

Monday, 17 April 2006

**Mr Steve Payne
Chairman – UROLINK**

Dear Steve,

We have just completed a most instructive PCNL workshop in San Fernando, Trinidad. This was made possible by the very generous UROLINK grant of £1,000, that allowed Mr Michael Kellett to travel to the Caribbean; and it also helped to cover accommodation costs.

Ten participants [all members of the Caribbean Urological Association, CURA], from the Bahamas and Jamaica in the north, to the southern regions of Trinidad and Guyana with St Lucia and Barbados in between, attended. Mike Kellett very patiently took each participant “hands on” through the procedure.



The workshop comprised OT sessions, 8a.m. to 3p.m. each day with a short lunch break [and discussion], together with three dedicated lecture sessions. Each participant was given a CD Rom of Mike’s technique. 10 patients had PCNL and two very complex patients benefited from PC access. We also looked at the early development of PCNL programmes in Jamaica and the Bahamas;

and an option for those who have no C-arm etc access – mini-loin nephrolithotomy.

CURA and the San Fernando General Hospital [through the regional health authority] provided cable TV linkages which allowed many more people to observe the procedures – nurses, medical students, interns and budding urologists, from the comfort of the seminar room.

It was a most friendly workshop that allowed for the free exchange of ideas and gave Mike the opportunity to teach both formally and informally. The seminar room observers could view the X-rays – KUB, IVU and CT scans and the endoscopic procedures and contribute ideas. We were able to film and record the entire workshop.

CURA is deeply in UROLINK's debt and thank you most profoundly.

Many thanks and best wishes,

Deen Sharma for the CURA executive
Robin Roberts, President
Lester Goetz, Secretary/Treasurer.