendergrass’ spinal cord injury. The fundraiser, in support of the Teddy Pendergrass Alliance that provides support to individuals with spinal cord injury, featured many famous performers including Bill Cosby, Patti Labelle, Monique, and Teddy himself. Kenny Gamble, a friend of the Department of Urology and the Kimmel Cancer Center, helped coordinate the event. Kenny is a noted award winning Philadelphia record producer who discovered Teddy and pioneered the Philadelphia Sound. Dr. Shenot is actively involved in the care of patients with spinal cord injury through his work locally at Jefferson and Magee Rehabilitation Hospital and is involved with many national organizations dedicated to this cause. We look forward to working with the alliance in the future to highlight the bladder health needs of patients with spinal cord injury.
The fall of 2007 was enhanced by the presentation of the Urologic Symposium in Avalon on September 15, 2007. This one day meeting was originally conceived as a format for the department faculty to present topics which they may have presented around the world but that our own residents never heard. Thus, it was designed primarily as a learning experience for the residents. Early in the series, the audience was expanded to include local urologists. At the most recent meeting, the Jefferson clinical staff from the operating room and the clinical office were invited.

The program consisted of didactic lectures starting in the morning and continuing into the early afternoon. Luncheon was provided at the venue and a summary session was completed at dinner. In addition to the lectures by the Jefferson urology faculty, we had visitors from other departments and institutions. Dr. Angelo Andonakakis from the Department of Anesthesiology spoke. Dr. Michael Erhard, Chief of Surgery at Nemours Foundation in Jacksonville, Florida and a 1995 graduate of the urology residency, was on the faculty, as was Dr. Gopal Badlani, who is Professor of Urology at Bowman Gray School of Medicine of Wake Forest University in Winston Salem, North Carolina, who spoke on stress urinary incontinence. An additional guest speaker was Allyson Berent, DVM, who has been a special fellow in the Department of Urology and is a veterinarian at The Matthew J. Ryan Veterinary Hospital at the University of Pennsylvania and spoke on “Endourology and interventional radiology for veterinary patients”.

There were 52 attendees from all aspects of our urology family. This symposium was supported by unrestricted grants from Cook Urology, Storz and Astellas. It was a successful meeting with an overwhelmingly positive review and comments. A special thanks to Dr. Bagley who directed and coordinated this symposium.
2007 PROSTATE AWARENESS WEEK

The Annual Prostate Cancer Awareness Screening was held on September 19, 2007 in the Bodine Center at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital and September 25, 2007 at Methodist Hospital, Department of Radiation Oncology. This screening is jointly sponsored by the Department of Urology, the Kimmel Cancer Center at Jefferson, and Thomas Jefferson University Hospital.

The increasing incidence and prevalence of prostate cancer in the United States has emphasized the need for methods that enhance early detection of clinically important tumors. During Prostate Cancer Awareness Week (PCAW), local screening sites, such as Jefferson University, across America have offered free screenings to men over the age 40 years or high risk males over the age of 35 years. For the last 18 years this program has provided free screening for greater than 7,500 men. Jefferson has participated since the inception as one of the pilot sites in 1989.

This year alone 488 men participated in the program. Ninety-nine individuals (20%) were notified for elevated PSA test results, according to the norm set by the national organization, Prostate Cancer Education Council (PCEC). Ten individuals presented results to be gravely concerned about for prostate cancer. The Prostate Cancer Education Council (PCEC), which organizes PCAW, collects data from longitudinal research screening sites comprised of many dedicated professionals, who through their efforts to report data back, make it possible to evaluate and track the development of prostate cancer and to identify current trends and issues associated with prostate cancer. It also provides a venue to highlight prostate cancer, the leading solid tumor in men.

This year in addition to newspaper advertisements, we were able to reach the community concerning prostate cancer screening through the active participation of 900AM WURD, our local radio station. WURD had a live broadcast at the Bodine Center during the screening day arranged by Dr. Edith Mitchell of the Department of Medical Oncology. Drs. Gomella and Valicenti had an open mike session with relevant participation by the listening audience. This community involvement had certainly increased awareness and early detection of Prostate Cancer as a result of sixty-two listeners participating in the screening. Thank-you WURD for this positive impact you have extended to your community.

The success of this screening was a direct result of the dedication of our staff volunteers, to whom we are most grateful. Many individuals are to be thanked including many members of the Department of Urology who provided the majority of the support staff and logistics needed to run the event. Dr. Dolores Byrne and Christine Hubert handled the massive amount of preliminary and followup paperwork along with the hands on supervision of the event needed to make the event run smoothly. Departments and services also participating included the Clinical laboratory, the Departments of Radiation Oncology, Medical Oncology and Radiology, the Bodine Center staff, the Kimmel Cancer Center, Jefferson Security and many members of the student run Jefferson Urology Society. Several pharmaceutical companies such as TAP and Astra Zeneca provided support to the event. Dr. Tricia Gomella, representing the Friends of the Kimmel Cancer Center assisted with the event and arranged special donations from Starbucks Coffee, and Lindt Chocolate from Glen Mills, PA and special soft pretzels in the letter “P” to accent the day courtesy of the Philadelphia Soft Pretzel Factory.
PROSTATE AWARENESS WEEK
SEPTEMBER 19-25, 2007

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DR. EDOUARD TRABULSI  
MEMBER OF AUA NATIONAL UROLOGIC ULTRASOUND FACULTY

Dr. Trabulsi was nominated for, and appointed to the AUA National Urologic Ultrasound Faculty Committee. This advocacy committee was formed by the AUA to ensure the ability of urologists to perform and receive reimbursement for genitourinary ultrasonographic procedures, in the changing practice landscape. The mission of the committee is to develop practice guidelines and formal credentialing procedures for ultrasonography of the kidneys and bladder, transrectal US, scrotal and penile US, intraoperative and laparoscopic US, and pediatric US. Additionally, Dr. Trabulsi and the other faculty members received certification as US Instructors by the AUA at a AUA instructors course in Denver, CO in September. Dr. Trabulsi will be participating as an US instructor in courses sponsored by the AUA regionally and nationally. Faculty members for this national committee were selected on the basis of their research interests and expertise in ultrasonography, with two members nominated from each region of the AUA, as well as additional ad-hoc members nominated by the AUA Board of Directors. Dr. Trabulsi participated in a Hands-On US Course in Abdominal US at the Mid-Atlantic AUA meeting in Bermuda in October, and will be an instructor for the Hands-On Prostate Ultrasound Course at the AUA National Meeting in Orlando in 2008. Dr. Trabulsi is pursuing collaborative research studies with Drs. Ethan Halpern and Flemming Forsberg in the Radiology Department at Jefferson. Drs. Trabulsi and Halpern are Co-Directors of the multidisciplinary Jefferson Prostate Diagnostic Center. Their studies focus on the development of enhanced ultrasound techniques for the diagnosis of prostate cancer and small renal masses. Dr. Trabulsi was also awarded a Jefferson Intramural grant, in conjunction with Drs. Halpern and Forsberg, to investigate contrast-enhanced transrectal ultrasound, before, during and after external beam radiotherapy for prostate cancer, as a measure of treatment response. This clinical trial will commence in 2008.

SCHOLAR PARTICIPANT OF VAIL ASCO/AACR SEMINAR  
“METHODS IN CLINICAL CANCER RESEARCH”

Dr. Trabulsi was selected as a junior scholar participant for the prestigious seminar “Methods in Clinical Cancer Research”, jointly sponsored by ASCO and AACR in Vail, CO, in August 2007. This seminar is designed for junior investigators to write and complete a clinical trial for cancer research. Over 200 applicants applied for this course, and approximately 100 were selected, of whom only seven were surgeons. This seminar involved intense didactic and small group instruction. Over the course of a week, after multiple revisions, Dr. Trabulsi completed a protocol entitled “Flash Replenishment Contrast Enhanced Ultrasound Evaluation of Small Renal Masses.” This protocol was submitted for funding to the American Cancer Society in October as part of a Mentored Research Scientist application, and in December for a National Cancer Institute application through the Quick Trials for Imaging and Image-Guided Intervention: Exploratory Grant (R21) mechanism (PAR-06-293).

DR. ROBERT LINDEN  
THE 2007 ASCO FOUNDATION MERIT AWARD.

The ASCO Foundation Board of Directors and the Prostate Cancer Symposium Program Committee awarded, Dr. Robert Linden the 2007 ASCO Foundation Merit Award. This Merit Award is a $1,000 stipend to assist with the expenses associated with attending the 2007 Prostate Cancer Symposium in Orlando, Florida. The 2007 ASCO Foundation Merit Award is supported through restricted educational grants from Sanofi-Aventis, Amgen, Inc., Bristol-Myers Squibb and ImClone Systems Incorporated, Novartis Oncology.
**SONIA HURTADO, RN**
**PERIOPERATIVE NURSING WEEK AT TJUH**

On Thursday, November 15, 2007 Sonia Hurtado, RN, OR Urology Nurse Specialist at TJUH was participant in the first Jefferson University Hospitals’ Perioperative Nurse Recruitment Webcast. This Internet broadcast was hosted by Joan Lunden (television host, journalist and author). Also, Jane C Rothrock, RN, DNSc, CNOR, FAAN, Professor and Director of Perioperative Programs at Delaware Valley Community College in Media, Pennsylvania discussed the future of perioperative nursing. The webcast’s goal was to showcase technologically advanced facilities at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital, Jefferson Hospital for Neuroscience, and Methodist Hospital in order to attract experienced OR nurses. All activities surrounding this real-time Internet broadcast was in celebration of Perioperative Nursing Week.

**DR. DAVID ALBALA VISITS DEPARTMENT**

Dr. David Albala, Professor of Urology from Duke University, was our special guest for Journal Club and Grand rounds this past September. Dr. Albala is known for his work in minimally invasive techniques in the treatment of BPH and laparoscopy. He discussed a series of contemporary articles in the field of laparoscopy on Wednesday evening. On Thursday he gave two talks, one on the current management approaches to BPH and the second on the topic of certification for urologists.
DRS. SHENOT AND GOMELLA PRESENT AT INTERNATIONAL UROLOGY MEETING IN BRAZIL

The Second International Meeting of Urology sponsored by the Federal Medical College of Porto Alegre was held on August 23-25, 2007 in Porto Alegre, Brazil. Attended by over 300 urologists from Latin America, the three-day meeting also included international faculty from the Israel, Germany and the US which included speakers from Hopkins, UCSF and Jefferson. Porto Alegre is the largest city in the most southern portion of Brazil and considered by many to be the center of academic medicine for the country. Dr. Shenot presented several talks including “Minimally Invasive Surgical Option for Incontinence”, “Therapeutic Options for BPH” and panel discussions. Dr. Gomella’s lecture topics included “Chemoprevention for Prostate Cancer in 2007”, “Radical Prostatectomy in the US”, “Invasion and Progression in Bladder Cancer”, and “The Customized Treatment of High Risk Prostate Cancer”.

Dr. Shenot (L) and Dr. Gomella (R) with the conference organizer and Chief of Urology at the Federal Medical School of Brazil at Porto Alegre, Dr. Claudio Teloken.

DATES TO REMEMBER IN 2008

- American Society of Clinical Oncology Genitourinary ASCO GU Symposium, February 14-16, 2008
- Philadelphia Urology Society Residents’ Night Competition
  - Manuscripts and PowerPoint Presentations, February 25, 2008
  - Residents’ Night of Competition, Monday, March 31, 2008
- American Society for Laser Medicine and Surgery ASLMS, April 2-6, 2008
- American Association for Cancer Research Annual Meeting AACR, April 12-16, 2008

DR. LALLAS LECTURES AT THE CHERRY HILL MALL

On November 13 Dr. Costas Lallas participated in an outreach program involving prostate cancer. The event was sponsored by Thomas University Hospital and the Philadelphia Eagles. In addition to Dr. Lallas’ question and answer period for patients, the event was also attended by the Eagles’ cheerleaders, Quintin Mikell, No. 27 and the Eagles’ Mascot, Swoop. The event was well attended with a lot of positive feedback and Jefferson is likely to participate in this event in the future. We thank the Hospital, as well as the Eagles, in asking Dr. Lallas to participate in this event.
The National Cancer Institute has awarded a $3.6 million, five–year grant to study the effect of a drug (Polyphenon E) developed from green tea in preventing progression in men showing early precancerous signs of prostate cancer. The grant will go to a team of physicians and scientists, led by Dr. Nagi Kumar, director of Nutrition research at H. Lee Moffit Cancer Center & Research Institute in Tampa Florida. Dr. Raffaele Baffa, Associate Professor of Urology will spear head the site in the Department of Urology at the Kimmel Cancer Center at Jefferson.

Dr. Baffa stated “One of our goals is to develop safe medicines or nutritional supplements that can prevent the progression of pre-cancer conditions or early cancers to prostate cancer.” Recent studies have shown green tea to stop prostate cancer growth in a small group of men diagnosed with HG-PIN (high grade prostatic intraepithelial neoplasia), which is new and abnormal growth in epithelial cells of the prostate. HG-PIN has a higher risk of progressing to prostate cancer than someone who does not have this condition. There were no bad side effects in this group treated with green tea tablets. Similarly, other human studies have been completed that have shown the safety of taking this green tea tablet. Polyphenols are a group of chemical substances found in plants such as green tea leaves that act as antioxidants, guarding the body from damaging effects of free radicals. Based on the promising results of our studies and that of others, Dr. Baffa and the participating centers want to conclusively see if green tea can stop the progression of HG-PIN to prostate cancer. The purpose of this study is to recruit and treat 240 (120 men/arm) men diagnosed with this prostate condition to receive a tablet form of green tea called Polyphenon E or placebo (sugar pill) for a 12-month period and see if the progression of current prostate cancer condition to prostate cancer can be prevented. This study wants to determine if Polyphenon E reduces lower urinary tract symptoms and if this can be taken safely over one year. Another goal is to study how Polyphenon E is able to slow the progression to prostate cancer, or the mechanism of action of Polyphenon E.

“The study’s significance”, says Dr. Baffa, “is if the safety and the effects of Polyphenon E on slowing down the progression of prostate cancer is shown in our study, this will be a safe way of treating men who are at high risk or men who have a prostate condition (HGPIN) that increases hances of getting prostate cancer, so that we can prevent prostate cancer in the future”. The grant was awarded by the NIH’s National Cancer Institute.

**MULHOLLAND VISITING FELLOWS**

Alessandro Bitto and Marco Crosariol are the “Mulholland Visiting Scholars”. They will be Observing and participating in cancer research under the direction of Drs. Baffa and Morrione for a 12 month period.

Alessandro Bitto, is the Research Fellow in Dr. Morrione’s laboratory. Alessandro is from The University of Milan-Bicocca, Department of Biotechnology and Biosciences, where he worked on yeast molecular biology. He will be working on proepithelin signaling in bladder and prostate cancer cells and Grb10-regulation of IGF-IR.

Marco Crosariol is research technician in Dr. Baffa’s Lab. Marco is from Padova, Italy. He received a Masters in Industrial Biotechnology at the Venetian Institute of Molecular Medicine in Padova, Italy.
DEMETRIUS BAGLEY, MD NAMED CO-EDITOR IN CHIEF OF
DIAGNOSTIC AND THERAPEUTIC ENDOUROLOGY

Diagnostic and Therapeutic Endoscopy is a new online Journal which covers endoscopy throughout all specialties. Dr. Demetrius Bagley will be the co-editor in chief with Thomas D’Amato, M.D., Ph.D., Division of Cardiothoracic Surgery. The Journal existed in a paper format from 1987 and as such did not have enough single specialty interest to develop a sufficient subscription basis. However, as an open access online journal, it can be available throughout all clinical disciplines in both human and animal specialties. The Journal will cover all facets from the development of endoscopes and accessory instruments to clinical series. Problems common to the diverse endoscopic field including access, visualization, diagnosis and treatment will be stressed. The unique format will also allow rapid publication of endoscopic studies without standing visual presentations.

2007 UROLOGY FELLOWS

C.R. Bard Fellow in Endourology and Laparoscopy
Dr. Raymond Pak is our new C.R. Bard Fellow in Endourology and Laparoscopy, who will be working in the Department of Urology for one year. Dr. Pak completed his urologic residency at the Mayo Clinic School of Medicine, Jacksonville, FL. He received his MD from The University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey.
Dr. Raymond Pak

Clinical Fellow
Dr. Yew Lam Chong, from Singapore, is our new clinical fellow working in the Department of Urology for one year. Dr. Chong is presently an Associate Consultant at the Department of Urology at Tan Tock Seng Hospital in Singapore. He received his MBBS from the National University of Singapore and his MRCS from the Royal College of Surgeons in Edinburgh, UK.
Dr. Yew Lam Chong

Clinical Research Fellow
Dr. Murat Arslan is from the Izmir Teaching and Research Hospital in Turkey. He will be spending the next three months with us in the capacity of an observer in the OR, as well as working on a database for cancer outcomes in patients screened with Urovysion urinary assay, under the direction of Drs. Gomella and Johannes.
Dr. Murat Arslan
The Division of Pediatric Urology at the Nemours Alfred I duPont Hospital for Children had the distinct pleasure of hosting Dr. Craig A. Peters, MD, FACS, FAAP, as the 2007 Visiting Professor in Pediatric Urology.

Dr. Craig A. Peters graduated from the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine in 1981 followed by a residency in urology at the Brady Urological Institute. He completed a fellowship in Pediatric Urology at Children’s Hospital of Boston. The beginning of his career was highlighted as an AFUD Research Scholar. His studies focused on kidney and bladder development, which today is a continuous part of his career. Remaining as a faculty member at Children’s Hospital and Harvard Medical School Dr Peters helped develop the research laboratories in Pediatric Urology as well as minimally invasive surgery program, ultimately introducing the DaVinci Robotic System to pediatric urology at Children’s.

Dr. Peters is a renowned lecturer on pediatric laparoscopy and robotics. He has authored numerous publications and is the Pediatric Editor of the Campbell-Walsh Textbook of Urology as well as the chair of the AUA Guidelines Committee on Vesicoureteral Reflux. Dr. Peters accepted his presented position as the John E. Cole Professor of Urology at University of Virginia in 2006.

During his visit to Wilmington, Dr. Peters presented the following lectures “Prenatal Hydronephrosis” and Bladder Development in Clinical Pediatric Urology”. All of these lectures were extremely informative and well received by the diverse audience of urologists, pediatric urologists, pediatricians, nurses, residents, and students.

The urology residents from Jefferson had the opportunity to discuss several complex pediatric urological cases with Dr. Peters. These discussions served as a very strong educational forum for the residents and students on the assessment and management of challenging pediatric cases. The residents, lead by the current senior resident on the pediatric rotation, Dr. Eric Nelson, were very well prepared, and they presented well organized and succinct cases. The interaction between the residents and the visiting professor was one of the highlights of the visit.

Monica Metzdorf, MD is from San Diego. She was a Wildlife and Fisheries major in college at University of California at Davis, but ultimately decided to pursue medicine. Dr. Metsdorf attended Medical School at UC San Diego and did her surgical internship at Oregon Health Sciences University in Portland, OR. She completed her Urology residency at UC San Diego. She enjoys golf and spending time with her husband and two dogs. Monica has 11 brothers and sisters (including her identical twin).

Job K Chacko, MD was born in Toledo, Ohio and graduated with a degree in Zoology from University of Wisconsin-Madison. He attended Medical School at the University of Madison-Wisconsin and completed his residency in Urology at the University of Colorado. Dr. Chacko is beginning his Fellowship at the duPont Hospital for Children and will finish at the end of June 2009. He is a member of the Colorado Medical Society and a candidate for a membership in the American Urological Association. He is fluent in Spanish and Malayalam. Dr Chacko volunteered for three years for Prostate Cancer Awareness Week Screening and his outside interests include snowboarding, ultimate frisbee, tennis golf, traveling and reading. He and his wife reside in West Chester, PA and she has taken a position at Paoli Hospital in Gastroenterology. Dr Chacko will pursue his research interests with Dr. Barthold in her ongoing studies.
### TRAVELING DOCS

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| August 18-22 | E Trabulsi  
ASCOC/AACR course scholarship participant in "Methods in Clinical Cancer Research" in Vail, CO |
| August 23-25 | L Gomella, P Shenot  
Invited Speakers, Second International Meeting of Urology, Porto Alegre, Brazil (see article pg 3) |
| September 5-8 | D Glassman  
Society of Laparoendoscopic Surgeons meeting presenting a meta-analysis of the incidence of rhabdomyolysis in the urology literature. |
| September 7 | C Lallas  
Speaker, “Robotic surgery at TJUH in 2007”, CME Presentation, Philadelphia, PA |
| September 27 | L Gomella  
Grand Rounds, Department of Urology, SUNY Upstate Medical University |
| September 28 | L Gomella  
Invited Speaker, Upstate Cancer Symposium: Symptoms & Treatment of Renal & Bladder Cancer. |
| October 9 | A Morrione  
Invited Speaker, "Growth Factor Signaling in Cell Growth and Transformation", Department of Biotechnology, University of Milan, Bicocca. |
| October 10 | C Lallas  
Presenter, Video presentation “Robotic pyeloplasty”, American College of Surgeons, New Orleans, LA |
| October 18-21 | C Lallas, L Gomella  
Podium presentation and Panelist, “Robotic prostatectomy”, MAAUA – Bermuda |
| October 27-30 | D H Bagley  
Invited Speaker, “Ureteroscopic Instruments” at the Egyptian Urological Association Meeting, Luxor, Egypt |
| October 29 – November 4 | DH Bagley, G Bandi, S Hubosky  
Lectures and Poster Presentations, World Congress of Endourology, Cancun, Mexico. |
| November 30-December 2 | D H Bagley  
Invited Speaker, Presented the following lectures: “Endoscopic Treatment of Upper Urinary Tract Neoplasms”, “Endoscopic Management of UPJ Obstruction” and “Ureteroscopic Treatment of Calculi”, Arab Association of Urology 2007, Beirut, Lebanon |

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**CONGRATULATIONS**

Brent and Lara Yanke are the proud parents of Charlotte Heather Yanke who was born on October 13. Charlotte weighed 7 lbs, 1 oz.

Jeanne (Llenado) and James LeNoir are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Miles on Friday, November 9. Miles weighed 6.13 lbs and is 19 ½” long.

Scott and Amy Hubosky welcomed their new daughter, Avery Elizabeth on September 2, 2007. She was 7 lbs. 1 oz. and 20 inches long.

Eric and Amy Nelson are delighted with the birth of their daughter, Bessie Kathryn on August 19, 2007. Bessie weighed 6lb 5oz.

Drs Costas Lallas and Rebecca Jaslow were married on August 18, 2007.