Special issue on kidney stone disease

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Urinary stone disease is a frequent challenge for the urologic practitioner. The special issue has made an effort to provide both an overview of the topic at hand and also a perspective on how authors and others approach some of the complex topics faced by endourologists and urologists treating nephrolithiasis on a daily basis. With a growing incidence of urinary stones seen worldwide, the special issue hope to offer an applicable resource for urologic practitioners' practice (1). The outline of the issue is listed as below.



Figure 1 Cover image of the special issue on kidney stone disease in the *Translational Andrology and Urology (TAU)*.



Figure 2 Marshall L. Stoller. Professor and Vice Chair, Department of Urology, University of California, San Francisco, California, USA.



Figure 3 Thomas Chi. Assistant Professor, Department of Urology, University of California, San Francisco, California, USA.

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