

PROMOTION RECOMMENDATION
UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN MEDICAL SCHOOL
DEPARTMENT OF UROLOGY

J. Stuart Wolf, Jr., M.D., Associate Professor of Urology, with tenure, Department of Urology, Medical School, is recommended for promotion to Professor of Urology, with tenure, Department of Urology, Medical School.

Academic Degrees:

M.D.	1988	Northwestern University
B.S.	1984	Northwestern University

Professional Record:

2000-Present	Associate Professor of Urology, University of Michigan
1996-2000	Assistant Professor of Surgery (Urology), University of Michigan

Summary of Evaluation:

Teaching: Dr. Stuart Wolf is viewed nationally and internationally as a superb teacher. At a local level, he is one of the most sought after faculty members for advisory roles for medical students. Two of the six students interested in urology this year chose him to be their advisor. His work with the residents is truly outstanding. He has won an award from the urology residents as the outstanding teacher three times in the last six years. He has also supervised eight trainees in endourology/laparoscopy fellowship or for research year activities. On a national level, he has taught at meetings with animal laboratory courses for advanced laparoscopy under the auspices of the American Urology Association (AUA) and at Washington University, Johns Hopkins University, and the Cleveland Clinic. He has been a member of other AUA post-graduate courses, most recently in San Francisco in 2004, and was a plenary session moderator at the World Congress on Endourology in India in 2004. All of these activities affirm his national and international reputation as a leader in advanced laparoscopic surgery.

Research: Dr. Wolf is an extremely productive academic physician with 136 peer-reviewed publications and 29 book chapters. He designed, conducted, and authored the only randomized trial in the world comparing traditional open donor nephrectomy versus a laparoscopic donor nephrectomy. This landmark paper confirmed the benefits and safety of laparoscopic donor nephrectomy. Much of Dr. Wolf's laboratory research has been in laparoscopic partial nephrectomy techniques and the investigation of tissue adhesives and hemostatic agents as adjuncts for this technique. He has recently published the initial experience on 100 laparoscopic partial nephrectomies at the University of Michigan, probably the third largest series published in the world's literature. He has been an important mentor for Dr. William Roberts, a junior faculty member who is actively conducting research on cavatational ultrasound in conjunction with Dr. Charles Cain of the Bioengineering Department.

Recent and Significant Publications:

Khaira HS, Wolf JS: Intraoperative Local Anesthesia Decreases Postoperative Parenteral Opioid Requirements for Transperitoneal Laparoscopic Renal and Adrenal Surgery: A Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo Controlled Investigation. J Urol 172:1422-1426, 2004 .

Suh R, Faerber GJ, Wolf JS: Predictive Factors for Applicability and Success with Endoscopic Treatment of Upper Tract Urothelial Carcinoma. J Urol 170:2209-2216, 2003.

Nelson CP, Wolf JS: Comparison of Hand Assisted Verses Standard Laparoscopic Radical Nephrectomy for Suspected Renal Cell Carcinoma. J Urol 167:1989-1994, 2002.

Wolf JS, Merion RM, Leichtman AB, Campbell DA, et al: Randomized Controlled Trial of Hand-Assisted Laparoscopic Verses Open Surgical Live Donor Nephrectomy. Transplantation 72:284-290, 2001.

Hollenbeck BK, Schuster TG, Faerber GJ, Wolf JS: Routine Placement of Ureteral Stents is Unnecessary After Ureteroscopy for Urinary Calculi. Urology 57:639-643, 2001.

Service: Dr. Wolf has been a tireless supporter of the University of Michigan and the American Urology Association. At the University of Michigan, he has been previous Service Chief at the Veteran's Administration Ann Arbor Healthcare System and a member of the Clinical Charge Capture Advisory Group. He served a four-year term on the University Committee on use of animals. Nationally, he has been a member of several of the AUA Guidelines Panels including the Practice Guidelines Strategic Planning Subcommittee and is also a member of the Oversight Subcommittee. He is a member of the Examination Committee of the American Board of Urology. Currently, he is on the Clinical Lead Group of the Orders Management Project at the University of Michigan.

External Review:

Reviewer A: "Stuart has certainly established a very strong reputation in both endourology and laparoscopic surgical procedures. Not only has he been innovative in developing and reporting techniques, he has also been most productive in an investigative manner determining the physiologic effects of these new surgical techniques in addition to developing ways of making them better."

Reviewer B: "Dr. Wolf has had an outstanding academic career. I would describe his scholarly achievements as very important. He has been one of the prime investigators in hand assist minimally invasive surgery. He has also been instrumental in assessing and developing multiple new minimally invasive techniques."

Reviewer C: "Stuart is recognized as an expert in the aforementioned fields at the national and international level....Stuart has an impeccable academic record and he would certainly be promoted to full professor based on these accomplishments at my institution."

Reviewer D: "Dr. Wolf is considered an international leader in the field of nephrolithiasis research, urologic laparoscopy and advanced minimally invasive urologic techniques.... Moreover, his stone and laparoscopy investigations are considered the foundation on which the Urologic community bases much of its research....He has been acknowledged as a leader in the endourologic community as his scholarly activities are often cited as the seminal works in their particular area."

Reviewer E: "Stuart is a unique individual in that he is a highly talented surgeon, a gifted speaker and a dedicated researcher. He undoubtedly warrants promotion to the level of Professor because he not only has a national reputation, but he has already achieved international recognition for his significant contributions."

Reviewer F: "He has established himself professionally, most prominently, in the area of hand-assisted laparoscopic nephrectomy, but more that that he has become an expert laparoscopist and authority on laparoscopy and a 'go to' person on the national and international scene."

Summary of Recommendation:

J. Stuart Wolf, Jr., M.D., has risen to be a leader in the field of urology and advanced laparoscopic surgery. He is highly respected for his academic productivity as recognized in his position as an editor of the *Journal of Urology*. His teaching efforts are also exemplary as is evident from his involvement in yearly American Urology Association postgraduate courses and specific recognition for outstanding teaching by urology residents and fellows. I am therefore pleased to recommend Dr. Wolf for promotion to Professor of Urology.



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