



K12 SCHOLAR SEMINARS

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Featuring K12 scholars affiliated with CAIRIBU KURe and KUroEpi Programs

2nd Thursdays of each month, 5:00 PM Eastern (4 PM Central | 2 PM Pacific)

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DATE	TOPIC	PRESENTER
Jan. 8, 2026	The vital role of health literacy in intervention dissemination: examples in pediatric urology	Vinaya Bhatia, MD Assistant Professor, Department of Urology, University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health, Current K12 Scholar, UW-Madison KURe Career Development Program
Feb. 12, 2026	Differentiating factors linked to appropriate vs. potentially avoidable antibiotic exposure in children with suspected UTI	Rachel Wattier, MD Associate Professor, Department of Pediatrics, UCSF School of Medicine, Current K12 Scholar, UCSF KUroEpi Career Development Program
Mar. 12, 2026	Chitosan-Induced Urothelial Exfoliation and Regeneration	Jessie Ge, MD Clinical Instructor, Department of Urology, Stanford University School of Medicine, Current K12 Scholar, K12 Urology Research at Stanford (KURes) Career Development Program
Apr. 9, 2026	Neuro- urological mechanisms underlying Lower Urinary Tract Dysfunction in Autism Spectrum Disorder	Lindsey Felth Tanaka, PhD Postdoctoral Researcher, Department of Comparative Biosciences, University of Wisconsin School of Veterinary Medicine, Current K12 Scholar, UW-Madison KURe Career Development Program
May 14, 2026	An engineered bladder model to identify countermeasures against radiation cystitis	Jennifer Hammel, PhD Postdoctoral Research Associate, Department of Biomedical Engineering, Duke University Pratt School of Engineering, Current K12 Scholar, Duke University KURe Career Development Program
June 11, 2026	Influence of Serotonin in Bladder Bowel Dysfunction	Marcela Ambrogi, PhD Pediatric Urology Research Associate, Department of Urology, University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health, Current K12 Scholar, UW-Madison KURe Career Development Program

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