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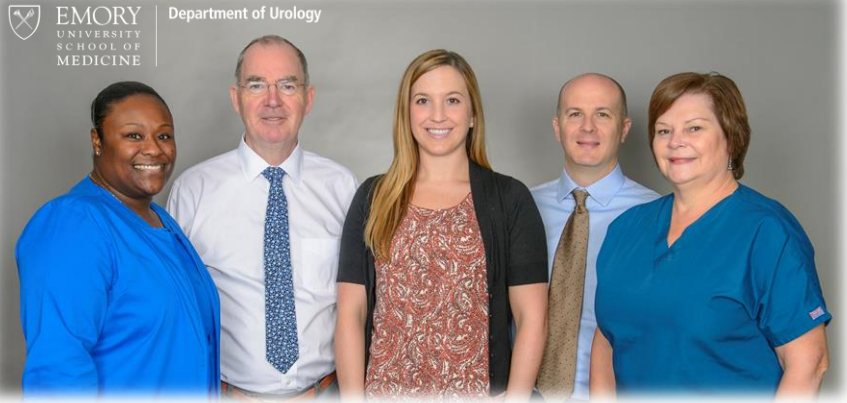
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Letter from the Chair

The mission of Emory Urology - to forge patient-centered innovation, provide exceptional care, and train the future leaders of American Urology – cannot be accomplished without substantial investment of time, effort, and resources. Philanthropy is absolutely vital for us to achieve these goals. We are therefore exceedingly grateful and deeply humbled by the Cox Foundation’s recent generosity in supporting transformative initiatives to improve patient care. Emory Urology has benefited from innumerable grateful patients and other contributors, each of whose support – large or small – enables progress in ways that would not be possible otherwise. Thank you to all of our supporters for your earnest generosity and good will.

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Professor and Chairman, Emory Urology

Grateful Urology Patient Donates \$25 Million

A \$25 million grant from the James M. Cox Foundation will launch new patient-centered care models at Emory designed to improve patient experiences and outcomes. Prostate cancer care will be the initial clinical focus of the model.

"This generous gift from the Cox Foundation will create an opportunity to translate some of our most successful initiatives in Emory Medicine across key clinical areas and accelerate our ability to deliver the highest quality health care along with the most satisfactory patient and provider experience," said Christian Larsen, MD, DPhil, dean of Emory University School of Medicine and vice president for health center integration in Emory’s Woodruff Health Sciences Center. *"Our primary concern is serving our patients and their families both effectively and efficiently."*

"The idea for our gift is rooted in my recent experiences with the health care system," said Jim Kennedy, chairman of Cox Enterprises and grandson of company founder James M. Cox. *"We want it to be easier and less stressful for patients and their families whenever they face serious health issues. The leaders at Emory will transform the health care experience not only for patients and families, but also for the entire health care team. We believe Emory can serve as a national model for improved health care delivery."* The gift creates two endowed chairs affiliated with the Winship Cancer Institute to enable Emory Medicine physician leaders to focus on change initiatives and research to improve patient care. **John J. Pattaras, MD, associate professor of urology**, and Peter Rossi, MD, associate professor of radiation oncology, who both specialize in prostate cancer, will help lead the new initiative.



Dean Larsen Dr. Bornstein Mr. Kennedy Dr. Pattaras Dr. Rossi

New Clinical Manager - Ms. Marika Johnson



Ms. Marika Johnson joined the Urology team in May as the Sr. Clinic Operations Manager. Ms. Johnson received her undergraduate degree at the University of Virginia and her MBA from Georgia Tech. She has over 10 years of experience in aging services, a combination of health care and hospitality. In her time at Emory, she has focused on team building including the hiring of 3 Advanced Practice Providers, 2 Medical Assistants, and a Patient Care Coordinator which will greatly increase patient access.



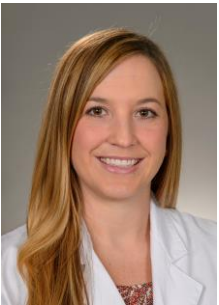
New Advanced Practice Providers



Dennis Hafford, PA-C, has worked in Urology clinics since 2009 in Albuquerque, St. Louis, and Monroe, WI. He went to PA school at the University of Nebraska and received his BA at Northern Illinois. Mr. Hafford will work primarily in the areas of men's health, general urology, and prostate cancer at both Clifton and St. Joseph's.



Emily McDowell, PA-C, joins us from California where she has worked in a Primary Care Clinic. She's a graduate of Georgia Tech and received her masters at Wake Forest. She's also a *Teach for America* alumna. Ms. McDowell will work primarily with general urology and urological cancers at both Clifton and St. Joseph's.



Daphne Provau, NP, has been a member of the Emory family for several years working in the ER at St. Joseph's. She received her undergraduate degree at Clayton State and her FNP at University of Alabama Birmingham. Ms. Provau will work primarily in the Continence Clinic at Clifton.



Jessica Forbes, PA-C, will join the team in 2016 as our Inpatient Advanced Practice Provider working at EUH. She has been working with WellStar Urology since 2012 and previously worked in a women's health clinic. Jessica received her masters at the Medical College of Georgia and her BS at Armstrong Atlantic State.

Town Hall Meeting



This year's Town Hall on July 31st was the largest gathering to date of the Urology team and the Emory shared services that support us. Members from Grady, the VA, EUH, St. Joseph's, the Call Center, Ambulatory Surgery Center, Research, Financial Services, and more came together to celebrate department successes and work together to solve some of its challenges. Most importantly, Mike Mandl, outgoing Emory Healthcare President and CEO, was on hand to recognize employees who have been with Emory Urology 20 years and more. This year we recognized Ms. Johnnie Parker, Ms. Annette Jones, Ms. Carrie Sun, Ms. Joy Butterworth, Dr. John Petros and Dr. Naill Galloway for their service.

Distinguished Career Award - Dr. Jerry Sullivan



Emory University School of Medicine honored Dr. Jerry W. Sullivan for his services (2007-2015) at a ceremony held at President Jimmy Carter Library on June 26, 2015. Dr. Sullivan was presented with a plaque in honor of and grateful appreciation for his distinguished career and for his outstanding contributions to Emory University Department of Urology and the Atlanta VA Medical Center. Dr. Sullivan joined Emory/VA following his first retirement as the Chair of Urology at Louisiana State University (25 years). He served as the *Director of Outpatient Urology Clinics and Procedures* at the Atlanta VA Medical Center. We wish him a happy second retirement.

New Faculty - Dr. Christopher Filson



Dr. Filson joined Emory Urology as Assistant Professor with clinical interest in urologic oncology. This includes management of complex urological malignancies such as laparoscopic and robotic surgical procedures as well as focal therapy techniques with state-of-the-art technology. Dr. Filson has particular focus on active surveillance of prostate cancer with novel biomarkers and targeted biopsies using MRI-ultrasound fusion advanced technology. Dr. Filson received his undergraduate education from the UC Berkeley, medical and Masters degree in Health Care Research and urology residency training from the University of Michigan, and fellowship training in Urologic Oncology from UCLA. Dr. Filson's primary practice and research will be at the Atlanta VA Medical Center. He will also have limited clinical activity at Emory Saint Joseph's Hospital.

Dr. Petros - VA Merit Research Grant (Kidney Cancer)

Dr. Petros was awarded a new VA Merit Research grant entitled "Novel Diagnostic Tests for Renal Cell Carcinoma." The three-year federal grant (\$650,000) will allow Dr. Petros and co-investigators (From Urology - Drs. Arnold, Master, Pattaras, Ogan; Nephrology - Drs. Gorbatkin, Franch; Pathology - Drs. Osunkoya, Ritchie, Rossi; Primary Care - Dr. Roberts) to study two new tests for kidney cancer. The ultimate clinical translation seeks to improve kidney cancer detection.



Dr. Master Promoted to Professor



Dr. Viraj Master was recently promoted to Professor of Urology. Dr. Master received his MD and PhD degrees from the University of Chicago. He completed his urology residency and two fellowships training at the University of California in San Francisco (UCSF) before joining the Department of Urology at Emory University in 2005. Dr. Master is the Associate Chair for Quality and Clinical Affairs and is the Director of Clinical Research in Urology. Dr. Master is nationally-recognized for his expertise in surgical treatment of kidney cancer particularly the complex variety that extends into the vena cava and the heart. Dr. Master serves on the Advisory Council of the American Cancer Society, American College of International Consultation on Urologic Diseases on kidney cancer and American College of Surgeons

Outstanding Contribution to Resident Education -

Dr. Edwin Smith

Dr. Edwin Smith, Adjunct Associate Professor of Urology, received the 2015 Outstanding Contribution to Resident Education Award. The graduating chief residents, Dr. Courtney Plattner and Dr. Michael Bryant, presented Dr. Smith a crystal plaque at the Chief graduation banquet that was held at President Jimmy Carter Library on June 26, 2015.



Awards, Accomplishments & News

- Dr. Aaron Weiss received the 2015 Cooner Award. The Cooner Award is given to the resident who through the preceding year of residency training has best emulated the compassion and care for patients exhibited by Dr. William Hollis Cooner (Professor of Urology).
- Dr. Donald Finnerty (BS, MD, Georgetown University) joined Emory Urology as the Director of Outpatient Urology Clinics and Procedures in Department of Urology at the Atlanta VA Medical Center.
- Dr. Epsy joined us as a Senior Associate and Fellow in the Division of Reconstructive and Female Pelvic Urology. Dr. Epsy received a B.S. in Industrial and Systems Engineering from GA Tech (1997) and a MD, PhD degree from Tulane University (2001).
- Dr. Paymon Nourparvar received the 2015 *Outstanding Resident Academic Achievement Award* in recognition of his outstanding academic efforts.



- Dr. John Pattaras was recognized at the 2nd annual Celebration of Faculty Excellence for his services as President of Georgia Urological Association and GA Representative to the Southeast Section of the AUA.
- Dr. Cara Cimmino and Dr. Kenneth Ogan were rated above 90th percentile in Patient Satisfaction among Urology practices nationwide
- Dr. Kristen Broderick, Graduating Pediatric Urology Fellow, joined urology community practice in Georgia.
- Emory's residents, Dr. Salil Gabale, Dr. Ilan Safir, Dr. Samuel David & Dr. Jonathan Huang won the "Best of Posters" Award at the Epidemiology and Socioeconomics – Cost Effectiveness I Poster Session during the 2015 AUA Annual Convention that was held in New Orleans, May 2015.

Chief Residents Graduation Banquet



President Carter Library
June 25, 2015

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