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RISE & RENEW

February 27, 2023

Thank you for participating in the American Urological Association's sixth Annual Urology Advocacy Summit. This year we are back in-person for our sessions and receptions, but also our Capitol Hill visits. After many years of virtual and hybrid meetings, I am completely thrilled for us to walk the halls of Capitol Hill together again. This year, as you learn, network, and ultimately advocate for our specialty and our patients, I'd like to challenge you to center our theme of Rise & Renew.

It is critically important for us to rise out of the struggles from the last few years and approach advocacy with a renewed perspective. Many of the policy issues we encountered in medicine throughout the pandemic have not, and will not, go away without our energized advocacy efforts. Simply by attending this year's AUA Summit, you have proven that you are willing to make that effort on behalf of urologists, practices, and patients all over the country.

Over 260 participants are attending this year's event in an effort to expand, strengthen, and unify the



voice of urology on policy matters that impact our practices and the patients we serve. Your participation in this stakeholder-driven event will expand and strengthen urology's credibility and longstanding work with lawmakers on Capitol Hill by cultivating and empowering urology-specific advocates to promote health policy initiatives that benefit our community. We are thrilled to note that participants from 37 different states and the District of Columbia will collectively participate in nearly 200 meetings with

lawmakers and their staff.

The AUA is committed to being a leader in advocating for the profession of urology and patients impacted by conditions affecting urologic health. Reforming the Medicare payment process, increasing access to prostate cancer screenings, promoting telehealth flexibilities post-pandemic, and strengthening the urologic workforce are core messages we will directly convey as we inform and educate lawmakers on how urology is an integral part of our healthcare delivery system.

Welcome back to Washington, DC – we are excited to have you here to advocate for our specialty!

Eugene Rhee, MD, MBA
AUA Public Policy Council Chair





AUA Summit Program Agenda

Capital Hilton in Washington, DC

February 27 – March 1, 2023

Sunday, February 26

9:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Packet Pick Up and Registration (*Foyer 1 – Second Floor*)

Monday, February 27

7:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Packet Pick Up and Registration (*Foyer 1 – Second Floor*)

9:00 – 9:45 a.m.

Starting at the AUA Summit: Advice for Young Advocates (*Presidential Ballroom*)

- Speaker: Emily Clennon, MD, MPH – AUA Policy & Advocacy Resident Work Group
- Speaker: Ben Pockros, MD, MBA – AUA Policy & Advocacy Resident Work Group

10:10 – 11:00 a.m.

General Orientation for All Attendees (*Presidential Ballroom*)

- Review of Legislative Leave Behinds/Congressional “Asks”
 - Denise Asafu-Adjei, MD, MPH – AUA Gallagher Scholar
- Distribution of Capitol Hill meeting schedules
 - Kevin Schultze of Soapbox Consulting

11:00 – 11:10 a.m.

Welcome Address (*Presidential Ballroom*)

- Edward Messing, MD, FACS – AUA President
- Eugene Rhee, MD, MBA – AUA Public Policy Council Chair

11:10 – 11:30 a.m.

Break to Serve Lunch

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11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

General Session – Keynote Speaker/Luncheon

- James Carville

12:30 – 12:45 p.m.

Networking Break

12:45 – 1:35 p.m.

General Session – The Urgent Need for Physician Payment Reform**

- Speaker: Anurag Das, MD – AUA Coding and Reimbursement Committee Chair-elect
- Speaker: Mara Holton, MD – LUGPA Board of Directors
- Speaker: William Reha, MD, MBA – American Association of Clinical Urologists President

1:35 – 2:20 p.m.

General Session – Not Just Phoning It In: Why Telehealth Is Vital In a Modern World**

- Speaker: Lisa Finkelstein, DO – AUA Urology Telehealth Task Force Chair-elect; Western Section
- Speaker: Kara Watts, MD – Society of Women in Urology

2:20 – 3:05 p.m.

General Session – Breaking Down Barriers to PSA Screenings**

- Speaker: Arthur Burnett II, MD, MBA, FACS – CONDUC Initiative
- Speaker: Adam Murphy, MD, MBA, MSCI – R. Frank Jones Urological Society
- Speaker: Patrick Bingham, PhD – ZERO – The End of Prostate Cancer

3:05 – 3:40 p.m.

General Session – Expanding the Urological Workforce in Rural America**

- Moderator: Andrew Harris, MD – AUA Workforce Work Group Chair
- Speaker: Kate Kraft, MD, FACS, FAAP – Society of Academic Urologists
- Speaker: Jacob Thatcher, DO – National Rural Health Association Fellow
- Speaker: Jim Twaddell – Senior Policy Advisor at Venable, LLP
- Speaker: Jeremy Haines, MA – AUA Legislative & Political Affairs Manager

3:40 – 3:50 p.m.

Networking Break/Transition to Concurrent Sessions

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3:50 – 4:20 p.m.

Concurrent Session 1A - Trainee Advocacy Engagement: A Discussion on Getting Involved
(Congressional Room)

- Moderator: Logan Galansky, MD – AUA Policy & Advocacy Resident Work Group Chair
- Panelist: Emilie Johnson, MD, MPH, FACS – AUA Public Policy Council North Central Section Representative
- Panelist: Denise Asafu-Adjei, MD, MPH – AUA Gallagher Scholar
- Panelist: Hiten Patel, MD, MPH – North Central Section
- Panelist: Jennifer Yates, MD – AUA Public Policy Council New England Section Representative
- Panelist: Christine Van Horn, MD – AUAPAC Champion

3:50 – 4:20 p.m.

Concurrent Session 1B – Urologist Well-Being: How AUA Advocacy Supports Urologists**
(Presidential Ballroom)

- Moderator: Daniel Frendl, MD, PhD – AUA Legislative Affairs Committee Member; Former AUA Holtgrewe Fellow
- Panelist: Damara Kaplan, MD, PhD – AUA Board of Directors South Central Section Representative
- Panelist: Grace Hyun, MD – New York Section
- Panelist: Seth Cohen, MD – Society of Urodynamics, Female Pelvic Medicine & Urogenital Reconstruction

4:20 – 5:00 p.m.

General Session – AUAPAC and Political Advocacy

- Speaker: Robert Bass, MD, MBA – AUAPAC Chair
 - Note: session is for AUAPAC-eligible (domestic) AUA members only

5:00 p.m.

Conference Adjourns

6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Evening Grand Reception – National Museum of the American Indian (4th St SW)

- Casual business attire
- Buses depart from front of hotel
- Loading begins at 6:00 p.m.

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Tuesday, February 28

6:30 – 10:00 a.m.

Packet Pick Up and Registration (*Foyer 1 – Second Floor*)

7:00 – 8:00 a.m.

Networking Breakfast for General Attendees (*Presidential Ballroom*)

- Open time to meet with colleagues

8:00 – 8:30 a.m.

General Session – The Role of the AMA in Physician Advocacy**

- Speaker: Willie Underwood III, MD, MSc, MPH – American Medical Association Board of Trustees Chair-elect; Northeastern Section
- Speaker: Hans Arora, MD, PhD – AUA Lead Delegate to AMA House of Delegates
- Speaker: Ruchika Talwar, MD – AUA Delegate to AMA House of Delegates; AUA Holtgrewe Fellow

8:30 – 9:00 a.m.

General Session – Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Advocacy

- Speaker: Larissa Bresler, MD, DABMA – AUA Chief Diversity Officer

9:00 – 9:45 a.m.

Capitol Hill Meetings Practice and Preparation (*Presidential Ballroom*)

- Practice meetings with your state delegation
- Subject matter experts available for questions on legislative asks and congressional leave behinds
- Meet AUA Hill guides

9:45 – 10:00 a.m.

Last Minute Instructions for Capitol Hill Visits (*Presidential Ballroom*)

- Depart for Hill meetings

10:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Capitol Hill Visits

- Business attire
- Boxed lunches provided in Senate CVC Room 201-200 in Capitol Visitor Center from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

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5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Congressional Reception with ZERO – The End of Prostate Cancer

- Room HC-5 in U.S. Capitol Building

Wednesday, March 1

6:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Packet Pick Up and Registration (*Foyer 1 – Second Floor*)

7:00 – 8:00 a.m.

AUAPAC Breakfast with Representative Ami Bera, MD (D-CA-06) (*Federal AB – Second Floor*)

- Platinum, Gold, Silver members invited
 - \$500+ urologists or \$100+ residents/fellows in 2023

7:00 – 8:00 a.m.

Networking Breakfast for General Attendees (*Presidential Ballroom*)

8:00 – 8:15 a.m.

General Session – Democratic Member of Congress (*invited*)

8:15 – 8:40 a.m.

General Session – Representative Larry Bucshon, MD (R-IN-08)

8:40 – 9:00 a.m.

General Session – Representative Jack Bergman (R-MI-01)

9:00 – 9:45 a.m.

General Session – State Advocacy: Chaperone Rules and Criminalization of Physician Care**

- Moderator: Brian Duty, MD, MBA – AUA State Advocacy Committee Chair-elect
- Speaker: Julie Riley, MD, FACS – AUA State Advocacy Committee Member
- Speaker: Jonathan Kiechle, MD – AUA State Advocacy Committee Member
- Speaker: Beth Drzewiecki, MD – New England Section

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General Session – Lay Down Your Burden: Prior Authorization Reforms**

- Speaker: Eugene Rhee, MD, MBA – AUA Public Policy Council Chair
- Speaker: Ali Kasraeian, MD – Southeastern Section
- Speaker: Josh Langston, MD – Mid-Atlantic Section

10:30 – 10:40 a.m.

Networking Break

10:40 – 11:10 a.m.

General Session – Need to Know: Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 and its Impact on Urology**

- Speaker: Erika Miller, JD – CRD Associates

11:10 – 11:50 a.m.

General Session – United We Stand: Patient and Provider Takeaways from the Patient Advocacy Connections Program

- Speaker: Jason Jameson, MD, FACS – Sexual Medicine Society of North America
- Speaker: Jacqueline Zarro, PhD – AUA Patient Advocacy Liaison

11:50 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Closing Remarks

- Eugene Rhee, MD, MBA – AUA Public Policy Council Chair

12:00 p.m.

AUA Summit Adjourns

Accreditation: The American Urological Association (AUA) is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

Credit Designation: The American Urological Association designates this live activity for a maximum of 5.75 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits*™. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

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We're advancing clinical innovations,
so you can help patients.

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As of February 20

Mid-Atlantic

- Ryan Antar, BS
- Vinayak Banerjee, MS, BS
- Arthur Burnett, MD, MBA
- Theodore Cisu, MD
- Daoud Dajani, MD
- Zafardjan Dalimov, MD
- Rhett Daughtery, MD
- Logan Galansky, MD
- Briana Goddard, MD
- Charlotte Goldman, MD
- B. Mayer Grob, MD
- Mohit Gupta, MD
- Mara Holton, MD
- Michael Hsieh, MD, PhD
- Jonathan Jarow, MD
- Alan Kaplan, MD
- Tracey Krupski, MD
- Joshua Langston, MD
- Kenneth Lim, MD
- Tina Lulla, MD
- Asher Mandel, BS
- Gregory Mansour, MD
- Kurt McCammon, MD
- Katharine Michel, MD, MS
- Jack Mydlo, MD, MBA
- Alexandra Payne, BS
- Sierra Pence, BA
- Michel Pontari, MD
- William Reha, MD, MBA
- Paolo Rigo, MD
- Jonathan Rubenstein, MD
- David Strauss, MD
- Sean Tafuri, MD

- Kiran Thalody, DO
- Jacob Thatcher, DO
- Michael Wynne, BS

New England

- Gregory Adey, MD
- Sai Allu, BA
- Vikas Bhatt, MD
- Toby Chai, MD
- Beth Drzewiecki, MD
- David Green, MD
- Lindsey Kerr, MD
- Michael Leapman, MD
- Soum Lokeshwar, MD, MBA
- Linda Ng, MD
- Jose Nolzco, MD
- Vernon Pais Jr., MD
- Mark Plante, MD
- Benjamin Ristau, MD
- Jesse Sammon, DO
- John Seigne, MD
- Devin Shaheen, RN
- Jonathan Starkman, MD
- Arthur Tarantino, MD
- Christine Van Horn, MD
- Jennifer Yates, MD

New York

- Grace Biggs, MD
- Anurag Das, MD
- Kelvin Davies, PhD
- Reza Ghavamian, MD
- Aaron Gurayah, BA
- Grace Hyun, MD



- Brian McNeil, MD
- Glen McWilliams, MD
- Jay Motola, MD
- Meher Pandher, BA
- Thomas Rechtschaffen, MD
- Hossein Sadeghi-Nejad, MD
- Daniel Schoenfeld, MD
- Maya Srinath, MD
- Connie Wang, MD
- Kara Watts, MD
- Tenny Zhang, MD
- Michael Ziegelbaum, MD

North Central

- Denise Asafu-Adjei, MD, MPH
- Petar Bajic, MD
- Raevti Bole, MD
- Larissa Bresler, MD
- Wade Bushman, MD, PhD
- Lisa Finkelstein, DO
- Candace Granberg, MD
- Emilie Johnson, MD
- Naveen Kachroo, MD, PhD
- Jonathan Kiechle, MD
- Kevin Koo, MD
- Kate Kraft, MD, FACS, FAAP
- Jacob Lang, MSc
- Xia Liu, MSc, BS
- Scott Lundy, MD, PhD
- Ranjiv Mathews, MD
- Sarah McAchran, MD, FACS
- Linda McIntire, MD
- Adam Murphy, MD
- Amara Ndumele, BS
- Lauren Nesi, MD, BS
- Kongmo Nsameluh, DNP, NP
- Justin David Okoro,

- Priya Padmanabhan, MD
- Hiten Patel, MD, MPH
- Benjamin Pockros, MD, MBA
- Gail Prins, PhD
- Clara Sun, BS
- Abdul Tabbaa, MD
- James Ulchaker, MD

Northeastern

- David Albala, MD
- Barry Kogan, MD
- Rajbabu Krishnamoorthy, MD
- Jodi Maranchie, MD
- Edward Messing, MD, FACS
- Thomas Osinski, MD
- Alexandr Pinkhasov, MD
- Willie Underwood, MD, FACS, MPH
- Kit Yuen, MD

South Central

- Alisa Berger, MD
- Joshua Broghammer, MD, FACS
- James Cummings, MD
- Michael Davis, MD, MBA
- Robert Dowling, MD
- David Duchene, MD
- Asher George, MPH
- James Gilbaugh, MD
- Vassili Glazyrine, MD
- Jonathan Heinlen, MD
- Charles Jackson, MD
- Jeffrey Jones, MD
- Damara Kaplan, MD, PhD
- Fernando Kim, MD, MBA
- Randall Meacham, MD
- Belur Patel, MD
- Julie Riley, MD



- Khawllah Roussi, MS
- Robert Waterhouse, MD, MBA
- Gwendolyn Zilinskas, MD

Southeastern

- Vincent Bird, MD
- Hans Arora, MD
- Robert Bass, MD, MBA
- Sarah Chadwick, MPH, BA
- John Dibianco, MD
- Vishnukamal Golla, MD, MPH
- Katherine Hanson, MD, JD
- Andrew Harris, MD
- Hamed Heydari, BS
- Andrew James, MD
- Ali Kasraeian, MD
- Deborah Kaye, MD
- Michael Kennelly, MD
- Richard Levin, MD
- Michael Maidaa, MD
- Chase Mallory, BS
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- Matthew Nielsen, MD
- Collette O'Connor, BS
- Haritha Pavuluri, MD
- David Penson, MD
- Matthew Pollard, MD
- Shelby Potts, APRN
- Farah Rahman, MPS, BS, BA
- Rolando Rivera, MD
- Kyle Rose, MD
- Logan Rubin, BS
- Thomas Stringer, MD
- Ruchika Talwar, MD
- David Taub, MD
- Raju Thomas, MD, FACS
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- Christi Butler, MD
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- Junghwan Choi, MD
- Emily Clennon, MD
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- Brian Duty, MD, MBA
- Jeffrey Evans, MD
- Jeffrey Frankel, MD
- Daniel Frenzl, MD, PhD
- Nishant Garg, MD, MBA
- Brian Grady, MD
- Sudhir Isharwal, MD
- Jason Jameson, MD, FACS
- Hyung Kim, MD
- Joseph Kuntze, MD
- John Lam, MD, MBA, FACS
- Nancy Quintanilla, BS
- Eugene Rhee, MD, MBA
- Aaron Spitz, MD
- Karen Stern, MD
- Joshua Stern, MD
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- Eric Zeidman, MD



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Patient Advocacy Organizations

Active Surveillance Patients International (ASPI)

- Martin Gerwitz – Secretary, ASPI Board of Directors

AnCan

- James Schraidt, JD
- Alexa Jett

Bladder Cancer Advocacy Network (BCAN)

- Stephanie Chisolm, PhD – Director of Education and Advocacy
- Morgan Stout – Manager, Education and Outreach

Chris “CJ” Johnson Foundation

- Ritchie Johnson, MBA, BSN, RN – President/Founder

FORCE: Facing Our Risk of Cancer Empowered

- Lisa Schlager, MPP – Vice President, Public Policy
- Lisa Peabody – Manager, Advocacy

Judy Nicholson Kidney Cancer Foundation

- Jayla Barnes, FNP-BC – Vice President

KidneyCAN

- Debra Beyhan

Kidney Cancer Association

- Radha Chitale – Senior Director of Communications

National Association for Continence

- Steve Gregg, PhD – Executive Director

RetireSafe

- Mark Gibbons – President/CEO

Triage Cancer



- Nicole Jolicoeur, Esq. – Staff Attorney

Veterans Prostate Cancer Awareness

- Mike Crosby, MSc – Founder/CEO
- Anthony Minter – Executive Director

VHL Alliance

- Jordan McGuire – Program Manager

ZERO – The End of Prostate Cancer

- Ali Manson, MPH – Vice President of Government Relations and Advocacy
- Patrick Bingham, PhD

Myovant Sciences aspires to redefine care for women and for men with purpose-driven science, empowering medicines, and transformative advocacy.

Strategic Pillars

SCIENCE *Driving Innovative Research*

We aim to develop differentiated solutions that may address high unmet need areas within women's health and hormone-sensitive oncology. We continuously explore current molecules to potentially expand indications and seek new scientific innovations to enter additional therapeutic areas.

MEDICINE *Addressing Unmet Need*

We are focused on empowering women and men to reach their full potential by developing new medicines for common diseases for which there are limited treatment options.

ADVOCACY *Forging Change*

We are committed to a healthier and more equitable future for all women and men. Our advocacy is essential in our quest to redefine healthcare.

Cross-Sector Partnerships

Through cross-sector partnerships and creative collaboration, we are building a movement committed to improving outcomes for the patients we serve.

We strive to empower people through purpose-driven science and transformative advocacy. This is just the start. We know that redefining care for women and for men will require creative and sustained collaboration. We are dedicated to building a movement of ambitious leaders and organizations committed to a brighter and healthier future for all.

Therapeutic Areas of Interest



UTERINE
FIBROIDS



ENDOMETRIOSIS



PROSTATE
CANCER



Speakers and Moderators



Hans Arora, MD, PhD

Hans Arora, MD, PhD is an Assistant Professor of Urology and practicing pediatric urologist at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill, where he also serves as the Director of Robotic Surgery in Pediatric Urology. His clinical interests include the use of minimally invasive surgery in pediatrics, pediatric urologic oncology, complex genitourinary reconstruction, and the transition from pediatric to adult care for urologic conditions.

Dr. Arora is a Physician Champion within the UNC Virtual Care Center, advancing the adoption and adaptation of telehealth across the UNC Health System. He is an active leader in organized medicine and health policy, serving as a member of the American Medical Association House of Delegates, the American Urological Association Public Policy Council and Legislative Affairs Committee, and the North Carolina Medical Society Legislative Cabinet. He is a past member of the AMA Council on Legislation, and a previous recipient of the AUA H. Logan Holtgrewe Legislative Fellowship, where he spent a period of time working in the office of former Congressman Pat Tiberi (OH-12), who at the time was the Chair of the Health Subcommittee of House Ways and Means.

Dr. Arora earned his B.S. in Chemical Engineering with Honors from Pennsylvania State University, his M.D. and Ph.D. in the combined Medical Scientist Training Program at the Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine, where he graduated magna cum laude and was inducted into the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor society. He completed his urology residency training at the Glickman Urological & Kidney Institute of the Cleveland Clinic Foundation, and a fellowship in pediatric urology at the Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago, where he simultaneously completed additional training in the Health Services & Outcomes research program at Northwestern University.



Denise Asafu-Adjei, MD, MPH

Dr. Denise Asafu-Adjei is a trailblazing urologist, researcher, and health policy champion. She is an Assistant Professor of Urology at Loyola University Chicago Stritch School of Medicine, where she serves as the Director of Male Reproductive Medicine. She is also duly appointed in the Parkinson School of Health Sciences and Public Health.

Dr. Asafu-Adjei completed an Andrology Fellowship at University of California Los Angeles (UCLA). She completed her Urology residency at Columbia University Irving Medical Center and received her M.D. from the University of Michigan Medical School. During medical school, she took a leave to obtain an MPH in Health Policy and Management from the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health. She is a proud graduate of Carnegie Mellon University, where she obtained her B.S. in Biological Sciences and Minor in Health Policy and Management; she is a current member of the Carnegie Mellon Alumni Board.

Dr. Asafu-Adjei is Chair of the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee of the Sexual Medicine Society of North America and is on the AUA's Inaugural Diversity and Inclusion Committee. She is also a member of the Legislative Affairs Committee. She is passionate about health policy education and awareness. In the future, she aims to utilize clinical research and policy changes to improve access to equitable and high-quality care for sexual health and male reproductive services.

She enjoys leisure international travel, musicals, historical documentaries, golf, exercising, and fine dining.



Robert Bass, MD, MBA

Dr. Bass was born and raised in Lafayette, LA. He graduated from Louisiana State University in 1998 and then graduated from medical school at Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center, New Orleans in 2002. He completed his urology residency at University of Kansas Medical Center in 2007. He earned his MBA degree at George Washington University in 2018.

Dr. Bass practices general urology with specialized training in both laparoscopic and robotic surgery. He also specializes in men's health including penile implant surgery. He is a Board Certified Urologist and is a member of the



American Urological Association and American Association of Clinical Urologists. Dr. Bass lives in Murfreesboro with his three children.



Representative Ami Bera, MD (D-CA-06)

Congressman Ami Bera, M.D. has represented Sacramento County in the U.S. House of Representatives since 2013. The 6th Congressional District is located just east and north of California's capitol city, Sacramento, and lies entirely within Sacramento County.

Representative Bera is currently a member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, where he serves as Ranking Member of the Indo-Pacific Subcommittee. He is also a member of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence and the Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Pandemic. Congressman Bera is also a Leadership Member for the New Democrat Coalition, a group of over 100 forward-thinking Democrats who are committed to pro-economic growth, pro-innovation, and fiscally responsible policies.

During Congressman Bera's twenty-year medical career, he worked to improve the availability, quality, and affordability of healthcare. After graduating from medical school in 1991, he did his residency in internal medicine at California Pacific Medical Center, eventually becoming chief resident. He went on to practice medicine in the Sacramento area, serving in various leadership roles for MedClinic Medical Group. Chief among his contributions was improving the clinical efficiency of the practice. He then served as medical director of care management for Mercy Healthcare, where he developed and implemented a comprehensive care management strategy for the seven-hospital system.

In Congress, Bera uses the skills he learned as a doctor to listen to the people of Sacramento County and put people ahead of politics to move our country forward. His priority is to work alongside people in both parties to address our nation's most pressing challenges and make government work. Bera believes Congress should be a place for service, not for politicians who only look out to protect their own careers, pay, and perks.



Representative Jack Bergman (R-MI-01)

Congressman Jack Bergman proudly represents the First District of Michigan and serves on the House Armed Services Committee, Budget Committee, and the Veterans' Affairs Committee in the 118th Congress. Prior to taking office in January of 2017, Congressman Bergman was a small business owner, commercial airline pilot for 22 years, and a United States Marine Corps officer. During the Vietnam War, he flew CH-46 helicopters, and later was assigned as a flight instructor at Whiting Field, Florida. In 2005, Congressman Bergman assumed command of Marine Forces Reserve/Marine Forces North based in New Orleans, and he retired from the Marine Corps in December 2009 at the rank of Lieutenant General. The Congressman is the highest ranking combat Veteran ever elected to Congress. He and his wife Cindy have called Watersmeet home since the early 1990's. They have ten grandchildren and aim to leave the world a better place for them.



Patrick Bingham, PhD

Dr. Patrick J. Bingham graduated from Clemson University in 1981 as a distinguished military graduate and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the United States Army. During his time in the military, he served tours of duty at Fort Lewis, Washington; Fort Bragg, North Carolina; Korea and Germany and deployed to Israel in support of Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm. While in the military, he completed the requirements for a Master of Arts Degree in Public Administration from Webster University. He also holds a master's degree in Educational Administration from Tarleton State University and earned his Doctor of Philosophy Degree (Ph.D.) in Educational Administration from the University of Texas at Austin. Dr. Bingham holds certification in administration and supervision and the superintendency.

In his 30 years as an educator, Dr. Bingham has been employed as an elementary teacher, elementary assistant principal, elementary school principal, high school assistant principal, Director of Human Resources, Director of Military Affairs and as an Assistant Superintendent.

Additionally, he has worked in school districts in Killeen, Texas; Prince George, Virginia; Las Cruces, New Mexico and Detroit, Michigan. He currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Military Child Education Coalition (MCEC) as Vice Chair/Treasurer; member of the United Through Reading Literacy Advisory Council; ZERO Prostate Champion and member of the



Darrell K. Royal Texas Memorial Stadium Veterans Committee. He is a Life Member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity.

Dr. Bingham and his wife, Lieutenant General (retired) Gwen Bingham, currently reside in Leander, Texas. They have two adult children, Dr. Tava M. Bingham-Castagenera and Phillip Jamal Bingham.



Larissa Bresler, MD, DABMA

Dr. Bresler is an associate professor of urology, obstetrics and gynecology at the Loyola University Medical Center. She obtained her MD from Oregon Health and Sciences University, completed her urology residency at Loyola University Medical Center and completed the AUA leadership program in 2019. Dr. Bresler is a board certified acupuncturist as well as a resilience and wellness coach. She has published over 50 papers and book chapters and has received numerous honors and awards, including multiple teaching awards, the Best of AUA (Female Urology) and Illinois Magazine's Top Urologist 2021-2022.

Nationally, she sits on the Federal Women's Task Force that helps promote equity and inclusion for federal workers and has served as senior consultant of Urology Basics and Core Topics with the AUA's Core Curriculum Committee. She has also participated on the AUA's Practice Guidelines Committee. Regionally, Dr. Bresler is a member of the North Central Section (NCS) of the AUA's Board of Directors, Long Range Planning and Education Committees and chairs the NCS Women in Urology Committee. Locally, she has championed diversity initiatives as the President of the Chicago Urological Society (2021-2022).



Representative Larry Bucshon, MD (R-IN-08)

Larry was born and raised in Kincaid, Illinois, a small town of 1,400 people in central Illinois. His life was shaped by this small-town upbringing and growing up in a home where his father worked as an underground coal miner and his mother worked as a nurse. Larry received his bachelor's degree from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and his medical degree from the University of Illinois at Chicago. Following medical school, he completed a residency at the Medical College of Wisconsin, serving as chief resident in surgery, and remained there to complete a fellowship in cardiothoracic surgery. During this time, Larry enlisted with the United States Navy Reserve and served for almost a decade before being honorably discharged.



Before coming to Congress, Larry was a practicing physician and surgeon specializing in cardiothoracic surgery. During his time in private practice, Larry performed hundreds of heart surgeries and served as President of Ohio Valley HeartCare. Larry's outstanding work and leadership in this field led to him being honored as the St. Mary's (St. Vincent) Medical Staff Physician of the Year in 2007. Larry also served as Chief of Cardiothoracic Surgery and Medical Director of the open heart recovery intensive care unit at St. Mary's Hospital. He is board certified in Cardiothoracic Surgery by the American Board of Thoracic Surgery.

First elected to the House of Representatives in 2010, Larry currently serves as a member of the House Energy and Commerce Committee. The Energy and Commerce Committee is the oldest standing legislative committee in the House of Representatives and has a broad jurisdiction over our nation's energy, health care, telecommunications and consumer product safety policies. On the committee, Larry serves on the Health Subcommittee, Energy Subcommittee, and the Consumer Protection and Commerce Subcommittee.

Larry and his wife Kathryn, who is also a physician and a practicing anesthesiologist, reside in Vanderburgh County and attend Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Evansville. They have four children.



Arthur Burnett II, MD, MBA, FACS

Dr. Burnett is the Patrick C. Walsh Distinguished Professor of Urology and Professor, Oncology Center, at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. He is an accomplished urologic surgeon and scientist, recognized for diverse leadership and service roles in urologic healthcare, ranging across missions of research, education, clinical practice and advocacy. Dr. Burnett specializes in sexual medicine, major pelvic reconstruction, voiding dysfunction, prostate cancer, and lower genitourinary tract malignancies. He is considered the world-authority in the science and medicine of male sexual dysfunction, and among his many academic contributions he made original scientific discoveries that paved the way for the development of oral medications to treat erectile dysfunction and was the lead urologic surgeon in the first-ever penis and anterior pelvis transplant surgery. He has written more than 500 original peer-reviewed articles, 50 book chapters and 3 books, along with numerous additional editorials and publications related to his biomedical research and clinical activities. He also founded and directs a non-profit humanitarian organization called UroMissionsWorks Incorporated.



He received his A.B. degree in Biology from Princeton University and M.D. and M.B.A. degrees from Johns Hopkins University. He performed his post-graduate training in general surgery, urology and genitourinary reconstructive surgery at the Johns Hopkins Hospital and was awarded an American Foundation for Urologic Disease new investigator scholarship. He is an alumni member of the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society and Fellow of the American College of Surgeons. Among various awards, Dr. Burnett received the Urology Care Foundation Distinguished Mentor Award in 2016, the Distinguished Contribution Award from the American Urological Association in 2018, the Ferdinand C. Valentine Medal from The New York Academy of Medicine in 2020, and the Hugh Hampton Young Award from the American Urological Association in 2022.



James Carville

James “The Ragin’ Cajun” Carville is America’s best-known political consultant. His long list of electoral successes evidences a knack for steering overlooked campaigns to unexpected landslide victories and for re-making political underdogs into upset winners.

His winning streak began in 1986, when he managed the gubernatorial victory of Robert Casey in Pennsylvania. In 1987, Carville helped guide Wallace Wilkinson to the governor’s seat in Kentucky. Carville continued his winning streak with a win in New Jersey with Frank Lautenberg elected to the US Senate. He next managed the successful 1990 gubernatorial campaign of Georgia’s Lieutenant Governor Zell Miller, including a tough primary win over Atlanta mayor Andrew Young, and in 1991, Carville – who had already become prominent in many political circles – drew national attention when he led Senator Harris Wofford from 40 points behind in the polls to an upset landslide victory over former Pennsylvania Governor and U.S. Attorney General Richard Thornburgh. But his most prominent victory was in 1992 when he helped William Jefferson Clinton win the Presidency.

James Carville is also a best-selling author, actor, producer, talk-show host, speaker and restaurateur. Along with pollster Stanley Greenberg, Carville founded Democracy Corps, an independent, non-profit polling organization dedicated to making government more responsive to the American people. He now co-hosts the weekly Politicon podcast *Politics War Room* with journalist Al Hunt.

Carville also serves as a fellow at LSU’s Manship School of Mass Communication and lives in New Orleans with his wife Mary Matalin.



Emily Clennon, MD, MPH

Emily Clennon, MD, MPH is a third-year Urology resident at Oregon Health & Science University. Originally from central Illinois, she attended Grinnell College where she first developed passions for sexual health and health systems and policy. She worked in HIV community health programming for the Iowa Department of Public Health for two years before beginning the MD/MPH program at OHSU where she remained for residency. She is interested in health systems research, health policy, and advocacy in all realms of health care, and has been meeting with legislators since 2013 and engaged in AUA advocacy efforts since 2019. She plans to pursue a career in Pediatric Urology and continue advocating for an evidence-based and compassionate health system while in practice.



Seth Cohen, MD

Dr. Cohen is a urologist specializing in complex reconstruction of the pelvic floor, including fistula and pelvic organ prolapse repair. He received his medical doctorate and Bachelor of Arts degrees at Northwestern University. Dr. Cohen completed his postgraduate training in California, including an internship in the Department of Surgery at University of California San Francisco, a residency in urology at University of California San Diego and a fellowship in Female Pelvic Medicine and Reconstructive Surgery at University of California Los Angeles. He is an Assistant Clinical Professor and Program Director of the Reconstructive Urology and Genitourinary Cancer Survivorship Fellowship at City of Hope National Medical Center, in Southern California.



Anurag Das, MD

Anurag K. Das, MD is the Chief of Urology at the Smith Institute for Urology at Staten Island, Interim Chairman of the Department of Urology at Staten Island University Hospital, and Professor of Urology at Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell. His primary clinical interest is voiding dysfunction.

He served on active duty as a Major and Chief of Urology at USAF Hospital Kirtland in Albuquerque NM. He then established a busy research and clinical program in neuro-urology, incontinence, BPH, and voiding dysfunction at AMC Hospital and Albany Medical College, where he was an Associate Professor of Surgery/Urology. He then moved to become Director of the Center for Neuro-



urology and Continence at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center and Harvard Medical School. After 18 years in Boston, he took his current position in 2021.

He has previously served as Vice Chair of the Young Surgeons Committee of the ACS, Chair of the Socioeconomic Committee and on the Board of the New England Section of the AUA. Currently he is the Chair-elect of the CRC and the President of the Indian American Urological Association while serving as a member of the State Advocacy Network (AUA) and the Employed Urologist Committee (AACU).



Beth Drzewiecki, MD

Beth Drzewiecki is a pediatric urologist at the Mass General for Children hospital in Boston, MA. She has been working with the Societies for Pediatric Urology Intersex Task Force for over the last 5 years with a focus on state advocacy. She was awarded the SPU's inaugural Presidential Leadership award in 2021 for her work in this field.



Brian Duty, MD, MBA

Brian Duty is an Associate Professor in the Department of Urology at Oregon Health & Science University, whose field of clinical expertise is Endourology. He is also heavily involved in healthcare leadership and advocacy, serving as President of the Oregon Urological Society, Speaker of the Oregon Medical Association, a member of the 2020-2020 AUA Leadership Class, and the 2022 Gallagher Health Policy Scholar.



Lisa Finkelstein, DO

Dr. Lisa Finkelstein is a (semi-retired) Urologist in Jackson, Wyoming. She is on the board of the Wyoming Telehealth Network. She is the Medical Director of Telehealth at St. John's Health and past President of the Wyoming Medical Society. As of 2021 she is on the AUA telehealth task force. She is on the board of the NRTRC (Northwest Regional Telehealth Resource Center). When the pandemic started in March 2020, she and her team were

ready with the framework for telemedicine already in place over the previous 2 years. The first specialty to use telemedicine was Urology with Dr. Finkelstein's leadership. She has presented many times and featured in several articles about Telehealth. One of her passions is teaching medical students about telehealth. She is a true champion of telemedicine and believes that this new way of practicing medicine is here to stay.



Daniel Frendl, MD, PhD

Dr. Frendl is an Associate Consultant in Urology at the Mayo Clinic in Arizona. His clinical practice interests include focal therapies for prostate cancer, transperineal prostate biopsy, and general urology. His academic interests are at the intersection of health services research, health policy, and healthcare administration. Dr. Frendl completed his Urology training at the Massachusetts General Hospital – Harvard Urologic Surgery Residency Program. At MGH, Dr. Frendl also completed a fellowship in Healthcare Policy and Administration with the Massachusetts General Hospital Physician's Organization.

During his fellowship training, he focused on developing a value-based framework for assessing prostate cancer surgical outcomes and helped to develop a new model of surgical care delivery through the Surgical Hospital at Home Program, allowing patients to receive inpatient-level postoperative care out of the hospital. Nationally, he served as the 2019-2020 American Urological Association Holtgrewe Legislative Advocacy Fellow and worked as a Health Policy Fellow for U.S. Senator Mitt Romney. He earned his undergraduate degree in Public Policy at Duke University and his MD and PhD in Clinical and Population Health Research at the University of Massachusetts Medical School.



Logan Galansky, MD

Logan Galansky, M.D. is a urology resident at the Johns Hopkins Brady Urological Institute in Baltimore, Maryland. She currently is serving as the Chair of the AUA Policy & Advocacy Resident Work Group, as a resident member of the AUA's State Advocacy Committee and Legislative Affairs Committee, and as part of the AUAPAC Champions program. Her clinical and research interests include pediatric urology, congenitalism/transitional care, reconstructive urology, and health services research, particularly value-based care models. Prior to pursuing medicine, she received a degree in Public Policy Analysis and worked in the U.S. Senate and as a health policy consultant and CMS contractor in Washington D.C.



Jeremy Haines, MA

Jeremy Haines is a veteran legislative affairs professional with extensive experience working in the healthcare space for physicians and patients. Prior to joining the AUA, Jeremy served as the Manager of Health Policy, PAC, and Grassroots Advocacy for the Society of Interventional Radiology (SIR). At SIR, he served as the society's lobbyist and established a grassroots program to enhance SIR's advocacy efforts for key legislative initiatives. Previously Jeremy worked for the Amputee Coalition as its Grassroots Advocacy Coordinator, where he engaged in advocacy before Congress and state lawmakers. He also implemented the Amputee Coalition's grassroots program. Jeremy began his career in Washington, DC, working for United States Senator Kay Hagan (D-NC). He holds degrees from North Carolina State University (BA) and Appalachian State University (MA) in political science.

Aside from professional pursuits, Jeremy is an avid racquetball player, patron of the theater, and supporter of the Taste of the South Gala.



Andrew Harris, MD

Dr. Harris is an Assistant Professor of Urology at the University of Kentucky and the Chief of Surgery at the Lexington VA Medical Center. He is also Chair of the AUA Workforce Workgroup. He completed medical school at the University of Kentucky in 2007 and residency at the University of Pennsylvania in 2012 and then entered private practice. He decided to get back into academics and did a Robotics and Endourology Fellowship at the University of Kentucky. During this time, he also completed a graduate certificate in Improving Health Care Value with an emphasis in Quality

Improvement and Patient Safety.

Dr. Harris' research and administrative interests revolve around quality improvement, lean operations, burnout, and patient safety education and implementation. He began in 2013 as the Patient Safety Champion of a private hospital for 4 years. He directs the Chief Resident in Quality and Safety, Gap Year Surgical program. He is a Veterans Health Administration National Shark Tank winner for his work on OR setup standardization. Clinically, his main interests involve robotic surgery and complex stone disease. He has over 40 publications and has presented over 100 abstracts.



Mara Holton, MD

As the managing partner of as well as a practicing clinician in a large single specialty urology group in Annapolis Maryland, Dr. Mara Holton is committed to delivering the highest quality care to patients and to creating and advancing leadership opportunities for women in this specialty.

Dr. Holton is vigorous in her advocacy for the preservation and protection of independent physician practices as incubators of innovation and as integral components for health care delivery.

She is especially passionate about regulatory and legislative issues and serves in several professional organizations which represent the interests of urologic physician practices and urologic patients, including LUGPA, where she is Vice-Chair of the Health Policy Committee.



Grace Hyun, MD

Grace Hyun, MD is The Director of Pediatric Urology at NYU Langone-Brooklyn. Born in Seoul and raised in New York City, she attended Weill Cornell Medical College after receiving a Bachelor of Arts in History at Columbia College, Columbia University. Her urology residency at Columbia University Medical Center was followed by a pediatric urology fellowship at the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia. She returned to New York and along with a busy clinical practice, is currently a Board Member of the New York Section of the American Urological Association. She the past Chair of the Section of Urology of the New York Academy of Medicine and a former participant of the 2013 class of the AUA Young Leadership Program. Dr. Hyun sits on the Legislative Affairs Committee of American Urological Association.



Jason Jameson, MD, FACS

Dr. Jameson is affiliated with the Phoenix VA HCS and is Adjunct Assistant Professor at Mayo Clinic in Arizona and Clinical Assistant Professor at the University of Arizona College of Medicine – Phoenix. He received a BS in Biology at Nebraska Wesleyan University, his medical degree at the University of Iowa, and he completed urologic residency at the University of Utah. He is an active member of the American Urological Association, and was the 2018 AUA Gallagher Health Policy Scholar. He has served as the AUA Alternate Delegate to the AMA since 2019. He is the Health Policy Committee Vice Chair for the Western Section AUA. As previous President of the Arizona Urologic Society and serving on the Board of the Arizona Medical Association since 2017 and as current Secretary, he has worked with State Legislators advocating for urology telemedicine and testifying at committee hearings. Men’s Health has been a focus in his clinical activities, including developing the Men’s Health Program at Mayo Clinic Arizona, his previous employer, and speaking at national and international conferences. He is the current President of the American Society for Men’s Health.



Emilie Johnson, MD, MPH, FACS

Emilie K. Johnson, MD, MPH, FACS is a Pediatric Urologist and Health Services and Outcomes Researcher at Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago and an Associate Professor of Urology at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine. Dr. Johnson's research interests and long-term goals are focused on improving outcomes for pediatric patients with both acute and chronic urologic conditions. She has a particular interest in projects with opportunities to develop interventions to improve the quality and safety of care.

Dr. Johnson's current academic work is most focused on differences of sex development, circumcision, and urinary tract infections. Dr. Johnson has published extensively in these areas, as well as many other subtopics related to pediatric urology. She is currently the PI on a Health Services Research R18 grant funded by Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality. Dr. Johnson is an active member of multiple medical societies, including the American Urological Association where she serves on the Public Policy Council and the State Advocacy Committee.



Damara Kaplan, MD, PhD

Damara Kaplan, MD, PhD is an attending physician in the urology division of the New Mexico Cancer Center. After earning her PhD in Pharmaceutical Science with an emphasis in renal toxicology, Dr. Kaplan attended the University of New Mexico Medical School. She completed her urology residency in 2001 at the University of New Mexico. Upon graduation, she started a solo practice in Albuquerque, New Mexico. She then became one of the founding members of Albuquerque Urology Associates, the largest independent urology practice in New Mexico.

Dr. Kaplan is a Past President of the AUA South Central Section. She is a graduate of the 2011 AUA Leadership Program. Dr. Kaplan has served on numerous AUA committees, including By-laws committee, Medical Student Education committee, and History committee. She has been active in health policy and organized urology and is the current president of the American Association of Clinical Urologists. Dr. Kaplan has been involved with resident and medical student education and served as the site director of the residency program at Presbyterian Hospital for 13 years. She has been a member of the AUA since 2003.



Ali Kasraeian, MD

Dr. Ali Kasraeian is a board-certified urologist in Jacksonville, FL who provides general and specialized urologic care to patients in Duval County and the Northeast Florida region. Named among “America’s Top Surgeons” by the Consumers’ Research Council of America, he completed a prestigious fellowship in advanced laparoscopic, robotic, and minimally invasive urologic surgery at the highly acclaimed Montsouris Institute in Paris, France. As a fellow of the American

College of Surgeons, Dr. Kasraeian specializes in the advanced diagnosis of prostate disease and is a leading expert on minimally invasive and ablative urologic surgery for prostate, kidney, and bladder cancers, as well as benign prostatic hyperplasia (BPH).

Dr. Kasraeian received a Bachelor of Science degree (with honors) from the University of Florida in Gainesville, FL, where he also earned his doctorate in medicine (with research honors). After his formal education, Dr. Kasraeian remained in Gainesville to complete a rigorous residency in urology at the University of Florida College of Medicine. He then joined his father, Ahmad Kasraeian, M.D., FACS, at his established Jacksonville and Jacksonville Beach, FL urology practices. Together, he and his father carry on the Kasraeian legacy by providing exemplary comprehensive urologic care to men and women throughout the region.



Jonathan Kiechle, MD

Dr. Jonathan Kiechle obtained his MD degree from Georgetown University School of Medicine in 2011. He completed his residency and fellowship training at University Hospitals of Cleveland/Case Western Reserve University. Dr. Kiechle currently works for Advocate Aurora Health in Milwaukee, WI where his clinical practice primarily focuses on reconstructive urology and prostate cancer survivorship. He has previously served on the Transgender Health Committee at Advocate Aurora and is currently the urology representative on the system’s Growth Committee. He is currently a member of the AUA State Advocacy

Committee and is the AUA alternate advisor to the American Medical Association Relative Value Update Committee.



Kate Kraft, MD, FACS, FAAP

Dr. Kate H. Kraft is Professor in the Department of Urology at the University of Michigan and practices pediatric urology. Her clinical interests include minimally invasive urologic surgery and endourology in children, cryptorchidism, and adolescent varicocele. Dr. Kraft is also the Urology Residency Program Director at the University of Michigan and co-PI for the American Urological Association/Urology Care Foundation Physician Scientist Residency Training Award, for which the University of Michigan is the inaugural recipient. Dr. Kraft is a Fellow of both the American College of Surgeons and the American Academy of Pediatrics. She is a member of multiple professional societies and is an active member of the ACS Women in Surgery Committee, the ACS Board of Governors, the Society of Academic Urologists Board of Directors, the ACGME Review Committee for Urology, and the American Board of Urology Examination Committee. Dr. Kraft is also a graduate of the AUA Leadership Program.



Joshua Langston, MD

Dr. Joshua Langston is a urologist and the Chief Medical Officer at Urology of Virginia. He has a broad experience in all aspects of adult urology with subspecialty fellowship training in Men's Health – focusing on Erectile Dysfunction, Peyronie's Disease, infertility, and voiding difficulties related to the prostate. After residency training at the University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill, he completed a fellowship in Andrology & Male Reconstructive Urology at the Institute of Urology in London, England.

In addition to clinical pursuits, Dr. Langston has a strong interest in health policy, advocacy and physician leadership in medicine. He was selected as the American Urological Association's 2017 Holtgrewe Legislative Fellow, spending time as a health policy legislative advisor in the U.S. Senate. He is a member of the Political Affairs Committee for the Large Urology Group Practice Association where he was awarded their 2019 Advocate of the Year award. He is Co-Chair of the Regulatory Affairs Committee and a member of the Political Affairs and Practice Management Committees for the American Urological Association. While in the U.K., Dr. Langston was selected to participate in the Executive Mentoring Program sponsored by NHS England for doctors with special interest in executive leadership in medicine. He serves on the Board of Directors for the American Society for Men's Health, as well as a number of other boards and advisory groups.



During medical school, he was the co-founder of a student-run free medical clinic, which continues to run successfully. During training he served as the President of the UNC Housestaff, was among the first trainees to be inducted into the UNC Academy of Educators, and received the American College of Surgeons Leadership/Advocacy Scholar Award. He was winner of the American Urologic Association National Chief Resident debate in his final year, was the recipient of a Resident Scholar award from IVU Med for sponsorship to perform surgery in Haiti, and twice served as keynote speaker at the National Youth Leadership Forum on Medicine speaking on the topic of leadership and the future of medicine.



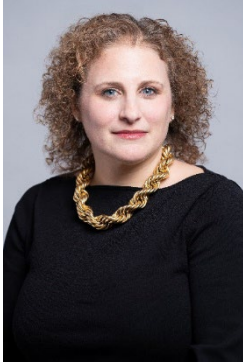
Edward Messing, MD, FACS

Edward M. Messing, MD is Professor of Urology and Oncology at the University of Rochester. Prior to this, he was the Winfield W. Scott Professor and Chairman of the Department of Urology at the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry from 1995–2018, and the Deputy Director of the James P. Wilmot Cancer Center at the University of Rochester from 1996-1998.

Dr. Messing received his degree from New York University in 1972, completed his surgery training at NYU-Bellevue Hospital in New York 1972-1974, and his Urology Residency at Stanford University 1974-1978. After 2 years on the faculty at Tulane University, he completed a fellowship in Urologic Oncology at UCLA in 1982. He was on the faculty of the Division of Urology at the University of Wisconsin from 1982-1995, serving as Director of their Urologic Oncology Program for the last 10 years of that period.

Dr. Messing is a renowned expert on the diagnosis, prevention and treatment of cancers of the bladder, prostate, and kidney. He has conducted the largest screening study for bladder cancer in a general population and carries on extensive research in the basic biology of these cancers. He has been the principal investigator on numerous clinical studies for the detection, prevention and treatment of them several of which have changed the standard care for patients with these diseases.

Dr. Messing has been President of the Society of Urologic Oncology (SUO) and AUA Northeastern Section. He received the AUA Ramon Guiteras Award in 2018, an AUA Presidential Citation in 2013, the SUO Medal in 2016, and the SUO Distinguished Service Award in 2020. He has been a member of the AUA since 1984.



Erika Miller, JD

Erika Miller, JD, Partner, has 19 years of experience in government relations and has broad experience in appropriations, public health policy, and Medicare reimbursement working largely with non-profit organizations ranging from medical specialty societies, coalitions, and patient advocacy organizations. Erika has expertise in the intricacies of Medicare coding and reimbursement and provides guidance to clients as they navigate the evolving area of health care payment and quality. Erika is a co-author of a chapter entitled, "Lobbying the Appropriations Process" in the American Bar Association Lobbying Manual.

A New Jersey native, Erika worked in the office of Congressman Steve Rothman of New Jersey where she handled immigration issues. Erika also worked in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office on Women's Health, where she monitored grant awards. Prior to joining CRD Associates in 2005, Erika worked at the lobbying firm of Broydrick & Associates representing health care interests. She was recently selected to join the Society of Women's Health Research's Board of Directors Executive Committee, has served as co-chair of the Women in Government Relations Health & Social Policies Task Force and is member of the group Women Business Leaders in Health Care. Erika received her law degree from The American University, where she was an editor of the Administrative Law Review. She earned an undergraduate degree in Political Science from Colgate University.



Adam Murphy, MD, MBA, MSCI

Dr. Adam Murphy has been studying the health disparities faced by minorities in prostate cancer, including Black and Hispanic men. His DOD and NCI R01-funded lab has been looking at the role of vitamin D deficiency, genetics, and biomarkers in men diagnosed with prostate cancer. Clinically he is interested in general urology and men's health and has appointments at Northwestern Medicine, Cook County Health and Jesse Brown VA Medical Center. He is currently leading the Education Committee on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion for the Cancer Prevention Clinical Trials Network for the NIH and is Assistant Director for Community Outreach and Engagement for the Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center.



Hiten Patel, MD, MPH

Hiten Patel MD MPH is an Assistant Professor of Urology at the Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine. He completed urologic residency, medical school, and public health training at Johns Hopkins followed by a Society of Urologic Oncology fellowship at Loyola University Medical Center. He is an expert in applying evidence-based medicine to urologic oncology through performance of systematic reviews used to inform clinical guidelines, initiation of quality improvement studies and clinical trials, and conduct of comparative effectiveness research. His research focuses on active surveillance, novel screening and diagnostic approaches, and optimizing the safety and quality of surgical management for patients with prostate and kidney cancer.



Ben Pockros, MD, MBA

Ben Pockros, MD, MBA, is a first year urology resident at the University of Michigan. While attending Tufts University School of Medicine, Ben earned his MBA degree in Health Policy and Management at the Brandeis Heller School. Ben is interested in pursuing a career in health policy research to help inform policy decisions on Capitol Hill. His favorite part of the AUA Advocacy Summit is the opportunity to connect with other urology trainees who are interested in health policy and to continue learning from leaders in urology who have already made an impact.



William Reha, MD, MBA

William C. Reha, M.D., M.B.A. is the 2022-2023 President of the American Association of Clinical Urologists (AACU). He is a board-certified urologic surgeon in Woodbridge, VA, who previously served as speaker and president of the Medical Society of Virginia (MSV). Additionally, he was president of the Potomac Hospital Medical Staff, Prince William County Medical Society, the Virginia Urological Society, and was Chair of the Virginia Delegation to the American Medical Association (AMA). Dr. Reha currently serves as a member of the American Urological Association (AUA) Public Policy Council and is a past recipient of the AUA Ambrose-Reed Socioeconomics award. He is a Medical Society of Virginia Foundation (MSVF) Claude Moore Physician Leadership Institute fellow, the recipient of the MSV Clarence A. Holland Award and the 2020 MSVF Salute to Service Award. In 2021, he received the Herb Sohn award from the AACU for demonstrated vision and leadership for federal and state advocacy.



Eugene Rhee, MD, MBA

A nationally recognized expert within the urology community, Dr. Rhee is Regional Coordinating Chief of Urology for Kaiser Permanente in Southern California and the National Chair of Urology for the Permanente Federation. He is a past president of the California Urological Association and the San Diego Urologic Society. His specific research interests lie in the fields of incontinence, urologic reconstruction & sexual medicine, and minimally invasive techniques for benign prostatic hyperplasia. Currently, Dr. Rhee is the Chair of the AUA Public Policy Council. He previously held leadership positions on the AUA Western Section Board of Directors and was the inaugural health policy section editor for AUA's Urology Practice Journal. Most notably, Dr. Rhee held the honor of AUA Gallagher Health Policy Scholar. He is also a graduate of the AUA Leadership Program.



Julie Riley, MD, FACS

Dr. Julie Riley MD, FACS is an associate professor at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences. She is the urology residency program director and Vice Chair of the Department. She also serves as the Quality Officer for the Surgical Service Line. She has throughout her career served as urology clinic director, executive director of surgical services, urology research director and director of endourology. She graduated from St. Louis University School of Medicine and completed a 6-year urology residency at the University of Missouri-Columbia. She completed a 2-year fellowship in endourology/robotics/laparoscopy at the University of Pittsburgh.

Dr. Riley is very active within the American Urologic Association and the South Central Section of the AUA. She is currently the Secretary of the South Central Section. She serves as a member of the AUA state advocacy committee and has been on the Young Urologist committee. She has been on the program planning committee for the SCS and the nominating committee. She completed the AUA leadership program in 2019. She also recently became a surgical coach in 2021 by helping to improve OR efficiency and confidence amongst surgeons. Currently She is completing her MBA for further career development skills training.



Outside of the hospital, Julie is a long-distance triathlete. She has completed numerous half ironman triathlons, 4 ironman triathlons and most recently an Ultraman triathlon. She is passionate about medical aid trips, particularly in surgical training in developing countries, and has completed numerous trips to Peru and Honduras. Any free time she has, she enjoys being with her partner, Brian and their black lab, Izzy.



Ruchika Talwar, MD

Ruchika Talwar, MD is a urologic oncology fellow at Vanderbilt University Medical Center. She completed her urology residency at the University of Pennsylvania, where she was an associate fellow at Wharton's Leonard Davis Institute for Health Economics. Dr. Talwar currently serves as the AUA Resident and Fellow Committee Chair, as well as the urology Resident/Fellow Delegate in the American Medical Association's House of Delegates. Since medical school, she has held several national leadership positions within organized medicine. Dr. Talwar's research interests include innovative payment models, access to care, health equity, and quality improvement.



Jacob Thatcher, DO

Jacob grew up on a potato farm, was a missionary in Brazil for two years, then river-guide for 3 years on the Colorado River. He has also lived in Alaska and the Philippines and taught anatomy at Brigham Young University-Idaho. Jacob's passion is enhancing access to medicine in our rural communities. He was named the Rural Student Doctor of the Year. Also, as a Fellow and a board member of the National Rural Health Association he has pursued legislation to strengthen access to subspecialties in those communities. Jacob is also a strong advocate for interprofessional collaboration and humanism in medicine. He is Founding Chair of an interprofessional consortium and was Chapter President of the Gold Humanism in Honor Society. He was also named a distinguished Paul Ambrose Scholar for his work addressing chronic pain in Idaho. He is currently a fourth year Urology Resident at Jefferson Health, New Jersey and is excited to return to Idaho to practice Urology.



Jim Twaddell

Jim Twaddell is a Senior Policy Advisor at Venable, LLP. He has extensive experience in and knowledge of the federal public policymaking and legislative and regulatory processes, strategic planning initiatives, and advocacy campaigns. Jim provides clients with counsel on legislative, policy, political and advocacy issues and represents them before individual Members of Congress, key Congressional Committees, and numerous federal agencies. His efforts for clients include advancing legislation, securing federal appropriations funding, engaging with federal agencies, analyzing and responding to proposed regulations and organizing advocacy campaigns to promote specific policy initiatives. He earned bachelor's degree in public administration from George Mason University and his master's degree in American Government from The Johns Hopkins University. Jim started his career as the deputy director of communications and a legislative aide for U.S. Senator Arlen Specter (R-PA). Previously, he worked as the associate director of government affairs at the American Association of Colleges of Nursing.



Willie Underwood III, MD, MSc, MPH

Willie Underwood III, MD, MSc, MPH, is a board-certified urologist with more than 20 years of overall urologic surgery experience, including more than 10 years focused on robotic urologic surgery. He was elected to the American Medical Association Board of Trustees in June 2019.

An expert in health care disparities and health care policy, Dr. Underwood has served on several national and regional health care policy committees, including as a board member of Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield of Western and Northeastern New York and the Board of Commissioners of the Joint Commission.

He has also served as a board member and medical advisor to the Love Canal Medical Fund Inc., as a past president of the Erie County Medical Society of New York, as a member of the AMA and National Medical Association Commission to End Health Care Disparities, and as a member of the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education Urology Residency Review Committee. Dr. Underwood has also chaired the AMA Council on Legislation, the Erie County Medical Society Legislative Affairs Committee, and the Medical Society of the State of New York Quality Improvement and Patient Safety Committee.



Raised in Gary, Ind., Dr. Underwood earned his Bachelor of Science degree in biology from Morehouse College, and his Doctor of Medicine and Master of Science in anatomy and cellular biology degrees from the State University of New York, Upstate Medical University, Syracuse, N.Y. He received his general surgery and urologic surgery training at the University of Connecticut Health Center, Farmington, Conn. After his residency, he became the fifth urologist admitted into the prestigious Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Clinical Scholars Program, which he completed in 2002 at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. While in Ann Arbor, he also earned a Master of Public Health degree in health management and policy from University of Michigan, School of Public Health in 2004.

In addition to co-authoring more than 120 peer reviewed publications, book chapters and published abstracts, he has received millions in research funding from the National Institute of Health and holds patents in the U.S. and Japan for co-developing a biomarker for prostate cancer. He is the co-founder of KAPS Biotechnology LLC, which is currently conducting a larger validation study of its new and novel prostate cancer biomarker.



Christine Van Horn, MD, MS

Dr. Christine Van Horn is a Chief Resident at the UMass Chan School of Medicine urology residency program in Worcester, MA. She participated in the Advocacy Summit in 2022 (with the support of a New England Section travel award) and expanded her role by becoming an AUAPAC Champion for the 2023-2024 cycle. She has a passion for quality improvement, healthcare policy, and advocacy and is excited to integrate these into her practice as an endourologist. In 2022, she proctored a course with faculty from UMass Chan regarding fertility preservation in trainees at the AUA Annual Meeting in New Orleans; she and Dr. Yates are leveraging their research to support trainees in their family planning at their institution. She has also worked on multiple

Dr. Van Horn graduated from the University of California, Berkeley in 2008 with a BA in Molecular and Cell Biology. She then earned a Masters in Science from the University of California, Los Angeles in 2013 and graduated from the Keck School of Medicine of USC in Los Angeles, CA in 2018 with her MD. She will be graduating urology residency in June 2023 and will be an Endourology and Laparoscopic and Robotics fellow at Loyola Medicine for 2023-2024.



Kara Watts, MD

Dr. Kara L. Watts, Associate Professor of Urology, earned her medical degree from the University of Connecticut School of Medicine and completed residency at Montefiore Medical Center. She completed a fellowship in Quality and Performance Improvement in Medicine in 2018 and serves as Director of Quality Assurance and Improvement for her department, as well as Director of Prostate Cancer Screening program.

Dr. Watts' clinical interests include endourology and the diagnosis and management of prostate cancer, which includes the development of a focal therapy program for prostate cancer at her institution. Her research interests focus on imaging, detection, and active surveillance of prostate cancer in high risk populations, healthcare disparities in urologic oncology, and development of quality protocols to optimize patient care and outcomes.



Jennifer Yates, MD

Jen Yates is an Associate Professor in the Department of Urology at University of Massachusetts, where she has practiced for 9 years.

Prior to that she completed a fellowship at Hackensack University Medical Center and remained on faculty for two years. Though originally from a military family that has lived all over the country, she considers herself a New Englander after residency at Brown University. At the University of Massachusetts, Jen's practice focuses primarily on bladder and kidney cancer, and she serves as residency Program Director and Vice-chair of Academic Affairs. She is proud to represent the New England section as their representative to the AUA Health Policy Committee.



Jacqueline Zarro, PhD

As the volunteer Patient Advocate Liaison with the American Urological Association, Jacqueline Zarro, PhD brings first-hand patient experience as well as her educational background in clinical psychology and professional background in clinical care and research.

Having been diagnosed almost a decade ago with the rare genetic condition of Von Hippel-Lindau disease manifesting in several types of malignant and non-malignant tumors including kidney cancer, Jacqueline knows of the unique challenges that urological patients face. She is also cognizant of the demands on caregivers given the loss of her mother to kidney cancer and having family members who are prostate cancer survivors.



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SUPPORT EQUITABLE REFORMS TO THE MEDICARE PHYSICIAN FEE SCHEDULE

The AUA continues to advocate for legislation to address annual funding cuts to the physician payment system and to replace it with a system that accurately reflects the cost of medical practice and incentivizes quality improvement in a meaningful and clinically relevant manner. Without action, the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (MPFS) will continue to see further reductions in payment for the foreseeable future, endangering the social safety net for our most vulnerable patients.

REQUEST – The AUA urges Congress to hold hearings, roundtables and other discussions with physician stakeholder input that would provide a structural overhaul of Medicare’s financing system – specifically the budget neutral MPFS. The AUA also urges Congress to pass legislation that would provide a fix for the steep Medicare cuts set for implementation over the next several years due to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services’ (CMS) update to direct practice expense clinical labor inputs.

OVERVIEW – The Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023 mitigated, but did not eliminate, devastating cuts to Medicare funding that were set to take effect on January 1, 2023. The scheduled reduction in Medicare funding of nearly 4.5 percent would have threatened physicians’ ability to provide quality care AND comes at a time when practices already face severe threats to their financial viability. While the law did reduce MPFS payment cuts by 2.5 percent this calendar year, we need a long-term solution that will stabilize physician payment. Physicians will face a 2 percent cut in Medicare payment in 2023 and at least a 1.25 percent cut in 2024.

BACKGROUND – While this legislation blunted the impact of these Medicare funding cuts, the fact remains that, without additional congressional action, physicians will face additional cuts in the calendar year 2024 fee schedule. This financial uncertainty comes at a time of continued challenges in providing care to patients as the COVID-19 public health emergency ends. Additionally, Medicare payment is not indexed to inflation, and the cost of care delivery – which includes staff, supplies, and malpractice insurance, among other factors – have outpaced payment increases.

Urology faces an additional challenge due to the implementation of an update to clinical labor rates that CMS uses as one of the direct practice expense components included as part of the valuation of services on the MPFS. These rates had not been updated in nearly 20 years until CMS began phasing in implementation of new ones in 2022. However, due to the budget



neutral nature of the MPFS, this update will have a significant negative impact on procedures with a major direct practice expense supply and equipment component. This includes several urologic procedures, a number of which face cuts of more than 10 percent – for no other reasons than the statutorily required budget neutral nature of the MPFS and CMS’ inaction in regularly updating direct practice expense clinical labor rates. Practices cannot absorb these cuts along with other scheduled Medicare cuts early next year.

CONTACT – For more information on the specific impacts these impending cuts will have on urology, please contact Ray Wezik, the AUA’s Director of Policy and Advocacy at rwezik@auanet.org.



SUPPORT THE PERMANENT EXPANSION OF TELEHEALTH BENEFITS FOLLOWING THE EXPIRATION OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

REQUEST – The AUA urges House and Senate members to introduce legislation similar to the CONNECT for Health Act from last Congress to make permanent the telehealth benefits and flexibilities that were extended through 2024 as part of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023. Additionally, the AUA requests payment parity for evaluation and management (E&M) services delivered via telehealth, which was not included in the end-of-year legislation.

OVERVIEW – Providers and patients have benefited greatly from the flexibilities in care granted during COVID-19. In fact, there was more than a 70 percent adoption of telehealth services amongst urologists since the pandemic began and our specialty led all other surgical specialties in usage rate during that time. The use of telehealth services reduces the burden on patients that are required to travel significant distances to see a urologist and who may otherwise opt to forgo necessary medical care. It also allows patients to receive care that does not require a face-to-face visit or exam in a location that is more convenient to them, potentially increasing patient compliance with medical recommendations and improving outcomes.

At the end of 2022, Congress passed the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023, which extended many of the flexibilities and benefits that patients and providers find so useful through 2024. Unfortunately, payment parity with in-office E&M services was not part of that legislation.

BACKGROUND – Making telehealth easily accessible has been proven as a positive and useful tool for patients and providers, especially in rural or densely populated areas. The medical decision-making for E&M services is the same whether a patient is in-office or seen via telehealth. Without appropriate payment that reflects the investment by practices into telehealth technology and HIPAA compliant platforms, patients could see additional barriers to access high quality healthcare. Additional rationale for telehealth services includes the following:

- Clinicians and patients are best able to determine which setting is appropriate;
- Telehealth reduces exposure risk for communicable diseases (even without a pandemic);
- Patients with spinal cord injuries and other neurogenic conditions (e.g., spina bifida), patients in a facility, or patients in rural areas or with a long-distance commute may struggle to get to predetermined sites to receive care; and



SUPPORT THE PSA SCREENING FOR HIM ACT

REQUEST – The AUA urges House members to cosponsor the PSA Screening for HIM Act, which is expected to be formally introduced in the coming days. The AUA urges Senate members to introduce a companion bill in that chamber.

OVERVIEW – This legislation requires private health insurance plans to cover preventive prostate cancer screenings not already covered under the recommendations of the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) for men with a family history of prostate cancer, without imposing any cost-sharing requirement.

BACKGROUND – The USPSTF is an independent, volunteer panel of national experts in disease prevention and evidence-based medicine. USPSTF was created in 1984 to make evidence-based recommendations regarding clinical preventative services. The Task Force assigns each recommendation a letter grade of A, B, C, or D grade or an I based on the strength of the evidence and the balance of benefits and harms of a preventive service.

The medical community originally used the recommendations as guidelines to decide which preventative services to use. In some cases, insurance companies even used the recommendations to decide which services to cover. However, the Affordable Care Act requires private insurers and Medicare plans to cover all “A” or “B” rated services without any cost-sharing requirement. While this has increased access to some preventative services, it also has led to a decrease in access to other screening tools, such as prostate cancer screenings.

USPSTF recommendations on clinical preventative health services have created confusion among patients and the primary care community for years. For example, in May 2012 the USPSTF recommended against the prostate-specific-antigen (PSA) based screening test for prostate cancer in all men, regardless of risk. In 2018, USPSTF updated their recommendation for PSA screening from a “D” across the board to a “C” for men aged 55-69 and a “D” rating for men over the age of 70. Many doctors and professional organizations, including the American Urological Association, encourage yearly PSA screening for men between age 40 and 55 depending on risk factors such as race and family history.

Unfortunately, the USPSTF approach has put certain demographics at risk rather than considering individual risk factors, like family history. Per a 2023 American Cancer Society report, the incidence of prostate cancer increased for the first time in 20 years – likely from changes to PSA screening guidelines.

CONTACT – For more information or to be added as a cosponsor, please contact Emily Mace with Rep. Larry Bucshon, MD (R-IN-08) at 5-4636 or emily.mace@mail.house.gov.



SUPPORT THE SPECIALTY PHYSICIANS ADVANCING RURAL CARE (SPARC) ACT

REQUEST – The AUA urges legislators to cosponsor the SPARC Act, a bill that would encourage urologists and other specialty medicine physicians to practice in rural communities by creating a student loan forgiveness program for these essential healthcare practitioners.

OVERVIEW – The bill authorizes the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to provide qualified specialty medicine physicians the opportunity to have a portion of their eligible student loans repaid by the federal government in exchange for practicing in a rural community experiencing a shortage of specialty medicine physicians. The bill includes the following provisions:

- The required service period is six years of full-time employment with no more than one year passing between any two-year period of employment;
- The loan repayment for each year of service would be 1/6th of the principal and interest on each eligible loan (outstanding on the date the service started). The remaining principal and loan interest is paid upon completing the sixth and final year of service;
- The total amount of repayments cannot be more than \$250,000; and
- The bill requires HHS to provide Congress with a report no later than five years after enactment and every other year thereafter through 2030.

BACKGROUND – The United States is facing a shortage of physicians. The Association of American Medical Colleges projects a shortage of 124,000 physicians (77,100 specialists) by 2034. Over 62 percent of all U.S. counties currently do not have a practicing urologist and the average age of a practicing urologist (54 years old) makes the specialty one of the oldest in the medical profession. However, urology is not the only specialty in this predicament.

While the number of specialty medicine physicians is decreasing, the average amount of student loan debt medical school graduates carry is increasing. Over 52.5 percent of urology residents have more than \$150,000 in student loan debt and 28.5 percent have \$250,000 or more. This surmounting student loan debt ultimately compels 90 percent of urologists to choose to practice in a metropolitan area after residency. These factors contribute to the disparity in access to specialty medicine in rural America.

CONTACT – For more information or to be added as a cosponsor, please contact Ryan Taylor with Sen. Jacky Rosen (D-NV) at 4-6244 or ryan_taylor@rosen.senate.gov or Sally Farrington with Sen. Roger Wicker (R-MS) at 4-6253 or sally_farrington@wicker.senate.gov, or Matt Tucker with Rep. John Joyce, MD (R-PA-13) at 5-2431 or matt.tucker@mail.house.gov.



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