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Letter from the Chair

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

With the worst of the winter weather behind us, spring is on the horizon— a season of growth, even in the Department of Urology. I am thrilled to announce Dr. Vijaya Vemulakonda will be joining our department later this year as the Vice Chair of Research and Faculty Development. If you haven't already, please reach out to Dr. Vemulakonda to welcome her to the department, and take a look at her bio on page 7 to learn more about her.

Match Day results are in! Sachin Sanam Venkata, Liz Nazzal, and Jack Savino will be joining our UVA Urology residency program this July. You can read more about our future interns on page 8. We also have a new Andrology fellow who will be joining us this summer as well: Dr. Zhengran Jiang. You can read more about him on page 9.

Save the date for the Bill Steers 5k! This year, the race will take place on Sunday, September 7th at Foxfield in Charlottesville, and the race will start at 9 AM. Stay tuned for details regarding race sign-up, volunteering, race sponsors, and prizes in a future edition of the newsletter. For now, hold this date on your calendar so you can come out and support our department.



Dr. Kirsten Greene

Lately our department members have been doing a lot of cool things—Dr. Ibilbor was accepted into the NIH Orbit Institute; Dr. May was asked to present at the first Dean's Faculty Seminar, which will take place on March 6th (details on page 6); Dr. Sands and Dr. Pate are

presenting at our March Grand Rounds (details on page 6); and Dr. Corbett, Dr. Tuong, and Susie Leroy created a monthly clinic for pediatric patients transitioning into adult care (details on page 10.) Please take a moment to read about their work, and if you're able to attend any presentations, your colleagues would really appreciate your support!

Finally, as a reminder, our annual faculty retreat will be on May 6th this year. Faculty are required to attend, and APPs are invited, but not required to attend. Thank you all for everything you do for your patients and this department!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kirsten Greene".

Kirsten Greene, MD
Chair of the Department
of Urology

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Department Announcements

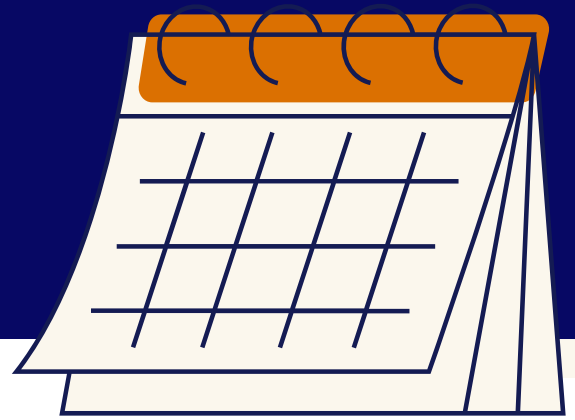
1. Welcome Dr. Vijaya Vemulakonda! Dr. Vemulakonda will be joining UVA Urology later this year, and we're so excited to have her on board. Check out what Dr. Vemulakonda will be doing on page 7!

2. Match Results! Welcome Jack Savino, Liz Nazzal, and Sachin Sanam Venkata to UVA Urology as our incoming interns! You can read more about them on page 8!

3. Congratulations, Dr. Ibilbor! Dr. Ibilbor was recently accepted to the NIH ORBIT Institute!

4. Save the Date! Bill Steers 5k! - Our annual department fundraiser, the Bill Steers 5k, will be held on Sunday, September 7th at 9 AM. Like last year, the race will take place at Foxfield in Charlottesville. More details, including how to register, will be provided in an upcoming newsletter, so stay tuned!

Mark Your Calendars!



March 2025

- 3/14 - 3/15 - Virginia Urological Society Annual Meeting
- 3/21 - 3/24 - EAU Annual Congress
- 3/28 UVA Urology - Urologic Oncology Fellowship Interviews

April 2025

- 4/11 - Vest Conference
- 4/18 - Resident Appreciation Day
- 4/26 - 4/29 - AUA Annual Meeting

May 2025

- 5/6 - UVA Urology Annual Faculty Retreat

June 2025

- 6/1 - 6/3 - WOCNext Annual Meeting
- 6/17 - 6/22 - AANP National Conference

September 2025

- 9/3 - 9/6 - ESPU Congress
- 9/7 - Bill Steers 5k
- 9/11 - 9/13 - MA AUA Annual Meeting
- 9/18 - 9/20 - International Continence Society Annual Meeting

October 2025

- 10/8 - 10/11 - Northeastern Section AUA Annual Meeting
- 10/9 - 10/12 - Annual Fall Scientific Meeting of SMSNA
- 10/25 - 10/29 - ASRM Scientific Congress and Expo

November 2025

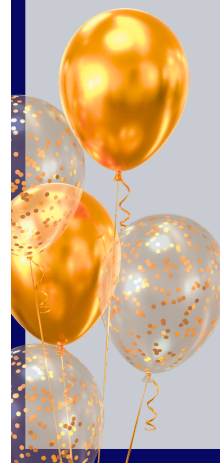
- 11/18, 11/20, 11/24 - Resident Interviews

December 2025

- 12/2 - 12/5 - SUO Annual Meeting

March Birthdays

Dr. Beller
Dr. Smith
Dr. Temple
Rebecca Fitzgerald
Dana Jones
Deanna Yates
Shannon Dalton
Andrew Christie
Jamie Beck



March Talks

March is a busy month for the Department of Urology! Check out the talks some of our faculty members are giving below, and if you have time, stop by to support them!

Grand Rounds with Dr. Sands and Dr. Pate

When: Wednesday, March 5th | Where: ERC B | Time: 7:00 AM - 8:00 AM



Dr. Ken Sands

Dr. Sands and Dr. Pate will be the speakers for the Department of Urology's Grand Rounds in March! They will be giving a presentation on PCNL procedures titled: "PCNL Access: More than one way to crack an egg".



Dr. Wes Pate

Dean's Faculty Seminar - Featuring Dr. Alley May

When: Thursday, March 6th | Where: Pinn Hall 1005 | Time: 4:00 PM - 5:00



Dr. Alley May

The School of Medicine has launched a new seminar program where featured faculty will have the opportunity to share more information about what they do and what they're interested in. This monthly program, called the Dean's Faculty Seminar which launches in March, will feature Dr. May. Her topic of presentation will be: "SGLT2 Inhibitors are Associated with Reduced Risk of CKD in Participants with Two APOL1 Risk Variants and T2D." You can read more details by [clicking here](#). No registration is required to attend.

Welcome Dr. Vemulakonda!



Vijaya Vemulakonda, JD, MD, is the incoming Chief of Pediatric Urology and Vice Chair of Research and Faculty Development for the Department of Urology at the University of Virginia. She is a Professor of Pediatric Urology, Director of Research, and the former Residency Program Director for the Division of Urology at the University of Colorado. She is a graduate of the George Washington University, Harvard Law School, and the University of Mississippi School of Medicine.

She completed her urology residency at Baylor College of Medicine and her pediatric fellowship at Seattle Children's Hospital, University of Washington School of Medicine. She currently serves on the AUA Updates Editorial Committee, the AUA DEI committee, the ABU Exam Committee, and as President-Elect of the SFU.

Dr. Vemulakonda's clinical interests include the management of antenatally detected congenital urologic anomalies, including UPJ obstruction, vesicoureteral reflux, posterior urethral valves, and cloacal and bladder exstrophy variants. Her research focuses on the development of evidence-based guidelines to optimize surgical outcomes in children with congenital urologic anomalies and the use of the electronic health record to facilitate prospective multi-center collaborative surgical research. Recent funding includes an AHRQ K08 Career Development Award and the AUA Rising Star in Urologic Research Award for her work on demographic variations in the care for infants with suspected UPJ obstruction. We're so excited to have her join us later this year!

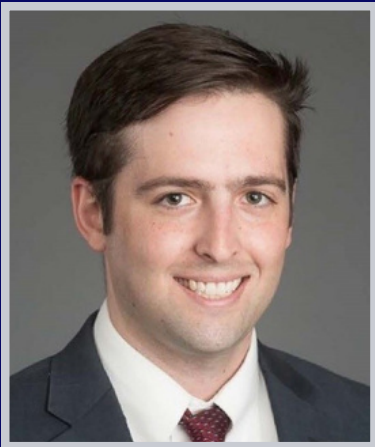
Match Day Results!

Match Day results are IN! This summer, three awesome new residents will be joining UVA Urology! Check out their bios below, and be sure to give Sachin, Liz, and Jack a warm welcome if you haven't already!



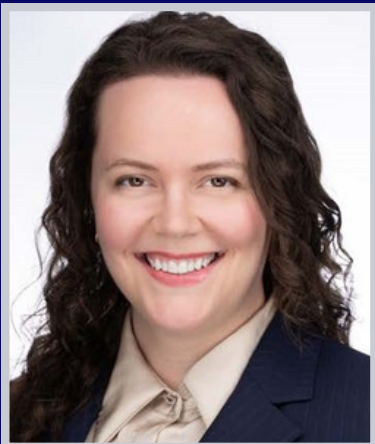
Sachin Sanam Venkata

Sachin is a fourth-year medical student at Meharry Medical College originally from New Zealand, but he grew up in Los Angeles, Houston, and Nashville. He graduated from Vanderbilt University with a BA in Medicine, Health, and Society and discovered Urology through a mix of personal and clinical experience. Outside of medicine, he enjoys working on cars, snoozing with his cats, and geeking out about aviation. Welcome to UVA Urology, Sachin!



Jack Savino

Jack was born just outside of D.C. and grew up in Virginia Beach. He earned his bachelor's degree in biology at UVA. He attended medical school at Wake Forest before moving to Charlotte to complete his clinical rotations at Carolinas Medical Center. Outside of medicine, he loves exploring new places, taking long walks with his golden doodle, playing disc golf, and checking out Charlotte's incredible breweries. Welcome to UVA Urology, Jack!



Liz Nazzari

Liz attended undergraduate at the University of Wisconsin-Madison before her prior career in healthcare informatics. She studied medicine and public health at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Outside of medical training, Liz enjoys quality time with her husband and son, making breakfast, baking, and hiking. Welcome to UVA Urology, Liz!

Say Hello to our Next Andrology Fellow!



Dr. Zhengran "Z" Jiang

After earning degrees in Biological Sciences and Psychology from the University of Maryland, Zhengran "Z" Jiang commissioned in the U.S. Navy and went on to receive his M.D. from the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences in Bethesda, Maryland, in 2018. He completed his intern year in General Surgery at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center before relocating to San Diego, where he completed his Urology residency at Naval Hospital Balboa in 2023.

For the past two years, Dr. Jiang has served as the sole military urologist stationed in Guam, supporting forward-deployed troops in the Pacific. After nearly six years, he is eager to return to the East Coast to complete his urological training. He is looking forward to having all 4 seasons, fly fishing in Shenandoah National Park and training for the Marine Corps Marathon in DC. Dr. Jiang will be joining us onsite early this summer as our next andrology fellow. To the right, Dr. Jiang poses for a photo with our current andrology fellow, Dr. Lyons!



Dr. Jiang (left) and Dr. Lyons (right)

New at UVA Urology

Transitional Urology Clinic to Aid Transition from Pediatric to Adult Care



Pictured above (left to right): Dr. Corbett, Dr. Tuong, and Susie Leroy

Through the hard work of Dr. Corbett and Susie Leroy, our department has created a monthly clinic at the Pediatric Urology Battle Building Clinic for Dr. Tuong to see patients, who were previously followed and treated by our pediatric urology team, as they transition into the care of an adult urologist. These patients often have congenital pediatric urology problems that need continued management through their adult lives. The goal of this clinic is to support patients and families as their care transitions, while maintaining a familiar setting where they may also get other forms of their health care (occupational or physical therapy, orthopedics, GI etc). Not many hospitals offer transitional urology care especially, in a more formalized clinic. Susie Leroy will also start seeing these patients at F500 this summer to help with their transition and continuity of care.

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!

Thanks for all of your support!

Sincerely,

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