A core component of the mission of Emory Urology is to train the future leaders of Academic Urology. So as we celebrate commencement of another class of students who have earned the MD degree at Emory, it is fitting to reflect on the magnitude of opportunity and change that comes to us annually with the completion of the academic year.

Medical students prepare to bear the responsibilities of internship, while graduating chief residents prepare to assume the responsibilities academic faculty or independent clinical practice – and meanwhile, we all continue on a journey of continuous learning. We extend our most earnest congratulations and best wishes to 4 exceptional Emory medical students who are each entering prestigious Urology training programs – Dr. Sarah Holzman, Dr. Kathy Huen, Dr. Lee Hugar, and Dr. Louis Revenig – and we anticipate their future successes in Urology. At the same time, we celebrate the accomplishments of our graduating Chief Residents – Dr. Lindsey Herrel and Dr. Adam Shrewsbury – and we look forward to welcoming our incoming class of Urology interns – Dr. Louis Aliperti, Dr. Dean Laganosky, Dr. Amar Patel, and Dr. Vitaly Zholudev.

For students, residents, and faculty alike, the close of the academic year is a moment to savor what we have learned, and to embrace new opportunities that lie ahead.

**Emory Urology Distinguished Alumni Award - Dr. John Woodard**

Dr. John Woodard received the inaugural *Emory Urology Distinguished Alumni Award*. Dr. Woodard graciously accepted the award in a ceremony attended by 120 urologists from across eleven states in the Southeast held at the 2013 Advances in Urology Emory Conference – stating “I am amazed, surprised and very appreciative at being the recipient of this first Alumnus Achievement Award.” The award recognizes alumni of Emory School of Medicine, past Emory Urology graduates and/or Emory faculty members for their outstanding contributions toward advancing the field of Urology. Dr. Woodard served as the Director of Pediatric Urology at Emory University School of Medicine and Chief of Urology at Egleston Children’s Hospital for 25 years. He recalls, “Some of my happiest professional memories are from my full-time Emory days.”

Woodard grew up in Hawkinsville, Georgia. During high school, he was the quarterback that led his team to a winning season. He attended Emory University, Medical College of Georgia and was subsequently accepted in urology residency at the New York University-Cornell Medical Center. While also contemplating a career in general surgery, he received a handwritten letter from Doctor Victor Marshall expressing the expectation for him to live up to his commitment since many qualified applicants were turned down to give him this opportunity. And the rest is history – he attended and completed his urology residency at Cornell.

Woodard was the first in the US to have a yearlong fellowship in pediatric urology and the first U.S. fellow to train under Sir David Innes Williams at Great Ormond Hospital for Sick Children (1964). He was one of the first to restrict his practice to full... continued
time pediatric urology and one of a 3-man committee that co-wrote the first guidelines for the pediatric urology fellowship training in the United States. Woodard inspired his trainees to confront complex surgical reconstructions with quotes like “a faint-hearted fellow never wins a fair-haired maiden” and “there is a special place in heaven for those who fix hypospadias.” Woodard is blessed to enjoy the support of his wonderful family - his wife, Inga, and his 4 children, John, Susan, Steven and Honor.

Emory Urology is proud to award the inaugural Emory Urology Distinguished Alumni Award to an extraordinary role model—a highly respected individual and devoted family man, an outstanding urologist, a sincere and admired educator, and a kind and caring father, physician and a gentleman—Dr. John Woodard.

**Emory’s Advances in Urology Sets A New Record**

The 12th annual Advances in Urology was held on Dec 6-7, 2013 by Emory Urology set a new attendance record this year. A total of 130 urologists and advanced practice professionals from 9 states attended this 2-day CME-accredited urology conference.

A total of 25 lectures were delivered by 17 Emory University faculty members and three guest lecturers that included Dr. David A. Bloom from the University of Michigan (Ann Arbor), Dr. Brian R. Matlaga from Johns Hopkins University and Dr. David E. Penson from Vanderbilt University. In addition, the conference provided 16 urology exhibits for attendees to update their knowledge on the latest equipment, devices and medications in urology. This event highlights Emory Urology’s commitment to providing high quality education to community as well as academic urologists, advanced practice professionals, and nurses throughout the Southeast region. The knowledge and skills gained from this educational activity positively impact practices as judged by many of the feedback comments received from the attendees: “Refine treatment decision making.” “… is the best I’ve heard in terms of practicality.” “Remain up-to-date regarding practice guidelines.” Emory’s Advances in Urology conference is held annually on the weekend after Thanksgiving. Please mark your calendar for next year’s Advances in Urology December 5-6, 2014.

**Emory Selected for Movember ASAP Network**

Emory University was selected by the Movember Foundation as one of 15 academic prostate cancer centers of excellence nationwide to participate in A Survivorship Action Partnership (ASAP) USA, to be supported by a combined total of $3 million in 2014. This national network will be collaborating on a variety of initiatives aimed at improving outcomes among prostate cancer survivors, with a strong emphasis on utilizing technology, telehealth, and innovative approaches to address survivorship issues. The network will also collaborate with existing ASAP initiatives that are underway in Australia, Canada, and the United Kingdom. This selection represents the culmination of efforts by the urology department co-led by Dr. Theresa Gillespie and Dr. Martin Sanda, with epidemiology leadership from Michael Goodman. Movember hosted a workshop for PI’s of the participating institutions that established a structure for the network and develop a process for selecting and assembling projects for the network to implement as part of the ASAP.

The global Movember community of 1 million contributing Mo Bros and Mo Sistas raised over $114 million for men’s health programs. While it is easy to figure out a Mo Bro or Mustasche Brother, some may wonder about Mo Sista. A Mo Sista is essentially a woman who is dedicated to supporting the Mo Bros through their moustache-growing journey. These inspirational women are committed to raising awareness of men’s health issues and much needed research funds.
Expansion of Emory Urology Residency Program

As of July 2014, the Emory Urology residency program will expand from three to four residents per year. This expansion received formal approval from the urology Residency Review Committee (RRC) of the Accreditation Council of Graduate Medical Education (ACGME). This major milestone represents the culmination of several years of efforts by the entire department spear-headed by Dr. Chad Ritenour, Vice-Chair of Education and Faculty Affairs and Director of Emory Urology Residency Training program.

Emory is now one of the largest urology training programs in the country with a total of 20 residents upon full implementation of the expansion (2016). The resident experience spans over six hospitals that include Emory University, Emory Saint Joseph’s, Atlanta VA, Grady Memorial and Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta (Scottish Rite and Egleston). These locations provide a tremendous scope of clinical cases, teaching and research. The first class of four Emory Urology residents (2014-2019) accepted through the American Urological Association National Residency Match includes some of the brightest medical graduates in the country - Dr. Louis Aliperti (Colgate/Tulane), Dr. Amar Patel (Univ of Arizona), Dr. Dean Laganosky (Haverford/Jefferson), Dr. Vitaly Zholudev (York University,Toronto/Chicago).

Dr. Ritenour appointed to Urology Residency Review Committee

Dr. Chad Ritenour was recently appointed to the Urology Residency Review Committee (RRC) of the Accreditation Council of Graduate Medical Education (ACGME). The American Medical Association recommended Dr. Ritenour to this national appointment considering his experience with education and residency training. In that role, he will work with other national leaders to review the accreditation activities of urology residency programs in the U.S. Dr. Ritenour will serve a six-year term that starts in July 2014.

Emory Urology on the Front Cover of Cancer

The Sept. 1, 2013 issue of Cancer, The official journal of the American Cancer Society featured a research study from Emory Urology led by Dr. Viraj Master, Associate Professor of Urology. The study showed severe lack of comprehension of common prostate health terms among low-income inner-city men. The study was conducted by interviewing patients from Grady Memorial Hospital in Atlanta. Only 15 percent of the patients understood the meaning of “incontinence;” less than a third understood “urinary function” and “bowel habits;” and fewer than 50 percent understood the word “impotence.” Dr. Master says other previous studies done in different geographic regions suggest that the lack of comprehension could be a widespread phenomenon. Perhaps the most troubling aspect of the lack of health literacy in prostate cancer patients is that it can lead to “decisional regret.”

This study highlights the commitment of Emory Urology and Emory Winship Cancer Center to improve patients’ understanding and enhance their ability in the decision-making processes. http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/cncr.28186/full

Resident Accomplishments & News

- Dr. Courtney Platter (PGY-4) has been selected by SUFU (Society of Urodynamics, Female Pelvic Medicine and Urogenital Reconstruction) to participate in the Rodney Appell Traveling Preceptorship in Female Urology.
- Dr. Lindsey Herrel (Chief Resident) won 1st Place Discussant in the T. Leon Howard Imaging Contest at the 2014 Southeastern Section AUA Annual Meeting Held in Hollywood, FL.
- Dr. Lindsey Herrel (Chief Resident) was selected to represent the Southeastern Section AUA in the Resident Quiz Bowl. This qualifies her to join a team of three other urology residents from the Southeast to compete in the national event during the AUA Annual Meeting (May 2014).
- Ms. Linda In Yea Kim, PA-C, MMC, MPH, graduated from Emory Physician Assistants Urology Residency in April 2014. She will be joining Skyline Urology, a large practice group of 55 urologists in Southern California. Linda will be the first PA hired by the group in Orange County. We wish her all the best in the future.
- Emory Urology welcomes Ms. Morgan Roci as the new physician assistant at Emory University Hospital.
- Emory Urology residents won 1st place in the 2014 Urology Bowl competition at the Georgia Urological Association Annual Meeting in Greensboro, GA.
- Dr. Andrew Michigan (PGY-3) won 2nd Place Prize for best Research at the Georgia Urological Association annual meeting in Greensboro, GA.
- Carolina and Michael Bryant (PGY-4) welcomed their first child, baby girl Cecilia Ferne Bryant on March 3, 2014.
Emory Saint Joseph’s Hospital - Prostate Cancer Screening

More than 100 men participated in the Prostate Cancer Screening Event that was offered at Emory Saint Joseph’s Hospital on March 22, 2014. In addition to prostate cancer, screening was also offered other important areas of health including blood testing for cholesterol, and Hepatitis B & C, cardiovascular wellness and stroke and risk assessment for colon, lung and oral cavity cancers. More than 70 medical staff members (physicians, advanced practice professionals, nurses and other clinical staff) volunteered their time for this event, which was made possible by the support of Emory University School of Medicine, Midtown Atlanta Rotary Club and Mercer School of Pharmacy. The event is held twice a year with the next one scheduled in September 2014.

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