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Message from the Chairman

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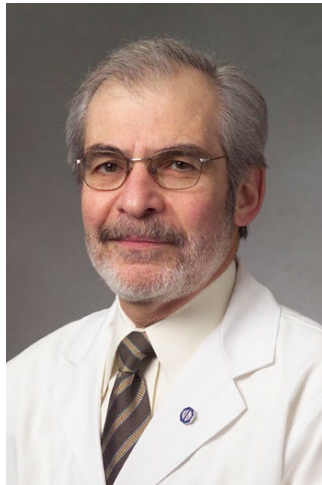
The Department of Urology hopes this message finds you and your loved ones healthy and well as we navigate the current challenges of COVID-19. Much like healthcare providers across the globe, the Department has been adapting to the new normal. Significant efforts have been made to increase our virtual education experience for colleagues, students, residents and staff while continuing to advance and expedite telehealth capabilities to provide world class care. While we congratulated our outgoing Chief Residents over the summer, our incoming first-year Residents (Matthew Peterson, M.D., Patrick Vecellio, M.D. and Eric Chevli, M.D.) have been doing an excellent job as they begin their endeavors with the Department. Additionally, the Department welcomes Dr. Ram Narayanan, a former University resident, who is returning to Buffalo after completing a Urologic Oncology Fellowship at John Wayne Cancer Institute. Dr. Narayanan brings with him a breadth of knowledge and will provide urologic oncologic needs to patients in the WNY area. Wishing you all the best as the Fall season is upon us.

Recognition of Service

Please join us in congratulating Dr. Kevin Pranikoff on receiving the University at Buffalo's Service Award. The award is in recognition for his 40 years of service to the University at Buffalo, and as a faculty member to the Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences Department of Urology. Dr. Pranikoff was formally recognized on September 23, 2020 at the annual University at Buffalo Stockton Kimball Lecture and Faculty/Staff Awards Recognition.

Dr. Pranikoff has been a valuable asset to not only the the Department, but also the University at Buffalo. Throughout his career, he has made a tremendous impact on medical students, residents, and the surrounding community as a whole.

Congratulations, Dr. Pranikoff on this tremendous and well deserved honor!



Welcome Dr. Narayanan



Please welcome Dr. Ram Narayanan.

Dr. Narayanan graduated from the State University Of New York at Buffalo School Of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences in 2012. He continued on to a urology residency through UB and graduated from the urology residency program in 2017. He completed his Urologic Oncology Fellowship at the John Wayne Cancer Institute, Providence Saint John's Health Center in Santa Monica, California, in June of 2019.

In October of 2019, Dr. Narayanan joined The Kaiser Permanente Medical Group in California as a Urologic Oncologist.

We are thrilled that Dr. Narayanan and his family have returned to Buffalo.

Dr. Narayanan will be based out of Buffalo General Medical Center, where he will be working with our residents, performing both robotic and endoscopic procedures.

Please give Dr. Narayanan a warm welcome!

Resuming In Person Conferences

For the last six months, our residents and faculty have been holding all conferences on Zoom. Beginning on September 1, 2020, residents resumed the first in person conference at

Harlem Professional Park by attending their monthly Research Conference, moderated by Dr. Ichabod Jung. All in attendance were spaced apart following social distancing guidelines to ensure a safe and comfortable environment.

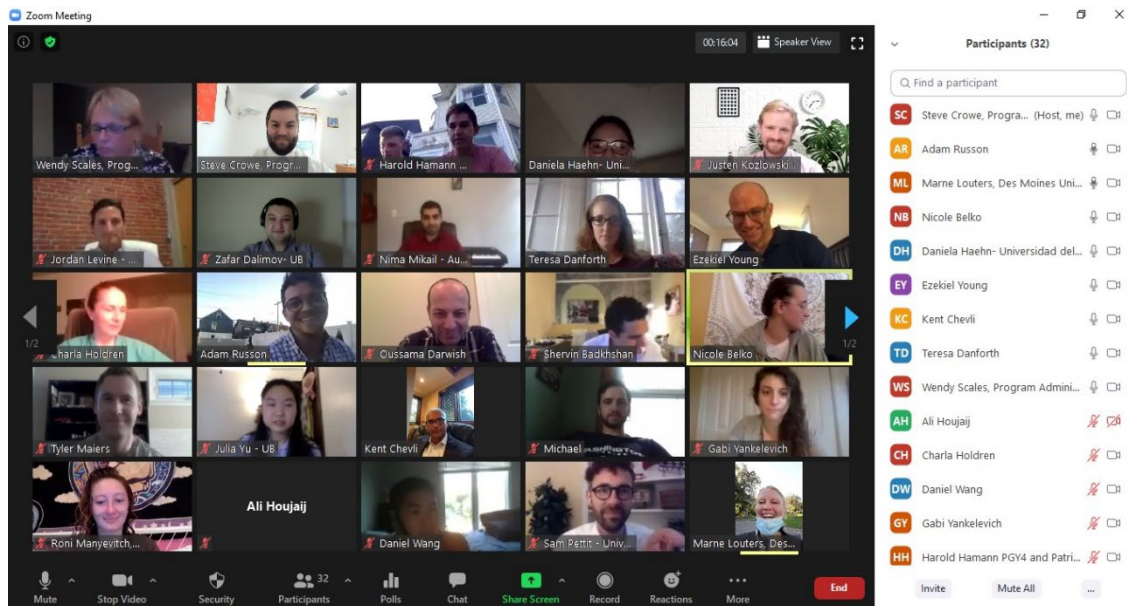
Virtual Open House

On September 3, 2020 the Department of Urology hosted its first ever virtual open house.

The importance of a virtual open house cannot be understated in 2020. Due to this year's Match going all virtual, it was important for students to know as much about the program as possible, while getting to know the program's greatest assets- the residents themselves.

The night opened with introductions from Dr. Chevli and Dr. Danforth, followed by remarks from faculty members, residents, Training Program Administrator Wendy Scales, and Program Coordinator Steve Crowe.

After an overview of the program, medical students were separated into various breakout rooms with different residents, where they had opportunities to speak with each of the residents on a more personal level.



Medical students, residents, faculty and staff all in attendance during the open house.

2020 Resident Interview Dates

For the safety of all, the AUA is mandating that all urology programs conduct resident interviews virtually in 2020.

This year, we will hold interviews on November 14, December 12, and December 19.



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Wellness Events

On September 22nd, Drs. Chevli, Rubin, Wang, Peterson, Badkhshan, Vecellio and Maiers all got together for dinner at the Grange Community Kitchen in Hamburg. The residents enjoyed a nice meal and each other's company, while unwinding from a long day.



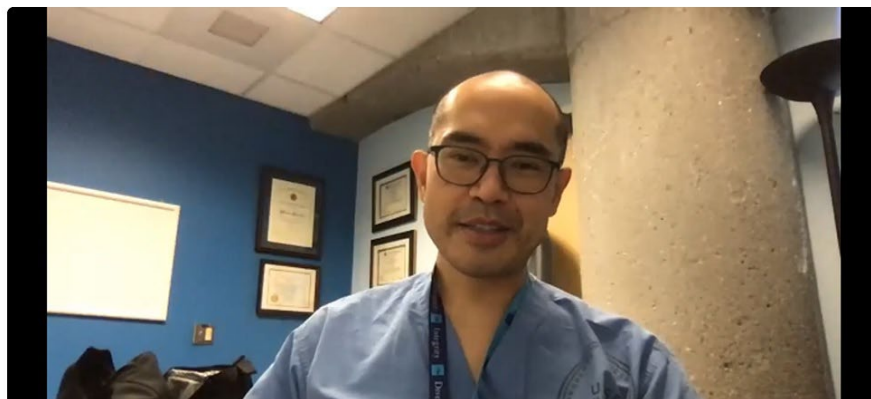
Department of Urology Presentations by Visiting Professors

Dr. Thomas Chi from UCSF presented "**Complications of PCNL**" at the Department of Urology Basic Science conference on Tuesday, September 15th.

Dr. Chi is a Professor of Urology at UCSF. He completed his urology residency training at UCSF, and completed a fellowship in Endourology and Laparoscopy.



September 15 Urology Basic Science Conferenc... - Shared screen with speaker view



Dr. Chi gives his presentation at Basic Science conference via Zoom.

People in the News

Awards and Recognition

Shervin Badkhshan, MD: Reappointed as a resident member to the University at Buffalo Program Quality Review Subcommittee. July 1, 2020.

Shervin Badkhshan, MD: Reappointed as a resident member to the University at Buffalo Residents Committee (UBRC). July 2020.

Nicole Alavi-Dunn, MD: Appointed as a resident member to the University at Buffalo Residents Committee (UBRC). July 2020.

Conferences/Courses Attended

Tyler Maiers, MD: Attended the Large Urology Group Practice Association (LUGPA) Rising Chief Resident Virtual Summit. August 28-29, 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.

