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International Exchange Scholars to Expand Their Education at Wake Forest Baptist's Department of Urology

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. – Two physicians from Brazil have been selected for the American Urological Association's International Academic Exchange Programs to spend a month in the Department of Urology at Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center.

The programs, designed to promote the interchange of urologic skills, expertise and knowledge, are offered to outstanding and promising junior faculty members and provide them the opportunity to enrich their urologic education at U.S. academic centers.

“We are delighted to host these physicians who were matched with our center because of their interests in minimally invasive surgeries and the newest treatments for conditions such as dropped pelvic organs and incontinence in women,” said Dean Assimos, M.D., professor of urology and vice chairman for academic affairs.

The visiting physicians are:

Paulo José de Medeiros, M.D., Ph.D., who is an assistant professor at the Federal University of Rio Grande do Norte and head of ambulatory urology at the university hospital Onofre Lopes. He received his medical degree from the university and a master's degree in urology from the University of São Paulo School of Medicine.

Francisco Kanasiro, M.D., who is chief of voiding dysfunction at Santa Marcelina Hospital and practices urology at Casas André Luiz in Guarulhos and São Mateus Hospital in São Paulo. He is also the preceptor of urology at Santa Marcelina Hospital in São Paulo, where he completed his residency in urology.

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Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center (www.wfubmc.edu) is an academic health system comprised of North Carolina Baptist Hospital, Brenner Children's Hospital, Wake Forest University Physicians, and Wake Forest University Health Sciences, which operates the university's School of Medicine and Piedmont Triad Research Park. The system comprises 1,056 acute care, rehabilitation and long-term care beds and has been ranked as one of “America's Best Hospitals” by U.S. News & World Report since 1993. Wake Forest Baptist is ranked 32nd in the nation by America's Top Doctors for the number of its doctors considered best by their peers. The institution ranks in the top third in funding by the National Institutes of Health and fourth in the Southeast in revenues from its licensed intellectual property.