Dear Friends:

The past several months have certainly been eventful for our Department of Urology. The death of Dr. Fray F. Marshall in December hit us all hard, yet we continue to advance the field with ever-increasing academic output and clinical operation initiatives. Your support is valued more than ever, and we cannot thank you enough for your kindness during Dr. Marshall’s illness. As we begin a new chapter in Emory Urology history, we are mindful of the contributions that he made not only to our Department, but to urology in general. We are motivated to continue his legacy and to increase our recognition nationally and internationally as a destination for urological care.

I am committed to continuing to regularly update you on the happenings within the Department. Our new faculty members, who started last fall, have integrated very well into our family. Dr. Dan Canter and Dr. Wayland Hsiao have both started to develop busy practices with urologic oncology and men’s health/infertility, respectively. Not only have they provided outstanding service to our patients, but they have both established good foundations for academic careers in urology. Our reconstructive fellow, Dr. Hadley Wuye, completed his year of fellowship in June and traveled to the University of Kansas for further training in urologic oncology.

Our educational programs in Urology continue to attract some of the best and brightest talent from our own medical students and elsewhere. After many years of lobbying, we now have all Emory medical students rotating through the Department for at least some urologic exposure. We have dramatically increased our lecture hours, as well as clinical contact hours, with the students over the past few years. Along with many of our faculty, I continue to mentor multiple students, many of which enter urology as a career. Urology remains one of the most competitive specialties within medicine, and Emory enjoys an outstanding reputation for residency training.

For our patients, we are excited to change our operations within The Emory Clinic for better patient access and care delivery. We have worked on a care model over the past few years, and we plan to roll this out within the next year. I am hopeful that this will be a significant help to the many patients who seek care from our physicians.

I have had the pleasure of serving as Interim Chair of Urology for the past two years. In this role, I continually impress by the quality of our team and the positive interactions we form with our patients and others who interact with the Department. As we enter the next journey for Emory Urology, I pledge my full support to you. Likewise, your support of the team is greatly appreciated, as we know we can not improve the landscape of academic urology in Atlanta without your help.

If I can do anything to help you, please do not hesitate to call. Sincerely,

Chad W.M. Ritenour, M.D.
Interim Chair
Patient Spotlight · A Lifetime of Care

16 years ago, WWII veteran and retired Ivan Allen Company executive, Mr. Jim Murphy was referred to Emory Urology by his Emory internist and longtime friend Dr. Carlos Stewart. At that time, Dr. Harry Clark found a bladder tumor and subsequently removed it. Since then, Mr. Murphy has been under the care and careful watch of Emory Urology.

Mr. Murphy says that Emory Urology sets the standard for other departments to emulate. “The care I have received since becoming a patient of the department is exceptional. Dr. Ritenour’s personal touch and care gives me peace of mind and confidence. The PA’s and back up staff are also very good and thorough.”

Mr. Murphy said that he has enjoyed seeing the overall culture at Emory become much more welcoming and friendly over the years. “The reception and attitude of the staff at all levels has improved so much. I remember when Emory had the red jacket ambassadors who worked to give Emory patients the best possible experience. While that was a good gesture for patient perception, Emory has made dramatic improvements since then and Emory Urology has led the way. I have been so fortunate to have physicians like Dr. Ken Ogan who are so good at what they do and care so much. I’m so thankful for a lifetime of care at Emory. I also can’t say enough about Emory’s Preventive Cardiology. Dr. Sperling and Christine Neil (NP) are fabulous!”

Facility Spotlight

Dr. Dan Canter
Assistant Professor
Joined faculty summer of 2011
Hometown: Bethesda, MD, right outside Washington, DC.
Education: New York University then George Washington University School of Medicine. Residency at the University of Pennsylvania and fellowship at the Fox Chase Cancer Center.
Urologic specialties: urologic oncology.
Why did you choose urology? Nice mix of surgery and medicine; develop longitudinal relationships with patients and treat many patients with cancer.
Research interests: Cancer and quality of life after treatment. Also creating prognosis tools to better ID patients who will benefit from specific treatments/surgery.
Family: Wife Susan, two daughters Madeline, 9, and Sophie, 5.
What do you do in your off-time? Spend time with my daughters.

Residents and alumni

Graduating Class of 2012

Jordan E. Angell, M.D. has accepted a Fellowship in Clinical Robotic Urologic Surgery at Ohio State University Medical Center.
S. Mohammad A. Jafri, M.D. has accepted a position with a community practice in Detroit.
Justin M. Watson, M.D. has accepted a Fellowship in Endourology/Laparoscopic Surgery at Eastern Virginia Medical School.

Welcome New Urology Residents

Emory’s residency program is one of the most sought after specialty training programs in the country. Three out of four medical school graduates wishing to pursue specialty training in urology, apply to Emory. In December three medical school graduates were selected to be a part of Emory’s esteemed residency program. The following joined the Department this summer:
• Samuel A. David University of Nebraska College of Medicine,
• Jonathan H. Huang University of Illinois, Chicago, and
• Ilan J. Safir University of California, at Los Angeles.

Alumni News

Kelvin A. Moses, M.D., Ph.D. (Class of 2010) joined Georgia Health Sciences University Department of Urology after completing a urologic oncology fellowship at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center. Dr. John T. Abbott, Jr. (Class of 2008) recently made partner with Georgia Urology, P.C.
Dr. Yaser S. Bassel (Class of 2007) had a baby girl on February 28, 2012……Emma Marie Bassel.
Dr. John C. House, M.D. (Class of 2006) had a baby boy on November 4, 2011 at Ezekiel Cridler House.
Dr. Brent A. Sharpe, M.D. (Class of 2005) has joined a practice in Cary, North Carolina.

2012 Advances in Urology dates have been chosen: November 29th through December 1, 2012 at the InterContinental Hotel, Buckhead.
Keep your contact information current with Emory. Email: james.p.owen@emory.edu

PA Residency Program Launched in Urology

Emory Urology’s Tania Wieker Solomon, MMSc, PA-C, is leading the way in establishing a Physician Assistant residency program in urology at Emory School of Medicine. This 12-month full-time program will lead to a residency certificate for two residents each year. The mission is to provide a broad-based educational experience whereby a certified physician assistant is trained in the diagnosis and treatment of urological conditions. The physician assistant resident program emphasizes patient care, medical knowledge, interpersonal and communication skills and professionalism. Objectives include exposure to patients in an outpatient, inpatient, and surgical settings, with peri-operative involvement, to promote and enable the resident to gain the confidence and experience necessary to practice in a urology setting of their choice.

Physician Assistant residents will rotate through a variety of settings: outpatient clinics, outpatient surgery and procedures, operating room, and inpatient service. Rotation sites are the Emory University Hospital, The Emory Clinic and Winship Cancer Institute and include both clinical and didactic components. The Emory System utilizes and supports physician assistants, moreover, the Emory University Physician Assistant Program consistently rated within the top five programs for over ten years by U.S. News & World Report.

Your Support Can Do Wonders!

As a nonprofit organization, Emory Urology depends on gifts from patients and friends of the department to help support its mission to provide the very best in urological research, training, and care. Gifts of any size truly make a difference!

Ways to support the department:
• Support the day-to-day operations with a gift to the Urology Excellence Fund.
• Help us educate the next generation of urologists with a gift to the Residency Support Fund.
• Give directly to one of our four clinical centers: Uro-oncology, The Stone Center, Men’s Health, or The Continence Center.

To give online, go to www.emory.edu/give and select “School of Medicine” and enter “Urology” in the text box, or mail your gift to 1365-8 Clifton Road, Suite 1403, Atlanta, GA 30322.

If you would like to make a memorial gift or a gift in honor of your physician, nurse, or resident, or if you need more information, please contact James Owen, Director of Development, at 404.778.5429 or james.p.owen@emory.edu.