The 27th annual World Congress of Endourology was held this year in Munich, Germany. Attendees were the experts of endourologic/laparoscopic urologic surgery from each country. The primary intention of the conference was to provide a forum to discuss the most recent advances in endourology. Researchers were given the opportunity to present their research with oral presentations, moderated poster presentations, video-poster presentations, or video presentations. In addition to the research presentations, there were several opportunities for scientific exchange and education, including live surgery demonstrations, plenary sessions, hands on courses, and educational courses.

My experience with this conference centered around research presentations. I was a co-author on 18 abstracts and presented 8 of them. These included moderated-poster, video-poster, and video presentations. My research primary dealt with evaluating the comparative efficacy of two surgeries, one of which is new (LESS surgery) and other has been accepted as the gold standard (Laparoscopic surgery). Some of the research I presented dealt with the objective analysis of the LaparoEndoscopic Single Site surgery for radical and donor nephrectomies, partial nephrectomies, and prostatectomies. In addition, I presented outcome based research dealing with the 10-year survival outcomes of patients undergoing laparoscopic nephrectomy. One of my other key presentations was the presentation of 10 year laparoscopic pyeloplasty outcomes. Other notable presentations included the creation and testing of novel ileal conduit models,
determination of the impact of age on the impact of surgery, and the analysis of new
trocars used during laparoscopy.

I also gained a tremendous amount of information from my interactions with the
experts in their respected field. During my presentation sessions, I was given time to
discuss my research with those interested in learning more about my findings. This gave
me the opportunity to meet several experts and receive their opinion on not only the field
of endourology and how it related my research, but their research methodologies and
similar experiences.

During this trip, I not only presented my research but also gave 8 presentations
helping me refine my presentation skills. I also made several important contacts that will
hopefully help me during my residency interviews and application process this year.
Most importantly, my research was critiqued during each presentation and I was asked
questions forcing me to question things about my research that I had not considered
before. This will undoubtedly help me become more objective in not only my own future
research projects, but also in the assessment of medical journals and articles I will read in
the future.

My experience was truly invaluable and I appreciate the opportunity that I was
granted to attend this meeting.