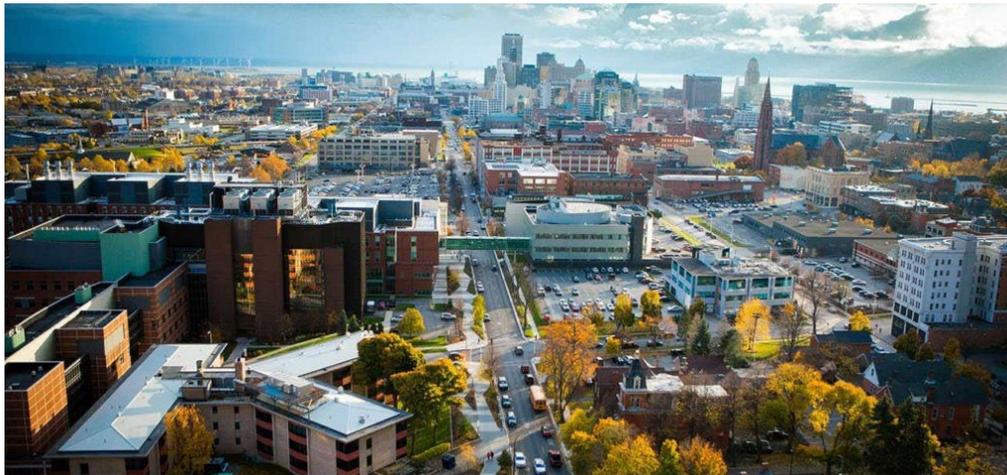


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Director



# Message from the Chairman

K. Kent Chevli, MD



The days are getting longer, the weather is getting warmer, and we are finally experiencing what we have known for a few weeks: spring has arrived in Western New York!

Our resident candidate interviews this winter were a success, resulting in three outstanding matches to our program: Finn Hennig, Mahmud Sam, and Andrew Skomra! We look forward to the arrival of this next generation of clinicians and future leaders in Urology.

We are exceptionally proud of our Chief Resident, Dr. Kyle Waisanen. Dr. Waisanen was nominated for the 2023 Louis A. and Ruth Siegel Awards

through the Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences. This award shows the level of commitment Dr. Waisanen has for teaching others, including future generations of physicians. Congratulations to Dr. Waisanen on his achievements and well-deserved nomination.

One of our faculty members, Dr. David Abramowitz, has been accepted as a full member of the World Professional Association for Transgender Health, Inc. (WPATH). WPATH is a highly respected association, which encourages its members to promote diversity, equality, equity, and inclusion in their workplace and everyday lives. Dr. Abramowitz completed a fellowship in Reconstructive Urology and Cancer Survivorship from City of Hope Medical Center. In his fellowship, Dr. Abramowitz was exposed to all components of male and female urological reconstruction with experience in robotic reconstructions. Subsequently, he spent time in Ghent, Belgium and Belgrade, Serbia learning advanced techniques in reconstructive urology with a special focus in gender affirming surgery. We are pleased Dr. Abramowitz is continuing his training and is able to provide culturally competent, evidence-based care to meet the needs of the transgender and gender-diverse population.

Residents and faculty continue to work outside of the operating room, conducting research. Dr. Abramowitz had an article published, and Dr. Waisanen had his abstract presented at multiple conferences over the last couple of months. We look forward to seeing what our residents and faculty have been working on and what they will present at the annual AUA conference this weekend. Residents and faculty members both produce high-quality research, and we are proud of their achievements.

Wishing you and your families good health as we enter the Spring season.

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## 2023 Matches

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



Finn Hennig- Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences



Mahmud Sam- Indiana University School of Medicine



Andrew Skomra- Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences

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## Siegel Award Nominee



We are honored to announce that resident, Dr. Kyle Waisanen, has been nominated for the Jacobs School 2023 Louis A. and Ruth Siegel Awards. Dr. Waisanen has demonstrated exceptional instructional skill, the ability to stimulate thinking and develop understanding in students, demonstration of sensitivity toward the human condition, and the ability to serve as a role model for students.

We are pleased by Dr. Waisanen's accomplishments and thrilled to see them be recognized by the Jacobs School.

Congratulations, Dr. Waisanen.

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## Faculty Publications



Dr. David Abramowitz has continued to work hard, not only in the operating room, but also in research. His dedication to research has resulted in a recent publication.

Dr. Abramowitz's publication, titled "[Complete bladder duplication presenting in adulthood: A case report on reconstructive technique and reflections on translational urology in refugees](#)", was published in *Frontiers in Urology* in February 2023. The publication shares the techniques and outcomes on an unoperated bladder-exstrophy-epispadias complex adult patient with respect to the significance of transitional urologic care for congenital malformation.

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## World Professional Association for Transgender Health, Inc. (WPATH)



In February, Dr. Abramowitz was accepted as a full member of the World Professional Association for Transgender Health, Inc. (WPATH).

The World Professional Association for Transgender Health (WPATH) is a non-profit, interdisciplinary professional and educational organization devoted to transgender health. Their members engage in clinical and academic research to develop evidence-based medicine and strive to promote a high quality of care for transsexual, transgender, and gender-diverse individuals internationally. The mission of WPATH is to promote evidence-based care, education, research, public policy, and respect in transgender health.

Congratulations, Dr. Abramowitz.

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## 2023 American Urological Association



## American Urological Association

We are pleased to announce that this year, residents Drs. Kyle Waisanen and Guillaume Farah will be presenting abstracts at the annual American Urological Association meeting. A handful of our faculty will also be in attendance. The meeting is being held this weekend, April 28 - May 1, in Chicago. I encourage everyone to participate by viewing the live and on demand sessions being presented virtually.

Dr. Waisanen will be presenting, "Percutaneous Urethral Sphincter Stimulation: Swine model for feasibility of use with intrinsic sphincter deficiency stress urinary incontinence" which aims to assess the feasibility of percutaneous external urethral sphincter access and urethral pressure profiles associated with direct electric sphincteric stimulation. Dr. Farah will be presenting, "Closing the Gender Gap in Urology and Other Surgical Specialties" bringing light to trends in the gender of matched urology applicants.

We look forward to sharing more information about Drs. Waisanen and Farah's abstracts after the conference has concluded.

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## Resident Abstract Presentations

Dr. Waisanen had an abstract, titled "Physician Retirement Planning in the Post-COVID-19 Pandemic Era: A Multidisciplinary Survey of Physicians in a Large Regional Healthcare System", accepted as a Poster Presentation for Southern Medical Association's Physicians-in-Training Leadership Conference. The conference was held February 24-26, 2023, in Memphis, Tennessee, at UT Memphis. The abstract reflected upon the effects the COVID-19 pandemic created leading to a shift in early retirement planning indicating a future labor deficit.

This abstract was also presented at the Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences Research Day on April 14, 2023.

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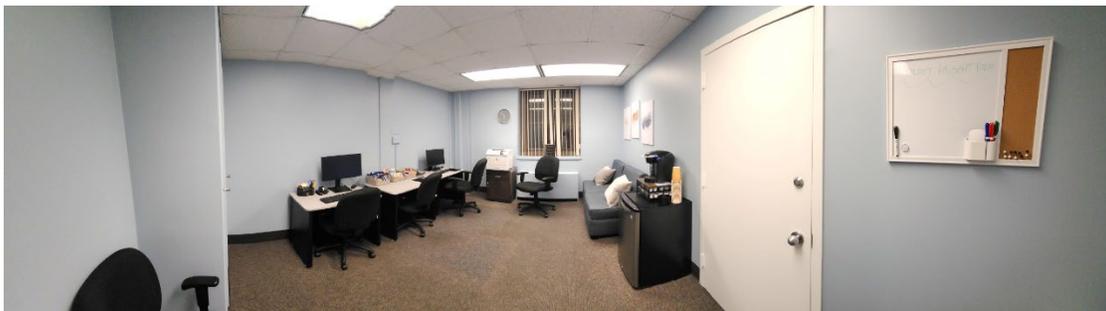
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## Anatomy Lab

The residents, Drs. Abramowitz, Brennan, Danforth, and Tundo attended a cadaver lab in the Jacobs School Gross Anatomy Lab on March 16th. Three cadavers were used to learn different surgical techniques and to practice skills. The residents were provided with feedback to help them gain confidence in their abilities and skill set.



## Resident Room at Buffalo General



With changes to operating rooms at Buffalo General Medical Center, the Department of Urology lost space where our residents were able to work, do research, and decompress between cases. As a result, our Program Director, Dr. Danforth, was able to secure a room

at Buffalo General that is exclusively for residents and can be used when rotating at Buffalo General, as well as Oishei Children's Hospital.

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## CME Corner

Please use the links below to access current courses for CME credit:

[Expanding the Role of Radiopharmaceuticals for Prostate Cancer Management](#)

This activity was released on May 3, 2022 and is valid until May 3, 2023. Requests for credit must be made no later than May 3, 2023.

[Additional CME Credit Topics](#)

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## Department of Urology Presentations by Visiting Professors

**Kimberly Pulmano, PharmD**, Janssen Biotech, Inc., presented "**Prostate Disease Overview**" at the Department of Urology Grand Rounds conference on Thursday, March 9th.

**Dr. Jean-Francois Eid**, Urologist, Lenox Hill Hospital, presented "**Penile Implant Updates**" at the Department of Urology Grand Rounds conference on Thursday, April 13th.

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## Scholarly Activity

### Awards and Recognition

Kyle Waisanen, MD: Nominated for 2023 Louis A. and Ruth Siegel Awards for Excellence in Teaching. April 2023.

### Abstracts

Physician Retirement Planning in the Post-COVID-19 Pandemic Era: A Multidisciplinary Survey of Physicians in a Large Regional Healthcare System. Skomra, A.; Waisanen, Kyle, MD; Cook, Bryson, MD; Iskhakov, I.; Pamer, G.; Attai, S.; Chevli, K. Kent, MD. Southern Medical Association's Physicians-in-Training Leadership Conference. Memphis, Tenn. February 24-26, 2023.

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### Active Ongoing Topics of Research

#### Clinical Topics

- Adult/Pediatric UTI recurrence
- Covid Effect on CaP biopsies in WNY
- Genetic/ Genomic markers for Prostate Cancer
- Prostate Cancer Recurrence Outcomes
- Prostate Cancer Screening
- PSA after Urolift
- Recurrent Ischemic Priapism
- Urethral Sphincter Stimulation for SUI

- Urologic consults by degree of urgency and response time

### **Non-Clinical Topics**

- Closing the gender gap in the urology residency Match
- COVID-19 Impact on Physician Retirement Trends
- Detection of prostate cancer with various imaging scans
- Environmental impact of plastic waste in urology ORs
- Feedback Mechanisms in Urology Training Programs
- Female vs male surgical residents/attendings
- Resident/Fellow readiness survey
- Urethral complications with gender affirming surgery

### **Conferences/Courses Attended**

Brian Dinerman, MD: Attended the Cook Medical Resident Training Session. Baton Rouge, La. January 20-21, 2023.

Kyle Waisanen, MD: Attended the Southern Medical Association's Physicians-in-Training Leadership Conference. February 24-26, 2023.

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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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