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## Message from the Chairman

K. Kent Chevli, MD



Thank you for reading our quarterly issue of the Department of Urology newsletter! I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season. The past few months have been a whirlwind of activity and excitement. We have two new faculty members to introduce, a resident will assume a high-ranking committee role, and this year we had three resident interview sessions.

## **Welcome, Drs. Young and Sheldon**



Please welcome Dr. Ezekiel Young! Dr. Young is a Board Certified Pediatric Urologist. He joins us from Stony Brook University School of Medicine where he served as Clinical Assistant Professor of Pediatric Urology.

Dr. Young received his medical degree from Alpert Medical School at Brown University and completed his residency at the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine. He completed his fellowship training at Johns Hopkins Medical Institute.

The residents will be working with Dr. Young at Oishei Children's Hospital.

Welcome, Dr. Young!



Please welcome Dr. Matthew Sheldon! Dr. Sheldon is a Board Certified Urologist. He joins us from Chesapeake Urology Associates LLC in Brandywine, MD.

Dr. Sheldon received his medical degree from the Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences and completed his residency at Georgetown University. He has surgical interests in kidney and prostate cancer.

The residents will be working with Dr. Sheldon at Buffalo General Medical Center.

Welcome, Dr. Sheldon!

## 2019-2020 Matches

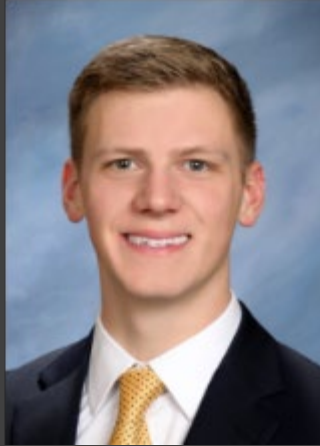
We are very happy to announce that the following students have Matched with our program! Please join the Department in welcoming the incoming residents.



Eric Chevli – Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences



Matthew Peterson – University of Minnesota Medical School



Patrick Vecellio – Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine

## **AUA Residents and Fellows Committee Chair-elect**

Please join us in congratulating Dr. Mike Ernst who has been named the next chair of the American Urological Association (AUA) Residents and Fellows Committee. This is a 3-year position and Ernst will assume the role of chair-elect at the annual AUA meeting in May, 2020 in Washington DC. Ernst has served as the Northeastern Section representative to this committee since 2018 and been a key part of planning the annual Residents Forum at the annual meeting and international outreach to better serve urology residents across the globe.

Congratulations, Dr. Ernst!



## Interviews and Boston Scientific Skills Labs

This year the resident interview sessions were held on October 26th, November 2nd and December 7th. A total of 52 incredible candidates were interviewed. We are very pleased with our Match, and look forward to working with our incoming residents.

On each interview day, while some of the applicants were interviewing with faculty, the residents took the other applicants to the Jacobs School in the UB RISE Surgical Skills Lab where they had the opportunity to have hands-on experience using urology devices. The skills labs were organized in cooperation with Boston Scientific, Dr. Schwartzberg's UB RISE Surgical Skills Lab, and Dr. Christopher Skomra.

The October 26th skills lab's program goal was to provide a life-like, hands-on interactive educational opportunity by using the f-URS with Lumenis MOSES P120W laser, and the f-URS skills challenge with LithoVue scope/empower retrieval device and baskets using segmented box models.

On November 2nd, stations included Rezum Vapor Therapy simulator for BPH, Greenlight simulator for BPH, SpaceOAR simulator for Oncology and f-URS with LithoVue and KUB model station without a laser.

Finally, the December 7th skills lab focused on Women's Incontinence (slings and bulking

agent) and possible POP treatment, as well as Men's Incontinence and Erectile Restoration.

The feedback received from both the residents and applicants was overwhelmingly positive. Applicants stated it was the first time at an interview where they had the opportunity not only to see a skills lab, but to actually have hands-on experience.

## AUA In-Service Exam

Congratulations to our residents! They all studied hard this year and were rewarded with the results. Our residents scored higher than the national average on all but three of the 15 areas tested. Keep up the hard work!



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## Wellness Events

On November 16th, after taking the annual AUA In-Service Exam, Dr. Adam Russon hosted a group of residents for a post-exam get-together. The residents had food and refreshments, while relaxing after the morning's exam.



On December 23rd, Dr. David Abramowitz hosted a Hanukkah party for the residents and their families. The residents ate and drank traditional Jewish delicacies, such as potato pancakes and manishevitz wine to celebrate the week of Hanukkah.



## Department of Urology Grand Rounds Presentations by Visiting Professors

**Dr. Safet Lekperic and Dr. Dana Dunleavy** from Windsong Radiology presented "**Prostate Artery Embolization (PAE) for Benign Prostatic Hyperplasia (BPH)**" at the Department of Urology Grand Rounds on Thursday, November 14th.



**Dr. Jason Edwards**, Chief Resident in the Department of Medicine's General Internal Medicine Division, presented "**Preoperative Medical Clearance**" at the Department of Urology Grand Rounds on Thursday, December 12th.

**Dr. Jennifer Meka**, Assistant Dean for Medical Education and Director of the Medical Education and Educational Research Institute (MEERI) at the Jacobs School, presented "**Updates in Surgical Medical Education: Evidence-based Principles in Practice**" at the Department of Urology Grand Rounds on Thursday, January 30th.



The residents with Dr. Safet Lekperic after his presentation at Grand Rounds on Thursday, November 14th.

## Basic Science Conference

Dr. Omar Chohan presented at the Basic Science Conference on Tuesday, November 12th in the Harlem Professional Park. Dr. Chohan, a Vascular and Interventional Radiologist at Great Lakes Medical Imaging gave a great presentation on Interventional Radiology Techniques in Urology.



## Rochester Symposium

Dr. Kyle Waisanen attended the University of Rochester Medical Center's Department of Urology Bladder Cancer Symposium on Saturday, November 9, 2019. Experts in urologic, radiation and medical oncology provided the latest updates and breakthroughs in bladder cancer research and treatment. The symposium brought distinguished faculty from across the country together.



Dr. Waisanen poses for a photo with Dr. Oussama Darwish (left) and Dr. David Lillie (right) at the Bladder Cancer Symposium in Rochester.

## Movember

A few of the male residents participated in Movember this year. Movember is an annual event involving the growing of moustaches during the month of November to raise awareness of men's health issues, such as prostate cancer, testicular cancer, and men's suicide.



Dr. Mike Ernst (left) and Dr. Shervin Badkhshan (right).

## Turkey Trot

Residents participated in the 124th Annual YMCA Turkey Trot on November 28, 2019. The YMCA Turkey Trot helps support kids and families across Western New York. Proceeds from the Turkey Trot help make YMCA programs and services accessible to people in the

community who would otherwise not be able to afford the full costs.

Drs. Mike Ernst, Harold Hamann and Dan Wang trotted through the 5 mile course crossing the finish line with good times!



## People in the News

### Awards and Recognition

Nicole Alavi-Dunn, MD (PGY-3): Received a Resident Travel Award through the Society of Women in Urology to attend 9th Annual Clinical Mentoring Conference. New Orleans, LA. January 17-19, 2020.

### Journal Articles

Michael Ernst, MD; Amanda Sherman; Sean McGinley. King of the Queen City: The Urologist Who Saved Buffalo. *Urology*, 2019-09-01, Volume 131, Pages 1-4, August 31, 2019.

Michael Ernst, MD; Sherman, A.; Teresa Danforth, MD; et al. Lower Urinary Tract Injury: Is Urology Consultation Necessary? *Int Urol Nephrol* (2019). November 1, 2019.

Eric M. Chevli; Tyler J. Maiers, MD; David J. Abramowitz, MD; Shervin Badkhshan, MD; John J. Bodkin III. Hand-assisted laparoscopic radical nephrectomy for renal cell carcinoma in a patient with situs inversus totalis. Urology Case Reports, Volume 28, January 2020, 101076.

### **Abstracts**

Shervin Badkhshan, MD; Michael Ernst, MD; Tyler Maiers, MD; Michael Shapiro, MD; Kent Chevli, MD. Erectile Dysfunction in Telemedicine: The Standardized Patient Experience. Sexual Medicine Society of North America (SMSNA). October 25-26, 2019.

### **Conference/Courses Attended**

Shervin Badkhshan, MD: Attended the National Urology Resident Preceptorship in Adult and Pediatric Reconstructive and Prosthetic Urologic Surgery. Cleveland, OH. October 3-4, 2019.

Shervin Badkhshan, MD: Attended the 18th SUPS/SMSNA Prosthetic Surgery Cadaver Lab at Vanderbilt University. Nashville TN. October 25, 2019.

David Abramowitz, MD: Attended the Men's Health Surgical Skills Conference. New Orleans, LA. November 8, 2019.

Tyler Maiers, MD: Attended the University of California, Irvine Robotics Lab. Irvine, CA. November 8, 2019.

Shervin Badkhshan, MD: Attended the University of California, Irvine Robotics Lab. Irvine, CA. November 8, 2019.

Michael Ernst, MD: Attended the Society of Academic Urologists meeting. Las Vegas, NV. January 24-25, 2020.

If you have any news that you'd like to contribute to the next issue of the newsletter, please email them to Steve Crowe at [scrowe2@buffalo.edu](mailto:scrowe2@buffalo.edu).



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