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## Message from the Chairman

K. Kent Chevli, MD



With longer days, warmer weather and more sunshine upon us, it is becoming evident Spring has arrived! Persevering despite the disruption of COVID-19 has required creativity, commitment, resilience, and teamwork. The response our Department has shown to the challenges brought by the pandemic has been invigorating. The Department of Urology has continued to hold our weekly and monthly educational conferences virtually with tremendous turnout. Many of our Residents are diligently preparing for the upcoming AUA annual meeting focusing their efforts on compiling abstracts and manuscripts for presentation at the meeting, while other Residents have had some of their recent work published. The Department recently completed its 10-year ACGME review and I'm extremely proud of the Team's performance. Our Resident candidate interviews were a success, resulting in three outstanding matches to our program! We look forward to the arrival of this next generation of clinicians and future leaders in Urology. In January, the Department welcomed Dr. Matthew Brennan who returned to his hometown after completing a fellowship in Florida specializing in IPP's. We are also excited to announce later this year we have three additional fellowship trained Urologists joining our Faculty – Dr. David Abramowitz, Dr. Gina Tundo and

Dr. Jackie Gonka-Griffo. Dr. Abramowitz is currently finishing a Reconstructive Urology fellowship at City of Hope in California, Dr. Tundo is finishing a Reconstructive Urology fellowship at Emory in Georgia, and Dr. Gonka-Griffo is completing a fellowship in Female Urology in Minnesota. These are exciting times for our program!

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

## Recognition of Service

Please join us in congratulating Dr. Kevin Pranikoff on receiving the American Urological Association's Distinguished Service Award. The Distinguished Service Awards are presented annually to individuals for outstanding service in advancing the goals of the AUA. Dr. Pranikoff will receive this award for dedicated service on AUA committees for three decades, and contributions to the to the Board as the Northeastern Section Representative.

Dr. Pranikoff will formally receive this award at the 2021 AUA annual meeting held in Las Vegas September 10-13.

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



## Welcome Dr. Brennan



Please welcome Dr. Matthew Brennan.

Dr. Brennan, a board certified urologist, completed his fellowship training at Nova Southeastern University focused 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.

Please give Dr. Brennan a warm welcome!

## 2021 Matches

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



Bryson Cook- Northeast Ohio Medical University



Guillaume Farah- Wayne State University School of Medicine



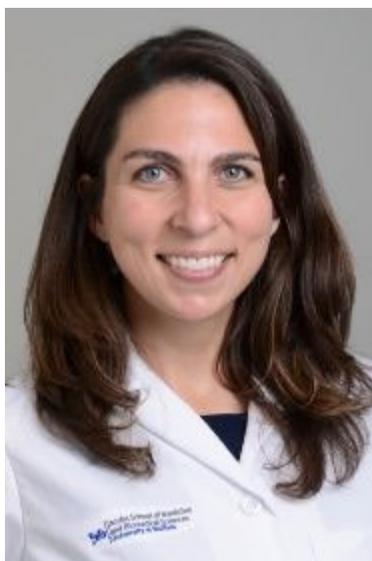
Kevin Xie- Sidney Kimmel Medical College at Thomas Jefferson University

## Dr. Alavi-Dunn Fellowship

Dr. Nicole Alavi-Dunn has matched with [Loyola University Medical Center](#) in Chicago for a fellowship in Male Pelvic Health and Genitourinary Reconstruction.

The fellowship is a one-year clinical and research fellowship that intends to provide training modern management of male voiding dysfunction, urethral reconstruction and sexual health. Training will include medical and surgical management of bladder outlet obstruction, urethral stricture disease, artificial urinary sphincters, and penile prostheses. Research has recently focused on sexual health, genitourinary reconstruction, prosthetics, and urinary microbiome.

Please join us in congratulating Dr. Alavi-Dunn!



## Resident Publications

Due to the inability to travel and to present abstracts at conferences, over the past few months our residents have made use of their extra time by writing articles for publication. Residents who have had articles published in the last few months include Drs. Alavi-Dunn, Badkhshan, Belko, Hamann, and Maiers.

Tyler Maiers, MD; David J. Abramowitz, MD; Raymond Pominville, MD; Ajay A. Myneni, MBBS; Katia Noyes, PhD; John J. Bodkin III, MD. [Management of Genitourinary Foreign Bodies in a Predominantly Incarcerated Population](#). Canadian Journal of Urology, Dec 2020 (Vol. 27, Issue 6, Pages (10444 - 10449). PMID: 33325346.

Brandon Ewing; Nicole Alavi-Dunn, MD; Harold Hamann, MD; Teresa Danforth, MD. [Large Pelvic Hematoma Following UroLift Procedure Causing Renal Failure Requiring Dialysis](#). Urology Case Reports, S2214-4420(20)30403-4.

Harold Hamann, MD; Levine J; Shervin Badkhshan, MD; Teresa Danforth, MD. [Cross-Sectional Survey-Based Study of Underrepresented Minorities in Urology Academic Leadership Roles](#). Urology. 2021 Feb. PMID: 33610653.

Eric J.Szczecinskia; Raymond Pominville; [Tyler Maiers, MD](#); [Nicole Belko, MD](#); John Bodkin, III, MD. [High flow or low flow? An unusual case of ischemic priapism following gunshot wound to the cervical spinal cord](#). Urology Case Reports. Volume 37, July 2021, 101631. PMID: 33747794.

## 1,000 Robotic Surgeries

Please join us in congratulating Dr. John Rutkowski on reaching one thousand robotic surgeries performed. This is a tremendous accomplishment. Dr. Rutkowski became a faculty member with the department in 2012, which is when tracking for this milestone began.

Congratulations, Dr. Rutkowski!



## Department of Urology Presentations by Visiting Professors

**Dr. Chantal Bartels** from Buffalo IVF presented "**Male Infertility and IVF Procedures**" at the Department of Urology Basic Science conference on Tuesday, December 15th.

**Dr. Bethany Harvey-Wood**, UB Department of Surgery resident, presented "**Goals of Care Conversation: The Most Important Conversation The Surgeon Can Have**" at the Department of Urology Grand Rounds on Thursday, February 11th.

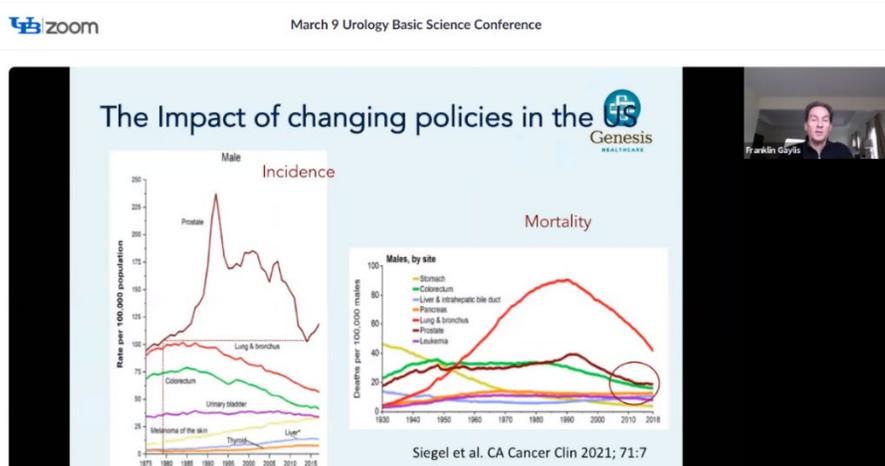
**Dr. Heather Wheat**, visiting Nephrologist, presented "**Metabolic Workup of Stone Disease**" at the Department of Urology Basic Science conference on Tuesday, February 16th.

**Dr. Franklin Gaylis** from Genesis Healthcare Partners, and **Dr. Andrew Karim Kader** from UC San Diego Health presented "**Time to Rethink Prostate Cancer Screening**" at the Department of Urology Basic Science conference on Tuesday, March 9th.

**Dr. Jo-Ellen Murphy** from Foundation Medicine, Inc. presented "**Comprehensive Genomic Profiling for Oncology in the Age of Precision Medicine**" at the Department of Urology Basic Science conference on Tuesday, March 16th.

**Dr. Sean Elliott**, Vice Chairman, Director of Reconstructive Urology, University of Minnesota, presented "**A Patient-Centered Approach to Bladder Management After Spinal Cord Injury**" at the Department of Urology Basic Science conference on Tuesday, April 20th.

**Dr. Rena Malik**, Director of Female Pelvic Medicine & Reconstructive Surgery, University of Maryland School of Medicine, presented "**Evaluation & Management of Pelvic Organ Prolapse**" at the Department of Urology Grand Rounds on Thursday, April 29th.



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

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).

