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Among the nation's leading academic medical centers, University Hospitals Case Medical Center is the primary affiliate of Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine, a nationally recognized leader in medical research and education.
We are pleased to bring you the inaugural edition of the UH Urology Institute Journal. A multitude of our past and present faculty, staff and residents have been heavily involved in urologic research. We hope that our journal becomes a vehicle for the delivery of the highest quality publications that highlight the outstanding achievements of the Department of Urology at the University Hospitals Case Medical Center and Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine.

This edition is dedicated to our former chairman, Dr. Martin Resnick. He was a great contributor to the field of urology, both clinically and through his research endeavors. He was also a most remarkable teacher and mentor to many of us.

This journal is made possible by the department’s exceptional commitment to research and outstanding patient care. We have been privileged to work with faculty that is committed to excellence. We would like to thank our editorial staff for their relentless efforts to get the journal into your hands, as well as noneditorial staff for their assistance.

We are optimistic that this journal will become a place where novel ideas can be presented, seize your interest, and are further developed. As we explore new ways to make this journal useful to your work, please share your thoughts, ideas and interests with us. We hope that the first edition of the UH Urology Institute Journal reflects the energy and pride that we all have in our program.

Matt Steinway, MD, and Irma Lengu, MD
Urology Chief Residents
In August 2009, I started the most exciting phase of my career as a urological surgeon-scientist: the task of leading the Department of Urology at University Hospitals Case Medical Center, and Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine.

My overwhelming excitement stemmed from my impression that the stars are propitiously aligned for our comprehensive team of clinicians, researchers and trainees to shine as a new role model for the top urology programs in the U.S.

The first star is our ability to provide state-of-the-art, specialized care to our patients and to the larger community at the most convenient locations throughout Northeast Ohio. Expansion of our programs in Female Pelvic Surgery, Pediatric Urology, Urologic Oncology, Minimally Invasive Surgery, Pelvic Pain and Men’s Health offers our patients and referring physicians the services of any of our skilled physicians in less than 30 minutes drive within any of the 15 counties in Northeast Ohio. Equally important, our program is offered in clinics related to specific patient problems: bladder control clinic, prostate cancer clinic, pelvic pain clinic, etc. Therefore, our patients no longer have to wonder which “ologist” they should see when they go to the bathroom frequently, or have any urological cancer, or pelvic pain – or their child wets the bed!

The second star is the unique ability of our new research team to translate the clinical, patient-related research questions into new knowledge that can bring solutions to our patients’ problems and to physicians treating the same problems. Our team has had one of the most successful track records in receiving national and regional research funds in the areas of female pelvic floor disorders, prostate cancer, chemoprevention for urological malignancies, neurogenic conditions, complications of diabetes and obesity. This team is now connected to one of the most impressive intellectual reservoirs and research infrastructures in the nation at Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine, which ranked 22nd in America’s Best Graduate Schools for research and overall according to U.S. News and World Report. The potential is truly unlimited for bringing new knowledge to the front doors of our patients and peers.

The third and final propitious star is that of the strong tradition of training “legends” in urology at UH Case Medical Center. Currently, there are more leaders of departments of urology in the U.S. who were trained at UH Case Medical Center and at Case Western Reserve University than at any other program in the nation! Our program relies on the superior talent of young, enthusiastic faculty, superb residents and an impressive pool of medical students to usher in the next generation of legends in urology.

The growth of the department since 2009 has led to its evolution into the UH Urology Institute with a primary goal of further growth and expansion across our UH health care system. Since 2009 we have witnessed more than 200 percent growth in the size of the urology program. The growth is reflected in the number of faculty, patient encounters, and surgical volume. During this period of growth we have revised the residency program to a full six years, to include a full year of research. The research year of the residency program has been extremely productive and allows the residents to not only be trained as genuine surgeon scientists, but also to be very productive, with an average research resident completing between three to five first author papers during this year. Several of the residents have successfully competed for peer reviewed funded grants and received awards for presentations at national congresses.

To communicate the new life of our collaborative team and based on suggestions of some of the residents, the idea of creation of this journal was born; so the new generation of residents could communicate with the previous graduates and keep them abreast of new developments.

As part of the growth of urology I am looking forward to a very active communication and hopefully collaboration with our alumni. We are very proud of our past, encouraged by our current accomplishments, and excited about our future potentials. I invite you to contact and visit us at the first opportunity you have. We will be delighted to share with you our excitement or bring to you the light of one of our stars!

Respectfully,

Firouz Daneshgari, MD

Director, UH Urology Institute, UH Case Medical Center, Lester Persky Professor & Chair of Urology,
Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine
I am privileged to write this dedication in the inaugural edition of the UH Urology Institute Journal honoring one of the pre-eminent urologists of our time, Dr. Martin Resnick (Lester Persky Professor & Chair of Urology Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine and University Hospitals from 1981-2007). Marty was my partner, teacher, mentor and friend. Prior to his untimely passing in June 2007, he was without question a highly distinguished urologist. Above all else, Marty was the consummate clinical urologist. His knowledge base was encyclopedic and his judgment unparalleled. His clinical interests were broad, ranging from urinary stone disease to oncology. He was perhaps best known generally for his contribution to the development of prostate ultrasound as a state-of-the-art diagnostic tool.

After taking over the leadership of our department from another legend, Dr. Lester Persky, Marty enjoyed bridging the gap between traditional urologic practice with its roots in open surgery and contemporary minimally invasive and endourologic techniques. His surgical skills were superlative and he enjoyed challenging clinical cases related to complex stone disease, urothelial malignancy, and prostate cancer including the radical perineal prostatectomy procedure which he taught to a generation of urology residents. Marty was also an engaged and demanding teacher of residents and students. His teaching legacy lives on in the careers of the myriad of urologists that he trained and who now enjoy significant academic and private practice success. He placed a high priority on supporting the career goals of physicians in training. Many of his former residents went on to advanced fellowships at some of the finest post graduate training programs in the nation and have carried on Marty’s commitment to excellence by building their own renowned careers. Marty was also a superior surgeon scientist and his curriculum vitae is replete with countless scholarly articles, books, chapters and participation in NIH-funded research that attest to his broad contributions to the science of urology.

Marty Resnick was perhaps best known as a leader of organized urology and a statesman for the advancement of urology practice. He valued and was proud of his extracurricular work in “organized medicine” and he served in leadership roles in many organizations, societies and scholarly journals. In review, he served as president and secretary of the American Urological Association, as a member of the board of directors of the American Foundation for Urological Disease, as a trustee of the American Board of Urology, as a member of the board of governors of the American College of Surgeons, on the board of trustees of the Society of University Urologists, and on the NIH urology advisory group. He was the founding editor of the journal Contemporary Urology and was honored to join the select group of famed urologists to hold the position of Editor of the Journal of Urology. His ability to rise to leadership roles in urology and within the University Hospitals health system, where he dedicated the majority of his career, underscore the respect that Marty earned from his colleagues and associates at home and throughout the world.

On a personal level, Marty was our role model for a career in academic medicine. He was the quintessential multitasker. Even in the face of extreme demands on his time, he worked tirelessly and his practice partners always knew that he was “in the trenches” with them. Furthermore, no matter what time of the day or night, he was always available to respond to the career or personal concerns of his faculty or to simply talk baseball or politics. His legacy will certainly live on in the memories of the scores of colleagues, associates, residents, nurses, office staff and patients whose careers and lives were touched by this giant of our profession.
Donald Bodner, MD, FACS, UH Urology Institute, Professor, Department of Urology, Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine
– Named to Best Doctors in America® 2011

Lauren Byrne, MD, Resident, Department of Urology, UH Case Medical Center
– Granted 2011 SUFU Resident/Fellow Travel Awards

Firouz Daneshgari, MD, Director, UH Urology Institute, Lester Persky Professor & Chair of Urology, Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine and UH Case Medical Center
– Named to Best Doctors in America® 2011
– Awarded NIH NIDDK P20 for study of Urologic Complications of Obesity and Diabetes
– Named a physician member of University Hospitals Board of Directors
– Awarded a Coulter Foundation grant to study development of imaging to investigate EAE and EAC mouse models of lower urinary tract dysfunction

Adonis Hijaz, MD, Director, Female Pelvic Medicine & Surgery Center, UH Urology Institute; Associate Professor, Department of Urology, Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine
– Granted NIH/NIDDK K08 Mentored Scientist Award for the study of tissue recovery in the pathophysiology of stress urinary incontinence
– Awarded a Coulter Foundation Grant to study the standardization of surgical treatment of stress urinary incontinence

Andrew Horowitz, MD, Resident, Department of Urology, UH Case Medical Center
– Granted 2011 SUFU Resident/Fellow Travel Awards
– Awarded Best Poster at SUFU Annual Meeting

Guiming Liu, MD, PhD, Assistant Professor, Department of Urology, Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine
– Awarded a Coulter Foundation Grant to study assessment of autonomic bladder sensory function in the mouse
– Awarded a Pilot Study Grant from the Clinical & Translational Science Collaborative to study urologic complications of diabetes

Jonathan Ross, MD, Director, Pediatric Urology Center, UH Urology Institute and UH Rainbow Babies & Children’s Hospital, Professor, Department of Urology, Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine
– Named to Best Doctors in America® 2010 and 2011

Zhina Sadeghi, MD, Visiting Researcher, Department of Urology, Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine
– Granted 2011 AUA Basic Science Symposium: “Stem Cells and Urologic Diseases” travel award

Mark Stovisky, MD, MBA, FACS, Director, Men’s Health & Genitourinary Stones Center, UH Urology Institute, Associate Professor, Department of Urology, Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine
– Awarded Best Poster Award at AUA North Central 2010 Annual Meeting
– Named to Best Doctors in America® 2010 and 2011
– Elected to a three-year term as the Ohio representative on the Board of Directors of the AUA North Central Section
– Elected to a second term as the AUA North Central Section Representative to the AACU and Uropac Boards

Elias Veizi, MD, PhD, Pelvic Pain Fellow, UH Urology Institute
– Awarded 2011 Pfizer Fellowship in Pain Management

Hui Zhu, MD, UH Urology Institute, Assistant Professor, Department of Urology, Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine
– Awarded Grant from Johnson & Johnson Biomedical Research Fund to study the staging and grading of bladder cancer

Justin Isariyawongse, MD, Resident, Department of Urology, UH Case Medical Center
– Granted 2011 SUFU Resident/Fellow Travel Awards
Being in a clinical department, there is always an emphasis on clinically based questions and translation of research from bench to bedside. The focus of the department research is to acknowledge clinical problems in urology and explore and address them in the laboratory setting. The department has implemented a new process that includes brainstorming on problems and discussion to find research questions which may be addressed in the laboratory. Through this rigorous procedure the urology faculty, fellows and residents are trained to develop a research question and are given the tools to address them. In addition, the research team is trained to write grants, manuscripts, and receive information about regulatory and ethical issues.

The Research Team has undergone tremendous restructuring, including new hires to better support a more systematic process for research design, implementation, grant writing and manuscript writing. This will allow the department to continue its research growth and expansion. Kerry O. Grimberg, PhD, was hired as the Director of Publications to oversee the research team support staff, develop and implement systematic processes and ensure accurate and timely delivery of all written research materials. Expanded job functions have occurred to ensure dedicated personnel to support key research areas including a) Regulatory and Intellectual Property, b) Clinical Research Coordinator for Oncology, c) Database Development and Maintenance, and d) Grants and Publications.

Through this newly implemented process there has been a 200 percent increase in grant funding and 400 percent increase in grant writing. The department submitted more than 25 grants since 2009 and had a successful funding rate of 18-20 percent. This year several investigator-initiated studies and sponsored research studies were initiated in the department. There was also hiring of new faculty, including Drs. Abouassaly, Hijaz, Madi and Woo, to increase the workforce and expand our research programs and expertise. Since 2009 more than 100 manuscripts have been published or are currently In Press from departmental faculty members. Our residents, postdoctoral fellows, graduate students and faculty have presented their research at various national and international conferences including SUFU, AUA and AUA North. Major emphasis in research was on translational aspects, development and/or expansion of interdisciplinary research groups with common programmatic themes. Emphasis was given to initiate and increase the number of clinical studies, either sponsored or extramurally funded investigator-initiated studies, which can generate more research dollars for the department.

In addition to the existing GU Oncology database, two new patient databases, the Interdisciplinary Clinical Database in Female Pelvic Medicine & Surgery (ICD in FPMS) and the Pelvic Pain Database (PPD) are currently being developed within the department. These databases will support comparative effectiveness research in these patient populations.

In support of the department’s dedication to training of future surgeon-scientists, a Monday afternoon Research Seminar Series was initiated. Within this weekly, two-hour session clinical and research residents, postdoctoral fellows and faculty are exposed to a variety of research problems, methodology through lectures and group discussions. These discussions are guided by experts in the fields being discussed, including research design, statistical analysis and ethical conduct of research. In addition, all department members are encouraged to present research concepts for the group’s consideration prior to grant or IRB submissions. This format has helped in the development of competitive research environment, critical thinking and analysis among all researchers within the department and strengthened the subsequent grant or IRB submissions.

With the implementation of this new structure and support system, clinicians and researchers now have the tools necessary to translate ideas from the clinic to fundable research studies that ultimately provide benefit back to the patient in the clinic.
Urology has had a strong presence at University Hospitals and Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine for more than 50 years. I was honored to join a department with a history of legendary urologist trainers such as Drs. Lester Persky and Martin Resnick, and trainees such as Drs. Jean B. DeKernion, Scott MacDougall, Mark Soloway, Robert C. Flanigan, and Steven Selman. Upon arrival in August 2009 a vision for the continued growth of the program was created based on four guiding principles: 1) the growth of Centers of Excellence in existing and innovative areas; 2) regional expansion; 3) recruitment of nonemployed physicians or affiliations with nonrecruited physicians; and 4) a new model of discovery. To achieve these goals we have diligently worked closely with other divisions of the medical center to make this a reality.

Academic medical centers, including University Hospitals Case Medical Center, have historically been built exclusively around a traditional medical department structure. Each department defines its clinical role in the care of patients, with minimally integrated care models. The outcomes of such an approach do not allow for the development of an optimal, seamless, high-quality patient experience. These outcomes and the increasing demand for improved care by our patients, families, payors, insurers and many other external parties have led to the development of a well-researched clinical institute model.

Conforming to this model, the UH Urology Institute is designed to be responsive to the ever-changing health care environment, aligning clinical services and goals in response to internal and external pressures for change. The goals are many, including the further development of system integration across disciplines and geographic locations, creation of a regional strategy, and research and education strategies that are aligned with clinical services, patient outcomes that demonstrate improved health status and an institute that improves financial strength.

The approach to achieve these goals is designed around the concept of a clinical institute. The overall aim of the institute is to design clinical care and the patient experience so that urological care – regardless of where in the health system patients receive it – is delivered with a consistent level of the highest quality of care. This high quality of care leads to a strong reputation in the health care and patient community. Standardizing care across the health system elevates the clinical capabilities at new and partnership sites and improves the quality of care provided to patients.

The institute model is designed around the focus on “Centers of Excellence.” Centers are designed as interdisciplinary teams, integrating expertise from multiple professions and across multiple departments. The integration of professional knowledge across services creates improvements in clinical program development and outcomes. This multimodal interdisciplinary approach streamlines the decision-making paradigms for complex clinical conditions and leads to a generation of improved treatment plans and outcomes assessment.
Centers are designed around the mission of University Hospitals: To Heal. To Teach. To Discover. They concentrate on disease processes and patient care approaches, focusing on building several criteria, including quality patient-centered care and outcomes, recognized expertise, innovation and advanced technology, research, education, program scope and volume and center leadership.

The importance of building centers around the interdisciplinary team approach cannot be understated. The impact that multiple experts have in building innovation and outcomes increases significantly as teams are built and advance their work. In The Wisdom of Teams, J. R. Katzenbach and Douglas K. Smith state that “Team performance remains the single largest untapped resource of most organizations.” The institute approach creates a foundation for teamwork and problem solving.

The institute model provides several advantages, including the ability to respond rapidly with a competitive product and service and the team's ability to work seamlessly, providing continuous improvement aimed at meeting the ever-changing needs of the patient. The institute team builds a brand designed around the centers of excellence that improves strength in image and reputation.

The institute model at University Hospitals was recently evaluated by the University HealthSystem Consortium and defined as a national model for clinical institutes. Dr. M. Keroack, the SVP and CMO, stated, “The [University Hospitals] institute model is a model of interdepartmental collaboration, enhancing value across the clinical, educational and research missions.”

It is through this growth and vision that we are looking forward to an accelerated growth, both vertically and horizontally, in the Urology program at UH Case Medical Center and Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine in the upcoming years. It is this model that serves as the foundation for program development and the continued advancement of our organizational mission: To Heal. To Teach. To Discover.
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The University Hospitals Urology Institute and Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine welcomed two new faculty members in 2010.

Lynn L. Woo, MD, Pediatric Urology Center, UH Urology Institute, Assistant Professor of Urology, Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine

Dr. Woo joined the Pediatric Urology Center in July 2010. Dr. Woo completed a fellowship in Pediatric Urology at Vanderbilt Medical Center in Nashville, Tennessee, where her work included researching mesenchymal stem cell recruitment and function in the setting of bladder outlet obstruction and bladder fibrosis. She earned her medical degree from the University of Iowa College of Medicine.

Robert Abouassaly, MD, MS, Urologic Oncology Center, UH Urology Institute
Assistant Professor of Urology, Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine

Dr. Abouassaly joined the department in July 2010. He studied medicine at McGill University in Montreal, Canada, completed his urology residency at the Cleveland Clinic and finished a fellowship in Urologic Oncology at the University of Toronto, Canada, where he also earned a Master’s degree in Clinical Epidemiology. His research interests include health services and outcomes research in urologic malignancy (including prostate, kidney, bladder and testicular cancers).
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During the 2010-11 academic year we had the pleasure of hosting three visiting professors in “Minimally Invasive Robotic Surgery for Prosthetic Urology” and “Pediatric Urology.”

In October 2010, we had the privilege of hosting Case Western Reserve University alumnus John Delk, II, MD, Steven K. Wilson, MD, Chair of Prosthetic Urology at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS), an expert in erectile dysfunction and male incontinence. During his return to Cleveland as a Visiting Professor Dr. Delk addressed several topics including “Artificial Sphincters through the Scrotum” and “Advances in Penile Prosthesis.” In addition, current residents presented interesting prosthetic cases for discussion with Dr. Delk during these two days of stimulating conversation and clinical observation.

Pediatric urologist Martin Koyle, MD, Professor and Chief, Division of Pediatric Urology at Seattle Children’s Hospital and the University of Washington in Seattle, Washington, spent several days with our department in December 2010. Dr. Koyle discussed interesting cases with the residents and gave several talks including “Vesicoureteral Reflux & UTI: The Prostate Cancer of Pediatric Urology” and “A Historical Assessment of Surgery in the DSD Patient: Is Criticism in Order?” Dr. Koyle was also honored at a dinner for residents from Northeast Ohio interested in pursuing a career in pediatric urology. Residents from UH Case Medical Center, Cleveland Clinic, and Akron General Medical Center programs were represented, as well as the current UH Case Medical Center chief residents.

The UH Urology Institute’s Female Pelvic Medicine & Surgery Center sponsored Visiting Professor Dr. Peter Petros, Adjunct Professor at the University of Western Australia in May 2011. Dr. Petros spent an entire week with residents, faculty and our research team, discussing multiple topics, including geriatric and pediatric urologic issues. In addition, three of Dr. Petros’ lectures were presented as CME events, “The Mechanics and Surgical Anatomy of SUI,” “The Anatomical Basis for Symptoms,” and “Development of Integral Theory: A Historical Perspective.” Dr. Petros also took the time to speak with local residents from UH, Cleveland Clinic, MetroHealth and Akron General Medical Center who may be considering a career in female urology, “Should I Be a Female Pelvic Surgeon?”

Dr. Peter Petros pictured with Urology faculty and staff during his visit to Cleveland.

Dr. Martin Koyle with UH Urology Institute residents.
Photos from Throughout the Year

L to R: Thomas Zenty, CEO, University Hospitals, Dr. Firouz Daneshgari, and Dr. Fred Rothstein, CEO, UH Case Medical Center, pictured at the 2010 UH Urology Institute Inaugural Event

Pediatric Urology Center physicians L to R: Drs. Edward Cherullo, Lynn Woo and Jonathan Ross

Dr. Martin Koyle with Urology Chief Residents Matthew Steinway, MD, and Irma Lengu, MD

University Hospitals Urology Institute Faculty and Staff 2010

Dr. Edward Cherullo pictured with Urology Residents 2010-2011
We are deeply proud of our alumni and cherish the rich history of our program. To celebrate our inheritance, we will be hosting the Urology Alumni Weekend June 23-25, 2011. Current faculty and staff will welcome all former faculty and residents from our department as well as many Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine alumni who have entered the field of urology.

The Urology Residency Training Program began in 1939, and earned ACGME accreditation in 1958. Based on our best estimate, we think that more than 400 urologists were trained either directly at the urology program or passed through as medical students.

Dr. Lester Persky, the first chair of urology, had a very active clinical practice and trained some of the prominent urologists in American history, including Drs. Jean B. DeKernion, current Chairman of Urology at UCLA; Scott MacDougall, Chairman at Mass General Hospital at Harvard; Mark Soloway, Emeritus Chairman at the University of Miami; Robert C. Flanigan, Chairman of Urology at Loyola University; and Steven Selman, chairman of Urology at University of Toledo.

Legend says that Dr. Persky had a very vigorous working schedule, making rounds at 5 a.m., and therefore the residents needed to be in the hospital at 4 a.m. to join him. As was typical in those days, the patients would be admitted to the service on Sundays to complete history and physical exam and be triaged for operations on Mondays. Cystoscopies, stone removals, and so forth, all required inpatient admissions. Dr. Persky remained Chief of Urology at University Hospitals until 1981, when Dr. Martin Resnick was recruited to become the chair. Dr. Resnick continued the history of excellence in urology training at Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine with three residents per year totaling another 150 urologists during his tenure. Unfortunately, Dr. Resnick passed away in June 2007 from complications of leukemia after achieving some of the highest recognitions such as becoming president of the American Board of Urology, Secretary of AUA, President of AUA and finally editor of the Journal of Urology.

In addition, many other distinguished urologists who continue to practice urology in Ohio and across the country graduated from this program, among them Dr. Michael Barkukis in Ohio and Dr. Gary Kush, current president of the Large Urology Practice Groups, and the president of the American Association of Clinical Urologists (AACU). In addition to all of the urologists who completed urology training at Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine, a large number of medical students who finished their training at Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine were influenced by the work and the training of Dr. Persky. Among those legendary urologists, I can name Dr. Patrick Walsh, former Chairman of Johns Hopkins University, and Kenneth Peters, current Chairman of Urology at William Beaumont Hospital.
We would like to take this opportunity to recognize our retired and deceased alumni:

- Allan Hoffman
- Peter Poor
- Paul Steuber
- John Williams
- David Albert
- Duane Banks
- David Bebe
- Sidney Cohen
- Knute Guerrier
- David Klein
- Robert Moyad
- Paul Schildt
- Alan Yoho

We would also like to honor all Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine alumni who have become a part of our urology family trained in Cleveland or elsewhere, including:

- Dts. George W. Drach (1961)
- William E. Forsythe (1935)
- Christopher Adam Haas (1993)
- Ryan Chadler Hedgepeth (2001)
- Venkatesh Krishnamurthi (1993)
- Kenneth M. Peters (1991)
- Lee E. Ponsky (1997)
- Raymond Rackley (1989)
- Patrick C. Walsh (1964)
- Michael T. Barkoukis (1977, 1982)
- Robert C. Flanigan (1972, 1978)
- Mark S. Soloway (1968, 1975)
- Howard J. Williams (1985, 1991)

As part of celebrating our urology heritage we ask every alumnus or a person who knows urology alumni to send us a picture and your current practice status and contact information. We intend to publish the pictures of our alumni in future issues of this journal. If you would like to submit a photo, or if your name was not listed and you would like to update your contact information, please contact the Academic Program Coordinator, Tamika Williams, to update your records as soon as possible to Tamika.Williams@UHhospitals.org or 216-844-8570.
Irma Lengu, MD  
Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine, 2005  
Dr. Lengu will be staying in Cleveland, taking a position as site director of the residency program at MetroHealth Medical Center.

Matthew Steinway, MD  
University of Arizona College of Medicine, Tucson, AZ, 2005  
Dr. Steinway will be returning home to Arizona, taking a position at Banner Good Samaritan Medical Center in downtown Phoenix.

Youssef Tanagho, MD  
Dartmouth Medical School, Hanover, NH, 2005  
Dr. Tanagho is headed to St. Louis, Missouri, for a two-year fellowship in minimally invasive surgery at Washington University.
Incoming Urology Interns – Class of 2016

Elizabeth Ferry, MD
SUNY – Upstate Medical University, 2010

Dhruti Patel, MD
Northeastern Ohio Universities Colleges of Medicine and Pharmacy, 2010

Brian Minnillo, MD
Northeastern Ohio Universities Colleges of Medicine and Pharmacy, 2010

Incoming Urology Interns – Class of 2017

Susan Dong, MD
Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine, 2011

William Tabayoyong, MD
University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine, 2011

Jonathan Kiechle, MD
Georgetown University School of Medicine, 2011
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