KIDNEY STONE CENTER





We're the Pacific Northwest's first comprehensive center for the treatment and prevention of kidney stones. Our multidisciplinary team of experts in urology, nephrology and nutrition will provide a single point of care for patients suffering from acute or recurrent kidney stones.

By bringing together all services in a single location, we can deliver better and more efficient care at every phase of treatment and prevention of this painful condition.

Our services

We treat kidney stones using the latest minimally invasive surgical and nonsurgical procedures, such as extracorporeal shock wave lithotripsy, ureteroscopy and percutaneous nephrolithotomy. Our team uses state-of-the-art tools such as Holmium lasers and specialized ultrasonic and ultrasound equipment.

We don't just treat kidney stones; we want to prevent their recurrence. Our nephrologist focuses on the overall kidney health of our patients, and our dietician works hand-in-hand with patients on a personalized plan to make their first kidney stone their last.

The Center also participates in national research into kidney stone prevention and treatment, so we can offer patients access to clinical trials of newly developed therapies and treatments.

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MEET OUR KIDNEY STONE CENTER TEAM



FIONNUALA CORMACK, MD
Dr. Cormack is a UW assistant
professor of medicine who takes
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care of patients with kidney disease at Harborview Medical Center. In addition, she directs the outpatient hemodialysis program at the University of Washington.



KAREN MUNGER, DIETICIAN

Karen Munger is a registered dietitian and certified diabetes educator, with a special interest in weight loss counseling. Karen has 20 years of experience in nutrition counseling and a longer history of exercise counseling. Karen has a bachelor of science in physical education from Central Washington University and a master of science in nutrition from the University of Washington. Karen is a member of the American Association of Diabetes Educators.



BRIANNA GUTIERREZ, PA-C

Brianna is a certified physician assistant with the University of Washington's Department of Urology. She focuses her practice in kidney stones and stone related illness including diagnosis, treatment and prevention. She practices at UWMC and the NWH Kidney Stone Clinic.



MATHEW SORENSEN, MD

Dr. Sorensen is a UW assistant professor of urology and director of the Comprehensive Metabolic Stone Clinic at the Puget Sound VA. He is a surgeon, educator and researcher who specializes in advanced laparoscopic surgery, endourology and the treatment and prevention of kidney stones.



JONATHAN HARPER, MD

Dr Harper is a clinician, surgeon, and teacher who specializes in minimally invasive surgery and endourology. Dr. Harper has received external funding for research that includes expanding the use of ultrasound for kidney stone detection and treatment. He also is investigating techniques to minimize radiation during kidney stone surgery.



ROBERT M. SWEET, MD

Dr. Sweet is a professor of urology and the medical director for the UW Medicine Kidney Stone Center at Northwest Hospital. He also serves as the executive director for the WWAMI Institute for Simulation in Healthcare (WISH) and the Center for Research in Stimulation Technology (CREST), creating the next generation of simulation training tools.