



The Department of Urology Presents

Stream Team Magazine

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Couldn't make it to the Vest Conference this year? Check out what you missed on pages 7 and 8!

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We had another great AUA annual meeting! Check out the recap on pages 10 and 11!

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Letter from the Chair

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

May is here, and we're kicking off another busy summer season with our Annual Faculty Meeting on May 6th at Morven Farm. As a reminder, faculty are required to attend and APPs may attend but are not required. I look forward to seeing everyone there.

We have our next Bill Steers Research Fellow joining us this month as well: Rahwa Ghenbot! Rahwa is currently a fourth year medical student at UVA, and we're excited to have her in Urology. You can read more about Rahwa on page 6. Be sure to give her a warm welcome when you see her around.

Also, thank you to all who attended our annual Vest Memorial Conference. Dr. Ganesh Palapattu, our guest speaker, was very pleased with his visit, and we all were very

grateful for the opportunity to learn from such an experienced clinician. If you weren't able to attend the conference, check out the brief recap on pages 7 and 8. Our department was also very well represented at the AUA this year with more podiums, posters, courses and sessions that ever before. Thank you all for our hard work and diligence to growing our research programs.



Dr. Kirsten Greene

Annual reviews are coming up. Over the next few weeks, your assigned admin will be working on scheduling your review and collecting the required documentation. Please make sure all required documents are

sent to Katie Matherlee before your scheduled time.

Lastly, looking ahead, be sure to save the date for the Bill Steers 5k on September 7th and the Howards Pediatric Conference on October 8th. It's important that we support our department's events, so please hold these dates and try to make it if you can.

As always, thank you for everything you do for your patients and this department! Urology wouldn't be the same without you!

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

Kirsten Greene, MD
Chair of the Department
of Urology

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UPDATES

Department Announcements

1. Faculty Retreat - This is a friendly reminder that our faculty retreat will be on May 6th at Morven Farms. Faculty are required to attend; APPs may attend if they would like, but it is not required.

2. Mark your calendars for the Howards Conference! Our annual Howards Pediatric Conference will be on October 8th featuring guest speaker Dr. Adam Hittelman. More details to come soon. Please save the date!

3. Sign up for the Bill Steers 5k! Registration is now live for the Bill Steers 5k! This year's event will be on September 7th at 9 AM. Please see page 15 for more details on how to register!

Mark Your Calendars!



May 2025

- 5/6 - UVA Urology Annual Faculty Retreat
- 5/6 - Nurses Appreciation Day

June 2025

- 6/1 - 6/3 - WOCNext Annual Meeting
- 6/17 - 6/22 - AANP National Conference
- 6/21 - Chief Resident Graduation

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

- 10/6 - 10/10 - PA Appreciation Week
- 10/8 - UVA Urology - Howards Pediatric Conference
- 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

- 11/10 - 11/14 - NP Appreciation Week
- 11/18 - Resident Interviews
- 11/20 - Resident Interviews
- 11/24 - Sub-intern Interviews

December 2025

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

May Birthdays

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



Say Hello to our Next **Bill Steers Research Fellow!**

Rahwa Ghenbot, a fourth year medical student at UVA, is originally from Germantown, Maryland, and she received her undergraduate degree from The Ohio State University in behavioral neuroscience. She was initially drawn to urology by endourologic procedures and reconstructive interventions, but she is really looking forward to exploring all the different aspects of the field.

Rahwa originally chose urology because of her early clinical exposure, hands-on research, and incredible mentorship. In college, she worked in a spinal cord injury translational research lab

assisting with laminectomies on rodent models which sparked her interest in procedural work. While exploring different surgical specialties, she shadowed Drs. Beller, Chen, and Leblanc on outpatient lithotripsy cases, and she was drawn to the precision of the procedures, the impressive technology, and more importantly the immediate and significant impact on patients.

Beyond the operating room, Rahwa has been actively involved in various initiatives with the UVA School of Medicine administration, developing clinical simulations, pre-matriculation programs, and wellness initiatives for medical students. In her downtime, she enjoys photography, violin, drawing, and poetry. She is also hoping to return to film photography and live performances soon. Additionally, Rahwa is preparing for an important new role—becoming an aunt! Even though the baby's name is still undecided, she is determined to be their favorite aunt.

Overall, Rahwa is truly excited to embark on her journey as the incoming research fellow for UVA Urology and she appreciates the warm welcome she has received. She is looking forward to a productive, collaborative, and fulfilling year ahead! Welcome to the Department of Urology, Rahwa!! We're so happy to have you on our team!



Recap:

Vest Memorial Lecture Series



This year, our guest speaker for the Vest Memorial Lecture Series was Ganesh Palapattu MD, FACS, a Professor of Urology and Chief of the Department of Urology at the University of Michigan. Dr. Palapattu gave talks on Exploring Transcriptional Diversity in Multifocal Prostate Cancer, the Biology of Cancer Metastasis, and Revolutionizing the Detection of Clinically Significant Prostate Cancer with a Novel Urinary Biomarker. Residents also had a chance to present cases to the group, getting valuable insight from

Dr. Palapattu. Despite the weather, the conference went well, and we are so thankful that Dr. Palapattu was able to join us. Take a look at some of the pictures from the conference on the following page!

Vest Recap Continued...



We♥Our Residents!

April 18th was Resident Appreciation Day for the Department of Urology, and our awesome residents celebrated by taking the day off and spending some quality time together! Take a look at what they did below, as well as some other pictures of our residents over the past year (at the bottom of the page)!





Dr. Krupski joins Dr. Zillioux with her MS3 mentee Rithika Senthilkumar.



PGY4 Dr. Chen presents on the History of Urology.



Dr. Smith instructs with familiar faces - Drs. Smith-Harrison, Krzastek, Dimon, & Kavoussi!



PGY3 Dr. Sun spoke twice - once on the history of urology and once on HALP scores.



Dr. Krupski moderates a session on Health Services Research.



Congratulations to Dr. Lyons on successfully completing her SSMR Fellowship!



Dr. Downs updating AUA on microhematuria guidelines.



PGY3 Dr. Ostad presents on upper tract reconstruction.

Faculty, APPs, fellows, residents, and medical students alike proudly represented UVA Urology at AUA 2025 at the end of April. View our [UVA @ AUA Brochure](#) for full details of the Stream Team's presentations. We hold all of our presenters and moderators in the highest esteem! (Or is that the highest est-"stream"?)

Of course, the AUA Annual Meeting isn't all work... Check out our Alumni Reception on the next page!



In the middle of many successful presentations, podium sessions, and posters, the Stream Team reunited with friends and colleagues from across the country. Current faculty and residents mingled with alumni and many more friends at a reception at The Venetian. These pictures hardly do justice to the laughs and memories that abounded at our Alumni Reception!

Congratulations to all of our AUA 2025 presenters and moderators. You make UVA proud!



Clinic Corner

Highlights from our Fontaine Clinic

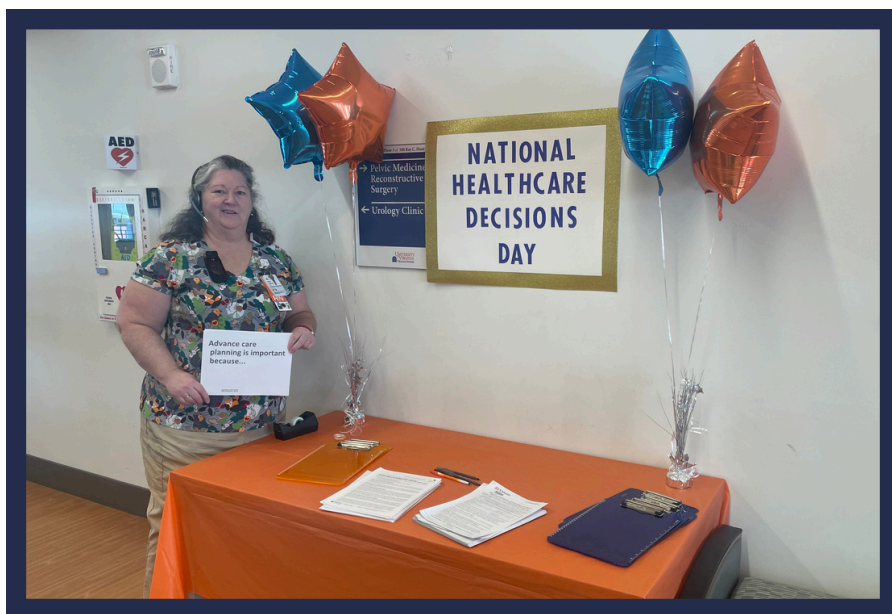
On April 11th, our Fontaine Urology Clinic team participated in their Annual Urology Engagement Day (Pictured below)! Kisha Woodson, our clinic manager at Fontaine, had the following to say about the event: “Our recent Employee Engagement Day was a fantastic opportunity to come together as a team and reflect on the positive culture we've built, while also identifying ways we can continue to grow...” *(Continued on next page)*



(Cont.) The day was filled with thoughtful discussions centered around key themes: Positive Environment, Opportunities for Improvement, and What's Working Well. They celebrated the supportive, respectful, and collaborative atmosphere by sharing examples of how they feel valued and empowered in their roles. They also explored areas where they can enhance communication, streamline processes, and create even more opportunities for professional development. Finally, they highlighted the systems, practices, and team dynamics that are contributing to their success—including effective leadership, strong teamwork, and tools that help them work more efficiently.

Kisha added, “Sharing a meal together gave everyone the chance to relax, laugh, and deepen relationships in a more informal setting. It reminded us that engagement isn’t just about feedback—it’s about community. Overall, it was a meaningful and energizing day that reinforced our shared values and commitment to making this an even better place to work.”

The Fontaine Clinic also celebrated National Healthcare Decisions Day on April 16th and had a table set up to celebrate (pictured below)!



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!

April 21 - May 16	May 19 - June 13	June 16 - July 11
Jibriel Noun	Lucie Lefbum	Graham Quinn
Michael Ogundeji		Marvin Simpkins
		Cameron Dodd
July 14 - August 8	August 11 - September 5	September 9 - October 3
Charles Gish	Anjalika Chalamgari	Jingwei Song
Camille Grady	Christina Yarborough	Kevin Petrillo
Yousif Jafar	Kevin Colbert	Justin Daniels

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

Get Ready to Run!



Where: Foxfield

When: Sept. 7

Time: 9 AM

The Bill Steers 5k is back and registration is now live! Join your colleagues this September 7th at 9 AM to support the Department of Urology's efforts to raise funds for prostate cancer research and survivorship. Come get your run on for the chance to win some cool prizes from local businesses!

[Click here to register](#)
[for the race!](#)

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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