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Be sure to take a look at the AUA schedule detailing events for our department! (p. 6)

Check out our new Urologic Oncology Fellowship on page 7!

We have two new fellows joining us soon! Get to know them on Page 8!

Letter from the Chair

Dear Valued Faculty, Staff, Students, and Alumni of the Department of Urology:

With spring in full swing, big things are happening in UVA Urology, and I'm so happy to share exciting news with you all. First, as a reminder, we have our annual Faculty Retreat on May 17th at Boar's Head. Faculty are required to attend and APPs are invited to attend, but not required. We will be focusing on research and the expanding residency program, and I look forward to seeing you all there.

To start, please welcome Luis Gonzalez Miranda, MPH, our 2024-2025 Bill Steers Research Fellow, and Dr. Cassandra Lyons, Capt, MC, USAF, our 2024-2025 Urologic Andrology Fellow, to the UVA Department of Urology. Luis is already part of the team, while Dr. Lyons will be joining us later this year. Take a look at their bios on page 8 to learn more about these awesome fellows.

I am also so excited to announce that FNP Tia Mitchner will be joining our urologic oncology team. We look forward to welcoming her to the department later this year. We are still looking for a urologic oncologist and a pediatric urologist to join our team, so please help get the word out.

There are some other new faces you might see around the department as our sub-interns begin their rotations. Be sure to give a warm welcome to Mortiz Lange, Milyard Assefa, and Garrison Wright as they join our department at the end of May.

While our department continues to grow, we are also sad to see people go. Dr. Schenkman is retiring at the end of May and joining us one week a month until December, and Dr. Costabile will be fully retiring in June, so be sure to enjoy your time with them while you can. They've both helped many patients, students, and residents over the years. We will miss them dearly, and we wish them the best as they move on to their next chapter in life.

In case you missed it, we ended April on a high note with our annual Memorial Vest Conference which featured guest speaker Dr. Mohit Khera from Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, Texas. The conference was a great success, and we're so grateful Dr. Khera could join us.

We also have another important conference coming up: the AUA! We have a record number of members from our department participating this year. Please check page 6 for reminders about the Alumni reception and for a UVA Urology schedule of events.

Finally, I've heard that we will be congratulating several members of our faculty on their promotions soon, and I'm looking forward to sharing this news with you all as soon as I hear the final word.

To everyone in the department—our providers, our residents, our staff, and our administrators—thank you for everything that you do. The Department of Urology wouldn't be the same without you.


Kirsten Greene, MD
Chair of the Department of Urology

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UPDATES

Department Announcements

1. AUA Conference will be May 3 - 6. We have many providers and residents attending and participating this year. Check out the pamphlet created by Jessica Shifflett that includes a schedule of AUA events from our department! (Page 6)

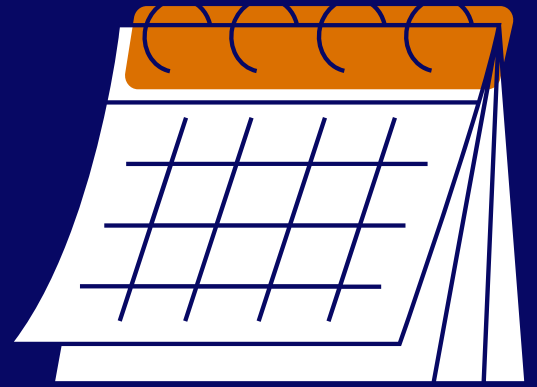
2. Faculty Retreat will be on May 17th. This year, we will be focusing on our research mission and expanding the residency program, and Boar's Head will be hosting the event. As a reminder, this is mandatory for all doctors. APPs are invited but not required to attend. Please reach out to Jessica Shifflett with questions regarding the schedule.

3. Hiring Update: Huge welcome to FNP Tia Mitchner, who will be joining our urologic oncology team later this year! We are still looking to hire a urologic oncologist and a pediatric urologist. Please spread the word!

4. Internal Site Access: Staff now have access to an internal, password-protected site that houses important documents such as the faculty call schedule, department calendar, shared resources, and other helpful information. You can find the link under the "Faculty" tab on the Urology Department website. (**Link**) Please reach out to Jessica Shifflett for the password.

5. Fontaine Construction Update: Parking in front of Fontaine 400 will be closed beginning May 6. Beginning May 27th, staff parking will be moved off-site (unless you have a specific permit) until the beginning of August. Check the FAQ page for more information:
Fontaine Construction FAQ.

Mark Your Calendars!



MAY

5/3-5/5 - AUA

5/17 - Faculty Retreat
at Boar's Head Resort

JUNE

6/15 - Chief
Resident
Graduation

NOVEMBER

11/9 - Bill Steers
Memorial 5k



May Birthdays!

Mikel Gray, PhD
Dylan Hutchison, MD
Grace Ignozzi, MD
Fionna Sun, MD
Kisha Woodson
Kim Plotner
Chandra Mickens
Gail-Ann Samuel

2024 Annual AUA Conference

San Antonio, Texas

[Click here to see UVA Urology's schedule of posters, speakers, presenters, course instructors, and more!](#)

If you take pictures while you are at AUA, please send any photos you'd like to share in next month's newsletter to Katie Matherlee.

You can email her at fvk5zz@uvahealth.org.

Don't forget!

UVA Urology Alumni and Friends Reception at AUA

Date: Saturday, May 4th

Time: 6pm - 8pm CT

Location: Grand Hyatt San Antonio
River Walk, Room - Crockett B

Introducing University of Virginia's **Urologic Oncology Fellowship**

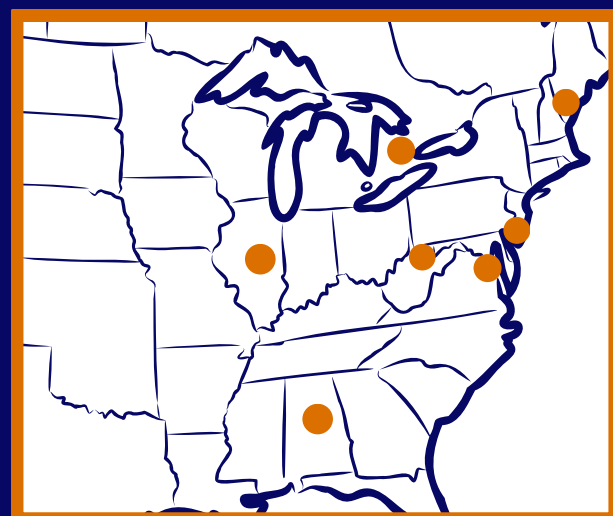
With a recent increase in our department's oncology faculty and designation of The Emily Couric Cancer Center (EC4) as the only NCI-designated Comprehensive Cancer Center in the Commonwealth of Virginia, we are honored to offer a Society of Urologic Oncology (SUO) sponsored training program for the next generation of urologic oncologists!

This amazing two-year fellowship is broken down as follows:

Year 1: This is a dedicated research year with 80 percent protected time. The fellow will have the opportunity to participate in basic science and/or health outcomes research as well as other academic pursuits (e.g., MPH) based on interest. The fellow will spend one clinic day per month with our medical oncology partners to understand the fundamentals of systemic therapy. As a clinical instructor, the fellow will be included in the call rotation with other faculty. The fellow will have one endoscopic OR day per month.

Year 2: This year is clinically focused. Fellows will rotate with two attending surgeons monthly. In addition, dedicated time will be spent with medical and radiation oncology in clinic and assisting in procedures. During this year, the fellow will have up to 20 percent dedicated time for ongoing research projects, publication submission, etc.

On April 19th, the UVA Department of Urology had a chance to interview seven of our applicants for the Urologic Oncology Fellowship. Our potential fellows come from residency programs all over the east coast, even Canada!



Future Fellows

WELCOME TO UVA UROLOGY!



Luis Gonzalez Miranda, MPH

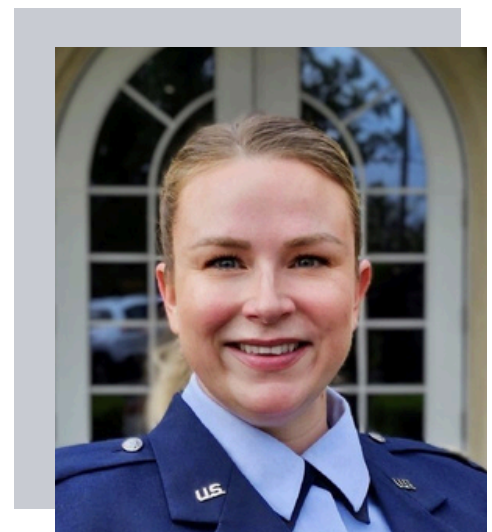
24-25 Bill Steers Research Fellow

Welcome Luis Gonzalez Miranda, our 2024-2025 Bill Steers Research Fellow! Luis was born in Mexico and grew up in California. He went to Brown University for undergrad where he majored in Neuroscience and now is a 4th year medical student at SUNY Downstate. His interests include urologic oncology, reconstructive urology, health policy, and patient advocacy. We're excited to have Luis join the UVA Department of Urology! He has officially joined the team, so be sure to give him a warm welcome!

Cassandra Lyons, MD, Capt, MC, USAF

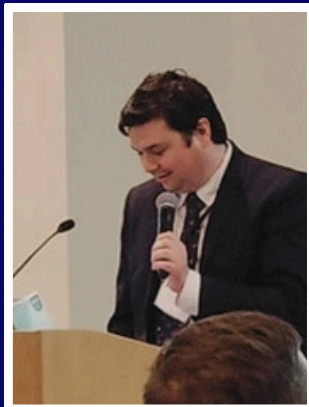
24-25 Urologic Andrology Fellow

Welcome Dr. Cassandra Lyons, our 2024-2025 Urologic Andrology Fellow! Baltimore-born and Air Force-trained, Dr. Lyons is an alum of the Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences and spent the last 5 years at Naval Medical Center San Diego completing her residency. In her free time, she loves exploring the great outdoors with her amazing spouse, Brian, and their three furry companions. Hiking trails, whipping up culinary delights, and lending a hand to animal rescue efforts are her go-to hobbies. She's excited to reconnect with her East-Coast roots and to focus on her passion for sexual medicine, and we're excited to have her join the department this summer!



Recap: Vest Memorial Lecture Series

This year, our guest speaker for the Vest Memorial Lecture Series was Mohit Khera, MD, MBA, MPH, a Professor of Urology and the chair of the Scott Department of Urology at Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, Texas. Topics covered included controversies in testosterone replacement therapy, changing paradigms in the diagnosis and management of erectile dysfunction, and an update on Peyronie's disease.



Vest Recap Continued

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Sub-Intern Schedule

Take a look at the schedule below to see which sub-interns will be rotating through the Department of Urology over the next few months!

May 13 - June 8	June 10 - July 6	July 8 - August 3
Milyard Assefa	Parker Holum	Sachin Sanam
Moritz Lange	Jessica Qiu	Harrison Travis
Garrison Wright	Emily Roebuck	
Aug. 5 - Aug. 30	Sept. 2 - Sept. 27	Sept. 30 - Oct. 26
Dylan Mittauer	Isaac Bronson	John Savino
Reagan Sandstrom	Jate Bernard	Colen Martini
Jonathan Brisbon	Jack Lucero	Savannah Petrus

We are working on getting interviews with each of our sub-interns. Keep an eye out for more information in next month's newsletter!

Clinic Corner

Featuring news from
the Fontaine Clinic,
Emily Couric Cancer
Center Clinic, and
Associate Clinics

12 Months of Caring at Fontaine Clinic:

The Nelson County Food Pantry

Our amazing staff at the Fontaine Clinic have chosen a charitable cause to feature each month to support the people in our community. For May, they're collecting donations for the Nelson County Food Pantry. Anyone can participate, just drop off your donations (non-perishable/canned food items) to the clinic by Friday, May 31st! Questions about donating? Contact Rebecca Fitzgerald at RSC8JD@uvahealth.org.



What our Patients Are Saying about our Fontaine Clinic!

"Very thorough and professional"

"Great experience, everyone friendly and caring"

Teamwork Makes the Dream Work!

The Fontaine Clinic's metric "Staff worked together to care for me" was 95.7% for the month of February. Awesome job, everyone!

We Appreciate Our Doctors!



March 25-29 was Doctors Week and our Fontaine Clinic Team did a little something special to make sure they felt appreciated! Take a look at the photos of some of our doctors being gifted “survival kits”, which included important things like crayons (to brighten their day), paperclips (to help them hold it together), chocolate kisses (for stress relief and so they know they are loved), and Lifesavers candy (to remind them they’re a lifesaver). Thank you, Fontaine Clinic Team, for reminding our doctors how important they are!

Pictured: Dr. Sands, Dr. Ortiz, Dr. Zillioux, Dr. Greene, Dr. Culp, and Dr. Downs



WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Do you have something you want to include in next month's Newsletter? Do you have feedback for this month's issue? Do you have ideas for future issues? Follow the links below and complete the survey to share your thoughts with us! You can also submit any nominations for the Superstar Staff Member of the month using the link below!

Thanks for all of your support!

Sincerely,

*The Editors of Stream Team Magazine
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