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## Department of Urology

K. Kent Chevli, MD- Chairman

Teresa Danforth, MD- Program Director

Matthew Brennan, DO- Associate Program  
Director



# Message from the Chairman

K. Kent Chevli, MD



What an end to 2022! I hope all had an enjoyable holiday season with family despite the tremendous storm and are looking forward to the start of a New Year. As we begin 2023, I am pleased to provide you with an update on the latest news, and events from within our department.

We are pleased to officially announce that as of November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022, Dr. Matthew Brennan has accepted the position of Associate Program Director of our residency program. Dr. Brennan brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the position. As a Fellowship-trained surgeon in Prosthetic Urology, Dr. Brennan provides unique training and expertise to our residents, and we are confident that he will be able to make significant contributions to the program in this new role. Thank you, Dr. Brennan, your knowledge and leadership is an asset to our department.

Major accomplishments continue to be achieved by our residents this quarter. Dr. Kyle Waisanen was honored at the 2022 LUGPA Annual Meeting held in Chicago this past November. Dr. Waisanen was awarded with the 2022 Annual Resident Clinical Innovation Award. This award recognizes urology residents' innovative clinical work that promotes quality clinical outcomes. Congratulations, Dr. Waisanen!

Additionally, Drs. Nicole Belko, Eric Chevli, Guillaume Farah, and Kyle Waisanen represented the University at Buffalo proudly at the Northeastern section of the AUA this year with a total of seven accepted abstracts. We could not be more pleased of the hard work our residents have put into their research and for representing Buffalo as a top-tier institution.

For the first time, we were able to fund a morning for the residents to host a cadaver lab at the Jacobs School, that provided residents with hands-on experience and education to enhance their skills and knowledge needed to practice urologic procedures they will encounter in not only their training but in their everyday practice. It allowed the Residents to practice techniques and gain confidence with real-time feedback from our department attendings. This is a significant acquirement for our program, we are looking forward to planning similar events in the future!

Once again, I would like to express my gratitude for the hard work and dedication of our residents and staff. Your efforts have been instrumental in the continued success of our program. We look forward to continuing to provide our residents with the training and education they need to excel in their careers. Thank you for your commitment to our program and to the field of urology.

Wishing you and your families a happy and healthy 2023.

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## **Associate Program Director**

It is our pleasure to officially announce Dr. Matthew Brennan as our new Associate Program Director of the residency program. Dr. Brennan has been a vital member of our department since January 2021, and his expertise and dedication have greatly contributed to the education and development of our residents.

Dr. Brennan, is a board-certified urologist, who completed his fellowship training at Nova Southeastern University with a focus on Prosthetic Urology and Men's Health. Prior to that, Dr. Brennan completed his undergraduate degree at the University at Buffalo, his medical school at the New York College of Osteopathic Medicine, and his Urology Residency with the Einstein Healthcare Network in Philadelphia. Dr. Brennan has authored numerous publications on Prosthetic Urology and is a member of the Sexual Medicine Society of North America and Society of Urologic Prosthetic Surgeons.

Congratulations and thank you Dr. Brennan!



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## **Dr. Waisanen Resident Clinical Innovation Award**



**LUGPA**  
Integrated Practices  
Comprehensive Care

On November 10-12, 2022, at the LUGPA 2022 Annual Meeting located in Chicago, Dr. Kyle Waisanen was honored by the LUGPA Board of Directors and the LUGPA Forward Committee and presented with the Resident Clinical Innovation Award. His submission, titled, “Direct Urethral Sphincter Stimulation for Stress Urinary Incontinence” stood out to the selection committee for most representing the value of clinical innovation in the development of systems of care to prevent, diagnose, or treat urological disease and promote urological health.

Please join us in congratulating Dr. Waisanen on his incredible accomplishment.



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## Northeastern Section of the American Urological Association



This past October, the Northeastern Section of the AUA hosted its annual meeting, which was held in Charlotte, NC. A few of our resident's research submissions were accepted to be presented. In total, there were seven abstracts presented and nicely represented not only our department but also the University at Buffalo.

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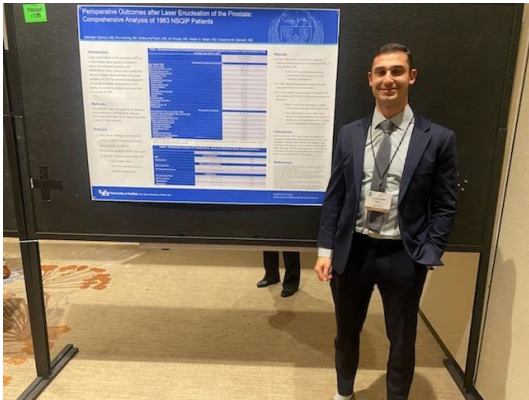
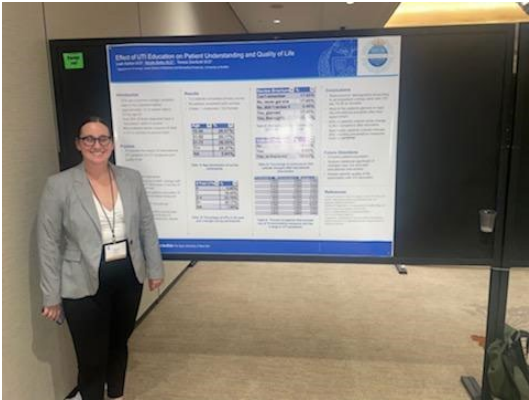
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Top Left: Dr. Nicole Belko with her NSAUA abstract  
Top Right: Dr. Guillaume Farah with his NSAUA abstract

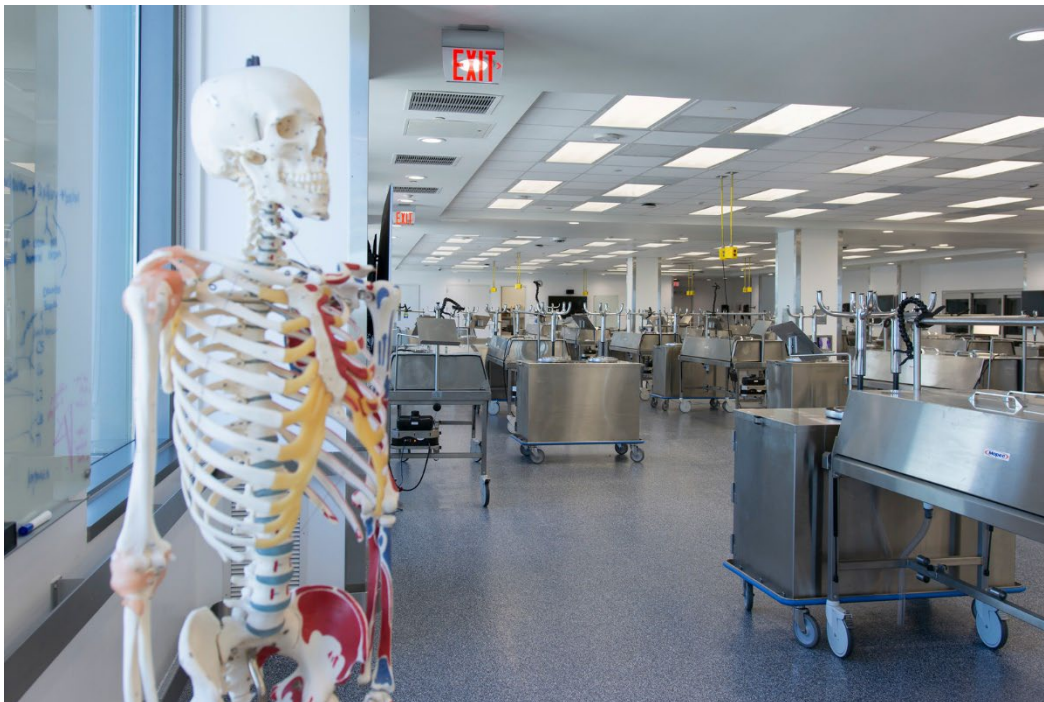


Bottom: (Left to Right) Drs. Guillaume Farah, Ali Houjaj, Nicole Belko, Teresa Danforth, Oussama Darwish, Kyle Waisanen, Kevin Pranicoff and Finn Hennig (Medical Student).

## Anatomy Lab

On December 15th, the residents, Drs. Chevli, Danforth and Brennan all attended a cadaver lab held in the Jacobs School Gross Anatomy Lab. The residents and faculty worked with three cadavers to learn different surgical techniques and to practice skills. Feedback was provided to the residents helping them gain confidence in their skill set.

Residents and faculty have another opportunity to participate in an upcoming cadaver lab that is scheduled for March.



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## Medical Student Interviews



American  
Urological  
Association

The past couple of months have been busy for our department as we have conducted many interviews for our upcoming residency match. Be on the lookout for our match results that will be released on February 2nd, 2023. We are very excited to finally share our 2023 upcoming residents.

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## Department Holiday Party

On December 15th, the Department of Urology held a holiday party at Moriarty Café on Elmwood Ave. in Buffalo. Residents, faculty, and their families gathered to celebrate the upcoming holiday season.

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## Chemoradiation in Frail Patients With Bladder Cancer

MedPage Today published an article titled, "Marisa Kollmeier, MD, on Chemoradiation in Frail Patients With Bladder Cancer."

The article can be read on the MedPage Today page here:

[https://www.medpagetoday.com/reading-room/asco/bladder-cancer/102422?xid=NL\\_ASCORR\\_2023-01-02&eun=g20879906d39r&pos=](https://www.medpagetoday.com/reading-room/asco/bladder-cancer/102422?xid=NL_ASCORR_2023-01-02&eun=g20879906d39r&pos=)

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## **Efficacy of Abiraterone and Prednisolone Alone or With Enzalutamide in High-Risk Nonmetastatic Prostate Cancer**

Practice Update published an article titled, "2022 Top Story in Advanced Prostate Cancer: Efficacy of Abiraterone and Prednisolone Alone or With Enzalutamide in High-Risk Nonmetastatic Prostate Cancer."

The article can be read on the Practice Update page here:

[https://www.practiceupdate.com/expertopinion/6205/3/1?elsca1=emc\\_eneews\\_top-10&elsca2=email&elsca3=practiceupdate\\_onc&elsca4=oncology&elsca5=newsletter&rid=MjcyMzgzMTE0NjQ5S0&lid=20844103](https://www.practiceupdate.com/expertopinion/6205/3/1?elsca1=emc_eneews_top-10&elsca2=email&elsca3=practiceupdate_onc&elsca4=oncology&elsca5=newsletter&rid=MjcyMzgzMTE0NjQ5S0&lid=20844103)

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## **CME Corner**

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

## **[Formative Feedback as an Educational Alliance for Learning](#)**

Wednesday, February 1, 2023

1:00 – 2:00 pm

The webinar has been approved for AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™, AOA Category 1-B credit, podiatry continuing education contact hours, and nursing continuing education contact hours.

Purpose: A clinical instructor is an experienced practitioner who provides supervision during clinical practice and facilitates the application of theory to practice for students and staff learners. They assist the learner by setting expectations, providing effective feedback about their performance, and providing appropriate opportunities to meet their learning objectives.

Des Moines University is supportive of healthcare providers who choose to actively participate in the education of our students by offering excellent clinical training opportunities. Clinical instructors not only transmit skills but are mentors who convey the core values important to Des Moines University: accountability, collaboration, honesty, inclusiveness, and wellness.

Clinical instructors do what no textbook or classroom can accomplish. As a result, the students benefit from the community-based experience, while preceptors benefit from integrating new ideas and techniques into their practices currently taught in academic health sciences institutions. Join us for a series of educational opportunities which provide precepting pearls to aid in shaping the next generation of clinicians.

### **[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

**Dr. Diana Wilkins**, Assistant Dean for Graduate Medical Education, presented "**Giving Feedback & Residents as Educators**" at the Department of Urology Grand Rounds conference on Thursday, October 13th.

**Melissa Craig**, Olympus Surgical, iTind, presented "**iTind Introduction**" at the Department of Urology Basic Science conference on Tuesday, November 15th.

**Dr. Howard Faden**, Professor of Pediatrics, presented "**Burnout Among Physicians**" at the Department of Urology Grand Rounds conference on Thursday, January 12th.

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## Scholarly Activity

### Journal Articles

Balzano FL, Mian AH, Abramowitz DJ, Kohler TS, Warner JN. Novel Peyronie's algorithm at the time of penile implant. *Canadian Journal of Urology*. August 2022. Volume 29; Issue 4; Pgs 11255-11261.

### Abstracts

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### **Conferences/Courses Attended**

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Kyle Waisanen, MD: Attended the LUGPA Annual Meeting. Chicago, Ill. November 10-12, 2022.

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

