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Message from the Chairman

K. Kent Chevli, MD



What a beginning to 2022, suffice to say I think winter has officially arrived! I hope all of you had an enjoyable holiday season with family and are looking forward to the start of a New Year.

After 41 years of service, Gerald Sufrin, M.D. will be leaving the Department to enjoy well-deserved retirement. Dr. Sufrin completed his Residency at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland, began his career in St. Louis, Missouri and eventually settled in Buffalo, New York where he joined the Department and was Professor and Chairman for 34+ years. Over the course of his career, he has had a multitude of noteworthy accomplishments. In addition to mentoring hundreds of Residents, he also has had extensive involvement in Research contributing to more than 70 publications and several monographs. His countless hours, efforts, contributions, and service to the Department over the years has been unmatched and we wish him all the best as he ventures into his retirement journey.

On December 6, 2021, the Department welcomed Ahmad Mohamed, M.D., Pediatric Urologist who has relocated to the Buffalo area from Kentucky; we are thrilled to have him aboard.

The Department continues to be busy with multiple research projects including an ongoing project with Urotronic. In conjunction with the University of Washington, an abstract on sexual function and Optilume treatment has been submitted to the AUA to

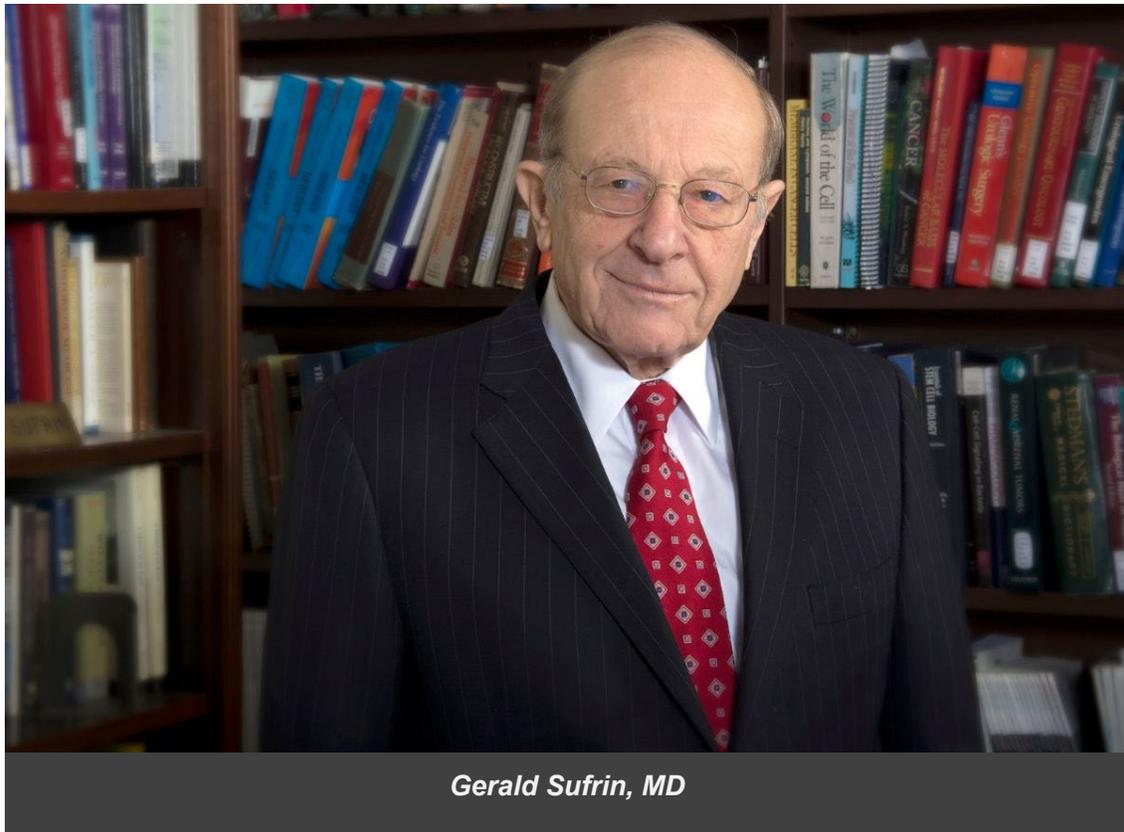
be included in the 2022 annual meeting contents. Congratulations to all who have contributed.

As we continue to navigate the challenges of the COVID pandemic, unfortunately many of our Resident conferences will be shifting back to a remote format. While we certainly prefer to hold in-person conferences, we are grateful to have the opportunity to hold remote conferences when necessary. Resident interviews were held virtually on three separate occasions, we had numerous outstanding applicants and are looking forward to receiving some excellent matches.

The dedication, diligence, and resilience the Department of Urology has shown that during these tumultuous times we have worked together to continue delivering excellent urology care while forging impactful innovation and training future Urology leaders.

Wishing you and your families a happy and healthy 2022.

Congratulations, Dr. Sufrin



Gerald Sufrin, MD

Gerald Sufrin, MD, professor of urology, retired in December 2021 after long service to the Department of Urology and the Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences. Dr. Sufrin served as chair of the Department of Urology from 1981 to 2018 and as residency program director from 1981 to 2015.

“Dr. Sufrin has been an integral part of this department for years and is one of the main reasons for our success in training residents and medical students and teaching them about the importance of urology,” says K. Kent Chevli, MD, chair of the Department of Urology. “His retirement is well deserved and his presence within the department will be tremendously missed.”

Over the course of his career, Sufrin served on numerous national and international committees and as chair of the American Urological Association (AUA) from 1993 to 1997. He became chair of the Research Committee of the AUA in 1994, and in 1996 he was elected by the Northeastern Section of the AUA to the AUA board of directors. In May 2000, Sufrin was elected to serve as treasurer of the AUA and chair of their New Headquarters Building Committee and Investment Committee. In 2017, he received the Lifetime Achievement Award

from the AUA. The award is presented annually to an individual, at least 25 years following completion of residency, who has made outstanding contributions to advance the mission and goals of the AUA.

Early Nation Retrospectroscope Award of the AUA



In November 2021, the members of the History Committee of the American Urological Association discussed the Forum presentations submitted for the AUA Earl Nation Retrospectroscope Award during the virtual 2021 annual meeting.

It is with pride that we announce that Dr. Adam Russon has won first Prize in the Earl Nations History Contest for the best manuscript and presentation from the History Forum at the 2021 Annual Meeting of the American Urological Association for his paper titled *VD and the Battlefield: From America's First Cultural Export to Military Run Brothels*. He will receive the Retrospectroscope Award at the 2022 Annual Meeting in New Orleans which will consist of a \$1,000 prize and a mounted historical cystoscope. His coauthors were Drs. Kyle Waisanen, Ronald Rabinowitz and Kevin Pranikoff.

The Retrospectroscope Award (which consists of an historical instrument set as well as a

monetary prize from the American Urological Association) will be presented during the History Forum on Friday, May 13 at the AUA 2022 Annual Meeting in New Orleans.

Congratulations, Dr. Russon!

Dr. Hamann Fellowship



Dr. Harold Hamann has matched with [Loyola University Medical Center](#) in Chicago for a fellowship in Endourology and Robotic Surgery.

The fellowship is a one-year clinical and research fellowship that intends to provide training in all aspects of endourology including ureteroscopy, percutaneous kidney surgery, as well as DaVinci robotic surgery. Research has recently focused on the use of fibrin glue in urology, ureteral healing and the development of new laparoscopic surgical procedures.

Please join us in congratulating Dr. Hamann!

Faculty and Resident Publications

Recently, a few of our residents and faculty have had papers published.

Drs. [Darwish](#), Waisanen and Wang had a paper published in UROLOGY. This paper, titled "[Neuraxial vs General Anesthesia: 30-Day Mortality Outcomes Following Transurethral Resection of Prostate](#)," was featured in the November 2021 issue.

Dr. [Abramowitz](#) had a paper published in the Translational Andrology and Urology journal. This paper, titled "[Simplified posterior urethroplasty utilizing laparoscopic instrumentation](#)," was featured in the December 2021 issue.

Dr. Waisanen had a paper published in the Canadian Urological Association Journal. This paper, titled "[Case- Renal artery pseudoaneurysm: A life-threatening occurrence following thulium laser lithotripsy](#)," was featured in the December 2021 electronic issue.

Drs. Hamann, Alavi-Dunn and Belko had a paper published in Urology Case Reports. This paper, titled "[Extensive scrotal lymphangioma circumscriptum: A case report with successful treatment with staged CO2 laser ablation](#)," was featured in the January 2022 issue.

2021 Resident Holiday Breakfast

On Friday, December 17, 2021, the residents got together at Buffalo General Medical Center for their annual holiday breakfast, where they had coffee, lox and bagels. Some even came ready for the holiday season in their ugly sweaters.



Drs. Belko, Russon and Alavi-Dunn pose with their ugly sweaters.

Department of Urology Presentations by Visiting Professors

Dr. Steven Siegel, Director of the Minnesota Urology Centers for Female Urology and Continence Care, presented "**A Brief History of Sacral Neuromodulation in Urology: How Did We Get Here and Where Are We Going Next?**" at the Department of Urology Grand Rounds conference on Thursday, November 11th.

Dr. Jay Simhan, Vice-Chairman, Einstein Healthcare Network, presented "**Urotrauma**" at the Department of Urology Grand Rounds conference on Thursday, December 9th.

Dr. Kevan Sternberg, VDirector of Urologic Research, University of Vermont, presented "**Metabolic Stone Workup**" at the Department of Urology Basic Science conference on Tuesday, January 11th.

Scholarly Activity

Awards and Recognition

Adam Russon, DO: Inducted in the Richard Sarkin/Emeritus Resident Chapter of the Gold Humanism Honor Society. October 2021.

Journal Articles

Oussama M Darwish, MD; Ellen Lutnick; Zafardjan Dalimov; Kyle Waisanen, MD; Daniel Wang, MD; Ali Houjaj, MD; Ichabod Jung, MD; Nader D Nader, MD. Neuraxial vs General Anesthesia: 30-Day Mortality Outcomes Following Transurethral Resection of Prostate. UROLOGY, Volume 157, P274-279, November 01, 2021. PMID: 34274392.

Ajit Monteiro; Kyle Waisanen, MD; Eugene V Ermolovich, MD; Ichabod S Jung, MD; John M Roehmholdt, MD. Case - Renal artery pseudoaneurysm: A life-threatening occurrence following thulium laser lithotripsy. Canadian Urological Association Journal, 2021 Dec 21. PMID: 34941489.

Kiana Saade; Harold Hamann, MD; Sean T. McGinley, MD; Nicole Alavi-Dunn, MD; Nicole Belko, MD; Teresa Danforth, MD. Extensive scrotal lymphangioma circumscriptum: A case report with successful treatment with staged CO2 laser ablation. Urology Case Reports, Volume 40, January 2022, 101871. PMID: 34712579.

Conference/Courses Attended

Nicole Alavi-Dunn, MD: Attended the Prosthetic Urology Institute: Resident Course. Tampa Bay, Fla. October 1, 2021.

Kyle Waisanen, MD: Attended the 2021 AUA Early-Career Investigators Workshop. Linthicum, Md. October 7-9, 2021.

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.

