DR. PATRICK SHENOT ON CBS EVENING NEWS

Earlier this year CBS News aired a two-part series on the innovative field of regenerative medicine. It featured stories on both our local Channel 3 Eyewitness News with Stephanie Stahl and national CBS Evening News with Katie Couric. The report focused on the Tengion clinical trial at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital. Dr. Shenot and the urology team performed the first adult bladder transplant in history with a new bladder segment grown from the patient’s own cells. See the related story in this edition of JUN. The replay of the broadcasts can be viewed at www.jeffersonhospital.org/urology.

THOMAS JEFFERSON UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL
UROLOGY RESIDENCY PROGRAM - FULL FIVE YEAR ACCREDITATION

In the Spring of 2008, the Department of Urology and Thomas Jefferson University Hospital was notified that the Residency Review Committee for Urology functioning in accordance with policy and procedures of the Accreditation Council of Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) has granted a full five-year approval period to the Urology Residency Program. Further, the Residency Review Committee commended the Jefferson Urology Residency Program for its demonstrated substantial compliance with all of the ACGME requirements for graduate medical education without any citation. According to Dr. David Paskin, Senior Associate Dean for Graduate Medical Education at Jefferson Medical College “this full approval for Jefferson’s Urology Residency Program is a testimony to the dedication of Dr. Patrick Shenot, Residency Program Director, Dr. Leonard Gomella, Chairman of the Department, the entire faculty and staff for their outstanding contributions to the institution’s educational mission.” Dr. Gomella extends his thanks to Joanna Bates, Residency Program Coordinator, all of the residents, staff and our affiliate programs for contributing to a successful review process. We look forward to continuing this outstanding educational program for our urologists in the future.
CHAIRMAN’S LETTER

Dear Friends,

There has been a lot going on in the Department of Urology over the last six months. In fact, so many things have been happening that we got behind on our newsletters. I will work with Dolores to try to get us caught up over the next few months.

Our faculty has begun an expanded role at the Wilmington VA. The VA rotation has been an outstanding experience for our residents over the last 30 years. Since the retirement of Dr. Alex Raney, Dr. Mo Ismail has led the VA urology program. He has expanded the types and volumes of service available to the VA patients. Our faculty now provides coverage for both the clinics and the operating room. This is a wonderful opportunity for the faculty members, our residents and most importantly for the VA patients we serve.

We also have lots of good news to share. The TJUH Urology residency program received a full five year approval with no citations. Dr. Akhil Das will be returning to Jefferson this fall to head up our female urology program. Dr. Pat Shenot was featured on CBS evening news. Dr. Shenot performed the first bladder augmentation procedure in the world on an adult patient using the patient’s own bladder cells grown in a lab. The robotic program has shown incredible growth and the hospital has made arrangements to purchase a second DaVinci system.

Lastly, please mark your calendars for the Jefferson Hospital Annual Award Gala to be held on Thursday November 6th, 2008 at the Bellevue Hotel. Dr. Ken Brownstein will be one of the honorees. I encourage all of you who know Kenny or have trained with him as residents to join us that evening to acknowledge his years of service to the Department and the University.

Leonard G. Gomella, MD

KCC FUNDS THE COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS OF THE RADIOLOGY AND UROLOGY DEPARTMENTS

Dr. Richard Pestel, Director of the Kimmel Cancer Center at Thomas Jefferson University awarded funding for the grant entitled “Radiofrequency Ablation of Prostate Cancer Guided by Contrast Sonography”. This grant is fostered through the collaborative efforts of Dr. Ji-Bin Liu, Assistant Professor of Radiology and Dr. Edouard Trabulsi, Assistant Professor of Urology.

The objective of this proposal is to utilize a canine model of prostate cancer for the radiofrequency thermal ablation of prostate cancer.

Radiofrequency thermal ablation is being applied clinically in the treatment of hepatic, thoracic, and other malignancies. Its use for prostate cancer, however, remains investigational. Challenges that precluded its clinical application include the ability to distinguish viable from necrotic tissue, as well as long-term data on efficacy and toxicity.

Dr. Liu and his colleagues, have demonstrated the feasibility of contrast-enhanced ultrasound to guide and monitor radiofrequency ablation of the entire prostate in a canine model. The focus of the present grant by Drs. Liu and Trabulsi, is to study the long-term effects of ablation on the prostate and surrounding critical structures. The data generated will be vital before this therapy can be applied in a human clinical trial.

Prostate cancer is a common disease, and new, minimally invasive methods for therapy need to be developed. Radiofrequency ablation holds promise as a therapy option, but additional work needs to be done documenting its efficacy and toxicity, which is necessary before it can be applied to humans. Drs. Liu and Trabulsi ask a relevant and important question, and their proposed work on additional canine subjects will play an integral role in safely bringing this therapy to human subjects.
WORLD CONGRESS OF ENDOUROLOGY IN CANCUN

The 25TH World Congress of Endourology & SWL was held on October 30 to November 3, at the Cancun Center in Cancun, Mexico. During the last 25 years the Endourological Society in every year's congress has explored new horizons and has become the way to introduce urologists to technological advances and new surgical techniques. This year the program was filled with a variety of activities by which participants can expand their practice of minimal invasive surgery. The scientific program encompassed the presentation of more than 1,300 abstracts, including close to 1,100 posters and more than 250 videos.

The Jefferson Department of Urology was well represented at the 25th World Congress of Endourology. Several faculty, former residents, residents, and fellows also attended this meeting including Demetrius Bagley, Scott Hubosky, Gaurav Bandi, Chris Garlitz, Michael Grasso, David Lee, Frank Keeley, Eric Nelson, Paul Gittens, Raymond Pak, and Brent Yanke.

Posters

- Dr. Eric Nelson presented a poster on “The Use of Fluorescence In Situ Hybridization (FISH) Testing in Patients with Known Upper Tract Transitional Cell Carcinoma” with co-authors B. Lepchuk, M. Bibbo and D.H. Bagley.
- Dr. Paul Gittens presented a poster on “Statistically Significant Improvement in BPH Symptoms Using the Prolieve Thermodilatation System” with co-authors J. Yeoh, P. Weiner and L.G. Gomella.
- Dr. Raymond Pak, the C.R. Bard Urology Fellow for 2007-2008, presented posters co-authored by last year’s C.R. Bard Urology Fellow, Dr. Brent Yanke.
- Dr Gaurav Bandi, our new member in the Urology Department, presented three posters.

Dr. Bagley’s endeavors included: Panel discussion entitled “Ureteroscopy and Stone Management”, with the Masters Panel Meeting Team (Gyrus ACMi – Panel Presenters: Carson Wong, Jaime Landman, Demetrius Bagley, Manuel Hernandez-Bustillo); Chairman of Instructional Course – “Update in Technology for Ureteroscopy”, with faculty Michael Grasso, Ben Chew, Mihir Desai; and participant in “Tips and Tricks in Surgery,” Session No. 3 “Flexible Ureteroscopy, Retrograde Intrarenal Surgery”, with Chairmen: Gerhard Fuchs and Glenn Preminger, and Faculty: Margaret Pearle, Demetrius Bagley, Frank Keeley, Michelle Galluci.
2008 RESIDENCY MATCH RESULTS

The Department of Urology is proud to announce the Urology Residents for 2008 at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital as Drs. Chandan Kundavaram and Xialong (Shawn) Liu. These two new urology residents started as interns in the Department of Surgery on July 1, 2008:

Chandan Kundavaram served a year as a PGY-1 in the Department of Surgery at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital, and is a graduate of the University of Arizona Medical School, June 2007. Chandan spent time as an intern on our service in the fall of 2007, after having minimal exposure to urology in medical school, and made the decision to change fields. Members of our department welcomed Chandan as he is considered one of the best interns to have come through our service. We are very pleased that he made this choice and that he will be joining us.

Xialong (Shawn) Liu received his Medical Doctorate Degree from Northwestern University-Feinberg School of Medicine. Shawn received his undergraduate degree in Biomedical Engineering from Northwestern University, as well as his Masters of Education from Northwestern University. He also brings “real life experience”, having worked as a high school mathematics teacher in the Chicago Public Schools System for a year before entering medical school.

The Department of Urology is pleased to congratulate the following 4th-year Jefferson Medical College students, who matched at the following programs:

Steven Mock - Mount Sinai Medical Center
Steven Sterious – Temple University School of Medicine
Maggie Thomer - University of Rochester Medical Center
Christopher Yingling - Georgetown University Hospital

Our program received two hundred and forty-four electronic submissions. Forty-two applicants were granted interviews and the department ranked 20. Nationally, 510 individuals registered for 247 positions. Three hundred seventy-four were ranked by programs with 246 applicants matched.

The Department of Urology is grateful for the orchestration of this successful program to Dr. Patrick Shenot, Residency Program Director and Joanna Bates, Residency Program Coordinator.

DR. STEVEN KAPLAN
JOURNAL CLUB AND GRAND ROUNDS PRESENTER

The Department of Urology welcomed Dr. Steven Kaplan for Journal Club and Grand Rounds’ presentations. Dr. Kaplan is currently professor at Weill Cornell Medical College and Chief, Institute of Bladder and Prostate Health at New York Presbyterian Hospital.

Dr. Kaplan supervised an information filled Journal Club and followed by an outstanding Grand Rounds Presentation on a variety of topics concerning “Men's Health and “The Management of Lower Urinary Tract Symptoms in 2007 and Beyond”.

Dr. Kaplan served for many years as the Given Foundation Professor of Urology and Vice Chairman of the Department of Urology at Columbia until 2005 when he transferred to Cornell. He is an outstanding contributor to the field of urology and considered an authority on the study of benign diseases of the prostate and female urology. He published over 350 articles, 100 abstracts and has made over 245 presentations in more than more than 35 countries.
THE JEFFERSON UROLOGY SOCIETY

The Jefferson Urology Society (JUS) strives to foster interest in the field of urology among medical students through student lectures, demonstrations, mentorship, and research.

Officer elections for the Society were held this past February. We would like to congratulate the new officers for 2008-2009:

President - Michael Garcia-Roig
Vice-President - Pranav Madhusudan
Secretary - Chaney Stewman
Treasurer - Bill Parkes
Student Coordinator - Eric Moskowitz
Volunteer Activities - Benjamin Katz
Research Coordinator - Rachel Harris
Webmaster - Salvador Illoreta
Third Year Representative - Ross Mazo
Second Year Representative - Stephen Goldberg

The society hosted three lectures this year. The first was a lunchtime talk for first and second year medical students to stimulate interest in the field of Urology. This was followed a few weeks later by a demonstration of the DaVinci robot and other endoscopic tools by Dr Costas Lallas with a discussion of technological advancements in the field. An informal discussion toward the end of this academic year centered on the "early-match" for third year medical students interested in Urology. Members of the JUS are looking forward to assisting the Urology Department with their participation in the National Prostate Awareness Screening in September.

Dr. Costas Lallas has been appointed as Advisor for the Jefferson Urology Society. Dr. Lallas has an excellent relationship with the students and he looks forward to working with this important medical school based function. This appointment demonstrates the Department of Urology’s continued support to the society through positive interactions with members, JMC students, lectures, meetings, research projects and other events.

DR. LALLAS - TJUH TRANSPLANTATION OUTREACH PROGRAM AT CAESARS

On February 25, 2008, Dr. Costas Lallas along with the Division of Transplantation were invited speakers at an outreach program involving physicians and nurses at Caesars in Atlantic City, NJ. The topic presented by Dr. Lallas was “Live Donor Nephrectomy”.

One point that was stressed is that Thomas Jefferson University Hospital is the only center in the Delaware Valley who is offering pure laparoscopic donor nephrectomy to all patients who are donating a kidney, regardless of side (left versus right) or the number of vessels.

Dr Lallas was accompanied by George Francos, MD, Medical Director of Transplantation; and Aldo Doria, MD, Chief of Transplant Surgery. The TJUH physicians spoke to an audience of 40-50 attendees, including referring physicians and nurses, and representatives of dialysis centers. This program will be initiated throughout the Delaware Valley and is powered by Intellisync.
I have always had an interest in international medicine. As a medical student I volunteered in Costa Rica and worked with immigrants from the impoverished Nicaraguan population and, as a 3rd year urology resident, I ventured to Osaka, Japan for a rotation in the Department of Urology at Osaka City University Medical School. At the end of my 4th year of residency, I decided to apply for another international urologic experience: International Volunteers Urology, and the Friendship Bridge Program. Both organizations have been dedicated to the international urological community for over two decades. After multiple letters of recommendation, and a letter of interest, I was accepted. I spent my April Vacation on assignment at Hue, Vietnam. Although I eagerly anticipated my volunteer mission, I did not know what to expect. Most of my images of Vietnam came from black and white documentaries of American protests in the late 60’s and visions of soldiers in the “bush” under attack. I thought of Vietnam as a war - a tragic place in American history, rather than a country.

On arrival, I was greeted at the airport by our host, Mr. Khon, and several other hospital staff. I was informed that we would be operating in just one hour. At Hue Central Hospital, I was met with the remainder of the urology team: Drs. Paul Dudinzkski, Lawrence Hackey, and a fourth year resident, Samson Shen, from Baylor Hospital in Texas. As I hurriedly put on my scrubs, I learned of my first case: an ureterolithomy - a procedure rarely done in the US today. (Where was Dr. Demetrius Bagley?) As I looked around, I realized the facilities were not what I had become accustomed to in the United States. For example, the scrub brushes were not disposable, but made of plastic like bristles; I placed it in a tin container to re-sterilize when I was finished. On entering the OR, several images glared before me: the bovie pad was a reusable metal plate that was placed between the legs of the patient; the gowns and all the drapes were made of cloth with the signs of wear and tear including old betadine stains; and my gloves were two sizes too small! As I participated in the procedure with Dr. Kahn, I soon recognized a talented surgeon. He skillfully navigated his way through the retroperitoneum and, within minutes, he had found the mid-ureteral stone, opened the ureter, retrieved the stone, irrigated distally and proximally and began to close the ureter. He then handed me the needle driver to approximate the muscle. I anxiously placed my first suture. As I set up the suture to tie, he forcefully stated “No, too much suture! We must conserve here. You must instrument tie.” My first surgery lesson in Hue!
CONTINUATION: Paul Gittens, MD Trip to Hue, Vietnam

The hot tropical temperatures of Vietnam and low water intake of many Vietnamese resulted in many stone patients for the Hue urologist. We performed multiple ureterolithotomies, pyelotomies and nephrectomies for patients with stones ranging from 1.5 cm to complete staghorn calculi. The ureteroscopic management of stone disease in Hue is in its early infancy. In most ureteroscopic cases, only one guide wire is used for each patient and guide wires and double pigtail stents are often recycled multiple times after being cleaned. Fluoroscopy was utilized for PCNL’s only and ureteroscopy secondary to its limited availability. What I found most fascinating was, despite the limitations in equipment and resources, they more than compensated for it in ingenuity and surgical skill. By the end of my rotation, I was very comfortable placing a stent without fluoroscopy, and dealing with poor optics during TURP and ureteroscopy. I also grew more and more appreciative of what we have at our disposal in the ORs in the United States.

In Vietnam there is a large emphasis on the extended family. Most homes consist of a couple, children, cousins, and grandparents. Several generations of a patient’s family will squat in the waiting hall during surgery to hear word about their loved one. Families take responsibility for providing food and simple nursing care for the patient as well as ambulating the patient after surgery. Rarely did I look into a patient’s room and not see a family member tending to their needs. The sense of family was also carried over from the residents and attendings to our urology group. We were immediately integrated as part of the surgical team; our opinions about the surgical procedure and postoperative management were equally weighted when discussing patients. Outside the hospital, we were entertained with various Hue delicacies and they eagerly shared many customs and traditions unique to the Vietnamese culture.

Overall, my experience in Hue was both educational and life altering. Despite the lack of resources, the attendings and residents exhibited exceptional technical skill in open surgery and also showed an aptitude for endoscopic procedures. They exhibited a great sense of pride in their profession and their patients reciprocated with respect and genuine gratitude. My mission to Hue has affirmed my continued dedication to international medicine and providing care to areas of need.

I would like to give special thanks to the Mid-Atlantic AUA and Dr. Theodore Ning for providing funding for the mission.
TJUH CENTER FOR TENGION INC NEOBLADDER STUDY

Tengion Inc. is an East Norriton start-up which is developing regenerated human organs. Tengion's first product is a replacement human bladder constructed from a patient's own cells. The replacement bladders are now being evaluated in two midstage Phase 2 trials in 10 children with defective bladders attributed to spina bifida and in 10 adults with spinal-cord injury.

Thomas Jefferson University Hospital (TJUH) in Philadelphia is one of six centers where the spinal-cord-injury patients will be studied. Dr. Patrick Shenot directs this study at TJUH, where three patients now have autologous bladder augmentations. He performed the first adult autologous bladder augment in the world (See story on page1). Dr. Shenot is currently enrolling adult patients into this study.

The present goals of Tengion, Inc are to advance late-stage human studies of the so-called autologous neo-bladder, and to expand Tengion's regenerative-medicine program for other tissues and organs, including the kidney, blood vessels, heart, liver, pancreas and nerves.

"The ability of Tengion to attract additional capital from an expanding roster of leading biotech investors is a testament to our significant clinical progress, the manufacturing expertise we have developed, and the potential of our regenerative-medicine products," said Steven Nichtberger, Tengion president and chief executive officer.

Tengion licensed technology has been developed by pediatric urologist Anthony Atala and colleagues formerly of Children's Hospital Boston and now of the Wake Forest Institute of Regenerative Medicine. Atala and scientists successfully implanted the neo-bladder between 1999 and 2001 in seven children who had been born with defective bladders because of spina bifida. They received the replacement bladders at Boston Children's, part of Harvard University Medical School.

Tengion scientists design the autologous bladder from scratch outside the body, using a patient's own cells taken from a small bladder biopsy. The patient's cells are grown on a biodegradable scaffold in a lab and then are surgically implanted in the body, where the bladder continues to grow. If all goes well, Tengion hopes to have the first bladders commercially available for children with dysfunctional bladders early in the next decade.

Tengion, which was founded in 2003 and now has 80 employees, has corporate offices and a 45,000-square-foot commercial manufacturing plant on Germantown Pike in East Norriton, Montgomery County. The company also has research operations and a pilot manufacturing plant in Winston-Salem, N.C. (Literary Citation - Linda Loyd, Inquirer Staff Writer)

DATES TO REMEMBER IN 2008

- National Prostate Cancer Awareness Week, **September 14-20, 2008**
- National Prostate Cancer Screening at Jefferson's KCC, Bodine Center, **September 17, 2008**
- Urology Symposium in Avalon, **Saturday, September 20, 2008**
- Mid Atlantic AUA – 66th Annual Meeting, Cambridge, Maryland, **September 25-28, 2008**
- 6th Annual Jefferson Awards Gala - Honoring P. Kenneth Brownstein, MD (Department of Urology) and Jeffrey and Christina Lurie (Philadelphia Eagles Owner who are diligent supporters of Breast and Prostate Cancer Awareness in the Greater Philadelphia Area) **Thursday, November 6, 2008**
- World Congress of Endourology, Shanghai, China, **November 30 – December 3, 2008**
- 9th Annual SUO Winter Meeting, Bethesda, Maryland, **December 4-5, 2008**
Dr. Costas Lallas in the Department of Urology and Jefferson’s Kimmel Cancer Center was interviewed by NBC10 for a story about two studies showing a possible link between nonfat milk and prostate cancer.

Dr. Julia Barthold has been appointed Director of the Pediatric Urology Fellowship at Nemours/ A.I. duPont Hospital for Children.

Dr. Edouard Trabulsi has been selected by the Mid Atlantic Section to National AUA Leadership program for the 2008-2009 year.

Captain Max Koppel, MD, USPHS was sworn in as President of the Department of Pennsylvania Reserve Officers Association of the United States.

Dr. Raymond Pak, C.R. Bard Fellow in Endourology and Laparoscopy, was selected as a recipient of an ASLMS travel grant to attend and present at the 2008 Annual Conference of the American Society for Laser Medicine and Surgery. Dr Pak presented “The Management of Upper and Lower Urinary Tract Transitional Cell Carcinoma with Holmium and Neodymium Laser Energy”. This study was in collaboration with Drs. D. Bagley and S. Hubosky and B. Katz, a 3rd year JMC student.

Dr. Jitesh Patel (PGY4- Resident) was the third place winner in the Resident’s Nite Competition of the Philadelphia Urology Society. His study entitled “Holmium Laser Lithotripsy: Assessment of Laser Energy in Relation to Calculus Composition and Size”, in collaboration with Drs. C. Pagnani, C.B. Slotoroff, I.S. Zeltser and D.H. Bagley.

Dr. JR Zola (PGY3- Resident) received 1st Place for a Podium Presentation at the Urological Association of Pennsylvania, 2008 Annual Meeting held in Philadelphia. Dr. Zola presented “Analysis of Prostate Cancer Detected by Microflow Imaging”, in collaboration with Drs. E.J. Halpern, F. Forsberg, M. Pe, J.R. Johannes, L.G. Gomella, and E.J. Trabulsi.

Dr. James Johannes (PGY4- Resident) also received 2nd place at the 2008 Annual Meeting of the Urological Association of Pennsylvania for his presentation entitled “The Impact of Surgical Delay on Renal Mass Interval Growth Based on Preoperative Imaging and Final Pathologic Specimen”. This study was in collaboration with Drs. R. Pak, D. Glassman, D. Shupp Byrne, E. Trabulsi, and L.G. Gomella.

Dr. Michael Chancellor has been named the Director of Neurourology, in the Department of Urology at Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak, Michigan. Dr. Chancellor pioneered basic and translational neurourology research while he rose from Assistant to Associate Professor of Urology at Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia during the years 1990-1996.

Dr. Barbara Frank, wife of Dr Leonard Frank in the Department of Urology has been feted as one of the 2008 Outstanding American Gastroenterological Association Women in Science.

JUP’S Guiding Star spotlighted two of our employees this year for their services rendered to our urology patients. Jefferson University Physicians’ Service Excellence Award was presented to Darlene Bewick, M.S.N., C.R.N.P. “Darlene’s nomination came from an appreciative patient’s letter which explained her kind and attentive behavior throughout his care. The letter accented Darlene’s ability to listen to the patient’s needs, show concern, interest and compassion.” Bridget Lepchuk, our surgical technologist, was also nominated from the Department of Urology “for responding quickly and effectively to a patient’s emergency.”
**DR. GOMELLA - ASSOCIATE EDITOR FOR CJU**

Dr. Leonard Gomella, Chair of the Department of Urology, has been named Associate Editor for the Canadian Journal of Urology (CJU). The Canadian Journal of Urology, often referred to as the “pink” journal is published six times per year and is available on MEDLINE. The journal has steadily gained recognition in the medical community within Canada and is growing rapidly abroad. Dr. Gabriel Haas, Professor of Urology at SUNY Syracuse, is the new Editor-in-Chief, replacing Dr. Laurie Klotz who was the founding editor of the Journal. Dr. Haas noted in making the announcement that “Dr. Gomella is well known for his expertise in medical publishing including books and peer reviewed publications. His extensive academic experience will be a welcome addition to our Journal as we seek a larger international audience for our journal”. For information on the CJU that now features on line video presentations, visit [www.canjurol.com](http://www.canjurol.com).

**ANNUAL RESIDENTS’ LAPAROSCOPY TRAINING LAB**

The annual laparoscopy training session was held this past spring for the residents in the Department of Urology. Drs. Glassman, Lallas and Trabulsi supervised the residents in a variety of laparoscopic procedures. The Department of Urology has a long history in the field of urologic laparoscopy with Dr. Gomella starting the clinical program at Jefferson in 1990.

Throughout the 1990’s the Department of Urology sponsored dozens of training programs for practicing urologists as the technique grew in our field. The residents practiced skills in standard laparoscopy and in the new area of “keyhole” or “single port access” nephrectomy using the latest instrumentation developed for these procedures.

**KIMMEL CANCER CENTER - OLIVIA NEWTON-JOHNSON GALA**

The Kimmel Cancer Center recently held a fund raising gala that featured singer, actress, and breast cancer survivor Olivia Newton-John. The program was to raise funds and awareness for the Kimmel Cancer Center and the Olivia Newton-John Cancer Center Appeal in Australia. Drs. Leonard and Tricia Gomella and Dr. and Mrs. P. Kenneth Brownstein were event co-chairs.

Dr. Richard Pestell, Director of the KCC, is a friend of the famous performer and has participated in joint fundraising and awareness ventures for each others cancer centers. It featured a reception and performance by Olivia Newton-John at the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts on Broad Street. The Department held a raffle to win two concert tickets. Kathy Smith, one of our surgical schedulers, was the winner. Kathy and her mother are big fans and enjoyed the event.

[Kathy Smith holding the winning tickets.](image)
WELCOME TO THE TJU DEPARTMENT OF UROLOGY

Megan Reilly - JUP Billing
Maria Woods - Medical Assistant
Ali K Derin, MBA – Financial Analyst

Catherine “Kit” Foster – Assistant to the Chairman
David Metalli, BS – Research Doctoral Student
Francesca Lovat, PhD - Research Assistant

FAREWELL

Please join the Department of Urology in wishing our friends happiness in their new endeavors and in thanking them for their contributions to our Department and the University.

- Stephanie Templeton has joined TJU Office of Academic Finance as a Financial Analyst.
- Denise Tropea has joined TJUH Office of General Counsel as an Administrative Assistant.
- Raphael Baffa, MD is a Senior Pathologist/Senior Director of Clinical Biomarkers at MedImmune, a subsidiary of AstraZeneca in Gaithersburg, Maryland.
- Joshua Zissman, CHE, CPHQ has taken on new responsibilities as Administrator for an ENT group, Regional Otolaryngology Head and Neck Associates in Woodbury, New Jersey. Joshua has served as our administrator since the fall of 2006.

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CONGRATULATIONS

Drs. Costas Lallas and Rebecca Jaslow are the proud parents of their daughter, Zoe Aviva who was born on May 5, 2008. Zoe weighed 5 lb 13 oz.

Drs. JR and Tracey Zola are delighted with the birth of their Son, Grayson James on June 13, 2008. Grayson weighed 6 lbs. 14oz.

Dr. Ray and Kathleen Pak and big sister Kaitlyn welcomed Matthew their new family member in May 2008.

IN MEMORIAM

Betteann Tindley passed away on Friday, May 8, 2008. Betteann was a urology nurse at Jefferson for 45 years, and spent 10 years working in our clinical office. She has given us many fond memories and will be missed by Jefferson Urology Physicians and their staff.