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## Advancement of Medicine

My research continues to focus on percutaneous kidney biopsy and management and treatment of glomerular/kidney diseases.

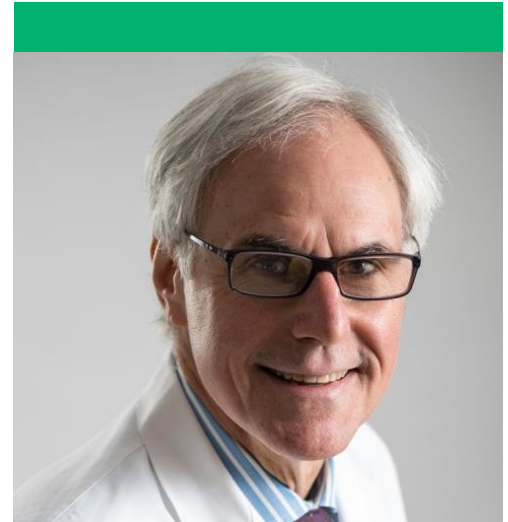
The kidney biopsy was developed at Rush by my predecessor, **Robert Kark, MD**, in the 1950s. It opened the door to the field of nephropathology. This allowed the accurate diagnosis and treatment of kidney diseases. The procedure has been credited as one of several reasons the nephrology subspecialty came to be.

I have had several projects related to a kidney biopsy and glomerular/kidney disease. I continue to co-author a section on renal biopsy titled “Indications and Complications of Renal Biopsy” in the online publication *Up To Date*, an internationally used resource. I have co-authored this chapter since 2009.

I am also involved with a multicenter project that looks at the effect of gender on the outcome of lupus nephritis (one of the most severe forms of kidney disease). This manuscript was published this year in a prominent peer-reviewed journal.

I am currently preparing a manuscript for a peer-reviewed journal that looks at the experience of performing kidney biopsies at Rush over the past 40 years. This project was previously presented as a poster at the American Society of Nephrology Annual Meeting.

I have supervised a Rush nephrology fellow in a research project pertaining to the presentation and outcome of a patient with an unusual form of “fibrillary” kidney disease associated with an autoimmune disease, systemic lupus erythematosus. The project was presented as poster at the American Society of Nephrology Annual Meeting in 2025. We are collaborating with a nephrologist





at an academic center in Cleveland, Ohio, and now have three similar cases that we are in the process of publishing as a “case series” in a peer-reviewed journal in 2026.

I was invited to present a webinar this year to an international group of nephrologists and nephrology fellows on focal segmental glomerulosclerosis, a renal disease on which I am considered an expert.

I continue to be a member of the National Kidney Foundation of Illinois’ professional advisory board executive committee.

I remain a Rush Medical College Alumni Association Executive Council member and now serve as the past president. The Alumni Association looks at ways to support our medical students, including financial support from scholarships and events such as class reunions.

I continue to be listed in Castle Connolly’s 2026 Top Doctors and the 2026 *Chicago Magazine* Top Doctors (Nephrology).

I remain actively involved in teaching and lecturing to Rush medical students, physician assistant students, internal medicine residents and nephrology fellows.

## **With Gratitude**

The funds provided through the Lester and Muriel Anixter Professorship make it possible for me to do the research and academic endeavors noted above. Additionally, they allow me the opportunity to mentor and support the academic careers of several junior faculty members in my section. This is critical in helping to develop the next generation of academic nephrologists at Rush.

In closing, I cannot begin to thank the Anixter family enough for the support their professorship has provided me over the past 22 years. The funds have been instrumental in fostering my career and helping me to foster the careers of my younger colleagues. My heartfelt thanks and deepest gratitude for all the Anixter family has done!