## WELCOME - GAURAV BANDI, MD

**Assistant Professor in Department of Urology**

Gaurav Bandi, M.D. joins the Department of Urology at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital with an appointment as Assistant Professor.

Dr. Bandi completed his medical school training in India and his surgical and urology training at the Detroit Medical Center of Wayne State University. Last year he completed an Endourology Fellowship under Dr. Stephen Nakada at the University of Wisconsin at Madison. His training included all aspects of Endourology including laparoscopy and robotic surgery. He will be participating in the urology aspects of the renal transplant program at Jefferson, including the donor nephrectomy program with Dr. Lallas. He will also be seeing patients in the GU Multidisciplinary Clinic of the Kimmel Cancer Center.

Dr. Bandi's wife is Dr. Neelam Kataria and is currently serving as a resident in the Department of Anesthesiology at Jefferson. We are pleased to welcome them into our Jefferson family.
MARGARET S. PEARLE, M.D., PH.D.
27th David M. Davis Visiting Professor

The Department of Urology had the distinct pleasure of hosting Dr. Margaret Pearle as the “David M. Davis Visiting Professor 2007.” Dr. Pearle is a Professor in the Departments of Urology and Mineral Metabolism at The University of Texas Southwestern Medical School, Dallas, Texas. Dr. Pearle received a B.A. in Biology, a Ph.D. in Biochemistry and her M.D. at the University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois. She completed an Internship and Residency in Urology at Northwestern University Medical School and was a Fellow in Endourology at Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri. She has published key articles in the subject areas of Endourological Techniques and the Management of Nephrolithiasis. Dr. Pearle serves as the principal investigator on subcomponents of three NIH grants as well as grants sponsored by KidneyTexas Foundation and Industry. Her current research endeavors entail the evaluation of new drug therapies for medical management of nephrolithiasis, clinical studies evaluating endosurgical techniques, and the assessment of basic endoscopic skills using a virtual reality simulator.

During Dr Pearle’s visit, she presented the following lectures: “The Role of Diet in Prevention of Calcium Stones” and “Evidence – Based Decision Making in Stone Disease”. These lectures were informative and well received by the diverse audience of urologists, residents, students and nurses.

Our urology residents had the opportunity to discuss several complex endoscopic cases, with Dr. Pearle. She was even amazed with our outreach to the wild side (see Endoscopy on the Wild Side).

We are most grateful to Drs. Ramey and Merriam, the urology chief residents, who coordinated the itinerary and the residents for well prepared and organized case presentations.

The Department of Urology bid farewell to their Chief Residents - Dr. William Merriam and Dr. Robert Ramey and The C. R. Bard Fellowship in Endourology and Laparoscopy - Dr. Brent Yanke. The Reception and Residents’ Graduation was held immediately after the David M. Davis Visiting Professorship. The D. M. Davis Graduation was hosted by Drs. Leonard and Tricia Gomella at the Union League, Broad and Sansom Streets, Philadelphia, PA.

Dr. William Merriam has joined a urologic practice centered in Chester County where Drs. J. Moreno and P. Kalra, alumni, are members and Bill is looking forward to the new challenges and the opportunities to utilize the skills he has learned here at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital.

Dr. Robert Ramey has joined an established private practice in Scranton, PA. Also, Dr. J. Stefanelli, an alumnus, is in the practice. Rob is looking forward to bringing all of the laparoscopic, robotic, and endourologic skills that the Jefferson faculty have so patiently taught him over the years to the people of the “Electric City” (Scranton’s nickname).

Dr. Yanke will be joining a large urology practice in northern New Jersey affiliated with the St. Barnabas Health System where he will continue his work in minimally invasive urology. We wish them much success and happiness in all their future endeavors.
CHIEF RESIDENTS GRADUATION BANQUET 2007

The Chief Residents 2007 David M Davis Graduation Banquet was held at the historic Union League on Broad Street. Barbara and Max Koppel, who have been members for many years, sponsored the Department of Urology. The Union League was founded in 1862 as a society to support President Abraham Lincoln. Its history includes supporting many US presidents, heads of states and dignitaries from around the world. It has also given loyal support to the military since the civil war. The Union League has been the focus of fact, fiction and folklore and is a part of the rich history of Philadelphia. Several movies have also been filmed there, including the 1983 film “Trading Places” was an honor to be able to host the party this year at the Union League and we thank the Koppel’s for their sponsorship. Dr. Tricia Gomella arranged the details of the evening, including the surprise customized packs of gum to honor Rob, Bill and Brent.

The banquet included cocktails with magic performed by Dan White, David Blaine’s assistant. Dinner was then served with speeches from Dr. Lenny Gomella and farewell comments by the graduating chief residents and fellow. Max Koppel also provided a personalized tour of some of the special rooms at the Union League, including the famous “Lincoln Room” that houses many artifacts from his Presidency. As a special memento of the evening, the graduates and Dr. Pearle received a copy of the movie “Trading Places”.

Dr. Peggy Pearle, along with Drs. Merriam, Brownstein and Patel enjoying a card trick.

Larissa and Brent Yanke, Rob and Katie Ramey, Bill and Joanna Merriam

Jackie and Demetrius Bagley with magician Dan White.

Special packs of gum congratulated the graduates.
ENDOSCOPY ON THE WILD SIDE
Case Report by Ilan Waldman, M.D.

It all started when a fourteen year old female was noted to have gross hematuria for about a year. Simple, right? Hematuria workup…the catch is, she weighs three hundred forty pound, is covered with fur and has very large fangs and claws. Jezebel is a “white” lioness at the Philadelphia zoo who has been experiencing unsightly (the zoo visitors were noticing) hematuria since her transfer from another facility. She has otherwise remained well, feeding and behaving normally for what, at best estimate, has lasted at least a year.

The zoo veterinarian approached Dr. Allyson Berent of the Philadelphia Veterinary Hospital for help. For the past two years, Dr. Berent, with fellow veterinary surgeon Dr. Chick Weiss, and mentored by Dr. Demetrius Bagley have built at Penn an innovative veterinary urologic endoscopy program, a rarity in the veterinary world.

Jezebel was initially brought to the Penn Veterinary Hospital on April fourth. First, under general anesthesia she underwent chest x-rays and a CT urogram. These were essentially normal, no calculi, no filling defects, and no etiology for her hematuria was seen. Labs were not revealing, with only a borderline low hemoglobin and a normal creatinine. Next, Jezebel, amid flashing cameras and a great buzz that seemed to permeate the entire hospital, was transferred to the OR. The significant task of moving a sleeping, intubated, 340 lb lioness, with the full complement of IV’s and monitors was managed skillfully by the excellent anesthesia team. However, it was mid-afternoon when Jezebel was finally ready, positioned and prepped to begin the planned endoscopic procedure. Initially a 19 French rigid cystoscope was advanced through the long, anteriorly positioned urethra. At the bladder neck, significant hematuria was noted, and the bladder was emptied. Immediately, Jezebel’s heart rate plummeted to the teens, and her blood pressure became undetectable by arterial line. After several tense minutes of coordinated, urgent interventions by the anesthesia team, she was stabilized. After two more attempts at cystoscopy, using a smaller seven French pediatric cystoscope, each yielding the same result of an apparent severe vagal response upon entering the bladder neck, the procedure was aborted. (continued)
CASE REPORT (Continuation)

Jezebel recovered well from the long anesthesia and the close calls during the attempted endoscopy. Her hematuria continued and she was again brought back to the veterinary hospital on May 7th for a second attempt. This time, she was under anesthesia for a much shorter time, and with some adjustments in position and anesthetic delivery, she tolerated the procedure without problems.

First, cytoscopy revealed bloody urine emanating from the left ureteral orifice while clear efflux was seen from the right side. A retrograde pyelogram showed the thin long ureter, tortuous proximally without filling defects. After access was gained with a guide wire, we attempted to pass the Storz Flex-Ex flexible ureteroscope. Several narrowed areas were encountered in the ureter which prohibited passage of the scope. After multiple manipulations and balloon dilations the scope could be advanced to the intra-renal collecting system. In the renal pelvis, an obvious lesion was found. This was a large, yellowish, ulceration, with areas of necrosis and oozing. No other abnormalities were found in the kidney. The lesion was biopsied with a Piranha forceps then coagulated first with holmium laser then electrocautery. Finally, a variable length stent was left in place.

Jezebel’s hematuria improved significantly immediately after the procedure. Her stent was removed approximately four weeks later at the zoo (under anesthesia of course). The biopsies showed severe pyelitis with inflammation, necrosis, with cellular casts and calcifications filling tubules but no evidence of neoplasia.

DATES TO REMEMBER IN 2007

- **SUO Winter Meeting**, November 30 - December 1
  Abstract Deadline - September 14
- **Jefferson Urology Symposium in Avalon**
  Saturday, September 15, 9:00 am – 1:00pm
  Rock ‘N Chair Restaurant, 2409 Dune Drive, Avalon, NJ
- **Man to Man Kimmel Cancer Center and American Cancer Society**
  PSA Rising Post-Treatment, Dr. L. Gomella
  Thursday, September 20, 12 pm-1:30pm
- **Urology Visiting Professor – Dr Craig A Peters, U. Virginia**
  Alfred I duPont Hospital for Children – September 26, 2007
  Topics
  - Prenatal Hydronephrosis
  - Bladder Development and Clinical Pediatric Urology
- **ASCO-2008 Genitourinary Cancer Symposium**
  Abstract Deadline - October 19, 2007
- **AUA Submissions**
  Video Deadline - November 9, 2007
  Abstract Deadline- November 16, 2007
- **Olivia Newton-John, Kimmel Cancer Center Gala – November 11, 2007**
- **Man to Man Kimmel Cancer Center and American Cancer Society**
  Robotic Prostatectomy, Dr. C. Lallas
  Thursday, November 15, 12 pm-1:30pm
THOMPSON ROOM 14 OPENS AS STATE OF THE ART MINIMUM INVASIVE SURGICAL SUITE

After many years of discussion, the dreams of a fully functional OR in the 5 Thompson Endourology Suite have become a reality. The newly renovated and upgraded Room 14 opened earlier this year that features a new state of the art Karl Storz OR-1 Integration Suite. With this critical renovation, the endourology area finally becomes a surgical suite capable of performing the full spectrum of urologic surgery including open, laparoscopic and endourologic procedures. The room layout allows robotic procedures to be performed as well.

For over 20 years the trusty EDAP-Technomed Sonolith, one of the first ultrasound imaging based lithotripters and brought to Jefferson by Dr. Bagley has served its stone patients well. It offered extracorporeal shock wave lithotripsy to patients whose stone was not visible on standard x-ray. The unit was relocated to Room 14 in 1993 when the endourology suite underwent an extensive renovation. The unit has been formally decommissioned after its impressive service history.

The new Karl Storz OR-1 Integration Suite offers control of the entire operating room from a single touch panel. OR-1 provides the surgical staff information at their finger tips. Various images and data sources, such as patient monitoring data, PACS, CT and image guided navigation are accessible throughout the OR. Connection to external locations is also possible.

Surgical staff procedure preferences can also be programmed and integrated into the room. A 19 inch touch screen monitor provides touch panel control of devices such as light sources, surgical cameras, insufflators, DVD recorder, room cameras and the audio system. These enhancements allow all members of the surgical team clear view of the operative field for open, endoscopic or laparoscopic procedures. This is a major benefit when teaching students and residents. Advanced image management capabilities allow the surgical team to simultaneously display and route up to four images on any single monitor.

Two 19” flat panel monitors and a 42” wall mount monitor are in easy view from any point in the operating room. Surgical Endoscopy camera, room camera and a surgical light camera provide overhead imaging for a variety of procedures. In addition the room features background “Green Lights” that cast a green hue in the room that enhances the visualization of the entire operating team. As a creature comfort, there is also an iPod interface that feeds into the room speaker system.

This is a much needed addition to the 5th floor operating room complex. Dr. Gomella, Chairman of Urology, will continue to provide this long standing commitment to urologic laparoscopy to move further ahead. Thomas Jefferson University Hospital’s laparoscopy program was one of the first in the U.S. and dates back to 1990. The inside area outside of Rooms 14,15 and 16 is now designated as a sub sterile area with street clothing no longer permitted behind the double doors. The Department of Urology is grateful to the OR leadership and hospital administration for funding this project.

Drs. Merriam and Nelson perform first case in renovated Room 14
DR. GOMELLA ON NATIONAL MEN’S MAGAZINE’S LIST OF TOP PHYSICIANS FOR THE 21ST CENTURY MAN

Men's Health Magazine has named Leonard Gomella, M.D., FACS, Bernard Godwin Professor of Prostate Cancer and Chair of Urology at Thomas Jefferson University and Thomas Jefferson University Hospital to its first annual list of physicians who have the "knowledge, the experience and the tools to maintain and repair the 21st century man."

Dr. Gomella, Associate Director of the Kimmel Cancer Center at Jefferson, was acknowledged in the national magazine’s April 2007 edition as one of the top 20 urologists and one of the top 160 doctors for men’s health in the United States in the magazine’s special report, "America's Top Doctors for Men."

The criterion for inclusion in this Top Doctors listing involves surveys from physicians and medical leadership of top hospitals to determine among other criterion, whom they would consult if a family member had a condition that required specialty consultation.

"The Kimmel Cancer Center and men with prostate cancer everywhere are fortunate to have Dr. Gomella as a contributor to the field" said Richard G. Pestell, M.D., Ph.D., Director of the Kimmel Cancer Center at Jefferson and Associate Dean for Cancer Programs. "Dr. Gomella combines superlative clinical skills, a strong translational basic science background and the ability to function as an outstanding teacher and team builder. We are proud of this well deserved national recognition."

11TH EDITION OF CLINICIAN’S POCKET REFERENCE RELEASED

The 11th Edition of the popular medical student book “The Clinician’s Pocket Reference” has been published. This book is designed to introduce new students and other health care providers to basic patient management. It includes a wide variety of practical topics such as lab test interpretation, bedside procedures, nutritional management and common emergencies. Dr. Gomella has edited the book with Dr. Steve Haist, his Internal Medicine colleague from the University of Kentucky, for over 25 years. Previous editions of the book have been translated into a variety of languages, including Chinese, Portuguese and Spanish.

TUSKEGEE AIRMAN VISITS DEPARTMENT OF UROLOGY

World War II veteran and one of the original Tuskegee Airmen, The Honorable Robert Decatur, visited the Department of Urology on his recent trip to Philadelphia. After leaving the service, he became a lawyer and served as a Judge in Cleveland, Ohio before retiring to Florida. In the HBO movie special “The Tuskegee Airmen”, Judge Decatur was played by actor Laurence Fishbourne. Judge Decatur, a friend of the Gomella family, was visiting schools in Philadelphia discussing his experiences with the Tuskegee Airmen during the war.
ENDOSCOPIC SPEAKING TOUR IN PEOPLE’S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

Dr. Bagley was recently invited to speak in Guangzhou, People’s Republic of China at a conference on The 2nd Advanced Ultrasound and Microinvasive Surgery Symposium, Third Affiliated Hospital of Sun-Yet San University, Guangzhou, China, on June 9, 2007. Dr. Ji-Bin Liu of the Institute of Ultrasonography, who has collaborated with several members of the Department of Urology in studies of endoluminal ultrasonography, spoke on several topics at the meeting and translated for Dr. Bagley’s talks.

Initially, Dr. Bagley flew to Shanghai and met with Dr. Aihua Li, who was an international fellow in the Department of Urology in 1999 and 2004. He is now Professor and Chairman of the Department of Urology, at Yangpu District Central Hospital.

Dr. Li wanted to show Dr. Bagley how a working urologist lives in China and welcomed him to his home in an apartment complex within the city of Shanghai. He lives with his wife (practicing nurse) and daughter (a university student), in a 2 bedroom apartment with a balcony located 10 minutes from his hospital by car or 30 minutes by bus. In the afternoon, Drs. Li and Bagley presented a conference at the Yangpu District Central Hospital. Later in the day, they flew to Guangzhou for the conference, which was held over the next two days.

DR. PATRICK SHENOT INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED FOR URINARY BOTOX® (ALLERGAN) THERAPEUTIC APPLICATIONS

Patrick Shenot, M.D. was an invited speaker at the 31st Congress of the National Association of the Mexico College of Urology, April 20-24. Dr. Shenot’s talk involving the therapeutic use of BOTOX® (Allergan) for overactive bladder in spinal cord injured patients was highlighted by the news media. He is the principal investigator of two current clinical studies revolving around BOTOX® (Allergan) therapeutics. Insert from article follows

Botox para males urológicos Opción para tratar la incontinencia urinaria sin efectos

......"El doctor Patrick Shenot, destacado neuro-urólogo por la Universidad Thomas Jefferson de Philadelphia, Pensylvania, informó y capacitó a los urólogos mexicanos sobre el uso del Botox para el tratamiento de la incontinencia.

En entrevista con el Diario, el doctor Shenot explica que la toxina botulínica tipo A es una substancia que provoca un entumecimiento muscular, por ello en pacientes con incontinencia trabaja como un bloqueador de las señales involuntarias que provocan el desagradable goteo de la vejiga. En las dosis adecuadas la substancia bloquea las señales involuntarias no así las de urgencia que son aquellas que indican que la vejiga está llena y requiere liberarse.

"Existen tratamientos orales que, sin lograr los resultados deseadables, provocan graves efectos secundarios como somnolencia, boca seca y pérdida de la memoria"; no es casualidad que sólo el 18% de los pacientes que inician este tratamiento lo continúen después de un año.

Con el uso del Botox basta una dosis inyectable en el lugar preciso de la vejiga para lograr un total control sobre ésta por espacio de seis meses sin efectos secundarios", apunta el experto. – Emanuel Rincón, Diario de Yucatan (Nota del Domingo 22 de abril de 2007)
JEFFERSON’S DEPARTMENT OF UROLOGY CHOSEN FOR PROMINENT CLINICAL TRIALS

The Department of Urology at Jefferson has been chosen as a study site for several high profile clinical trials. The Department of Urology has ongoing clinical trials portfolio in a variety of urologic diseases as well as trials in conjunction with the Kimmel Cancer Center at Jefferson.

Bladder Tissue Engineering Trial Arrives at Jefferson

The Department of Urology at Jefferson has been chosen as 1 of only 4 sites in the U.S. to participate in the first clinical trials ever in adults in the field of tissue engineering. While this first trial in adults is for patients with bladder control problems due to spinal cord injury, the possibilities for expansion into oncology related areas are enormous. Discussions are underway to use this tissue engineering technology to develop organ culture systems to study difficult to grow tumors such as prostate. Replacing organs removed for the treatment of malignant diseases such as the bladder and kidney will be possible in the not too distant future.

The field of regenerative medicine will be an area of intense interest and expansion in the coming years. The sponsor of this first study of regenerative medicine in adults is Tengion, Inc. a pioneering leader in the field of regenerative medicine. They are developing an array of new human tissues and organs (neo-tissues and neo-organs) that are derived from a patient’s own cells. The technology, originally developed by Dr. Anthony Atala, a Pediatric Urologist, harnesses the body’s ability to regenerate, and it has the potential to allow patients with organ failure or removal to have functioning organs built from their own (autologous) tissues. A small study in children with damaged bladders who were treated with this tissue engineering technique was published last year.

Patients with spinal cord injury often suffer from small capacity, poorly functioning bladders. The neo-bladder constructs for the patients in this study are being developed at the Tengion, Inc. pilot manufacturing facility using healthy cells taken from a small biopsy of each patient’s failing bladder. Each construct consists of a biodegradable scaffold seeded with urothelial and smooth muscle cells cultured in Tengion’s laboratory from the patient’s own (i.e., autologous) healthy cells. About 6 weeks later, members of the Department of Urology will implant the neo-bladder construct into the patient’s body in a procedure known as augmentation cystoplasty. The body’s inherent regenerative capabilities will allow the bladder augmentation to grow, resulting in an improved bladder that integrates with the patient’s body as the scaffold degrades. Dr. P. Shenot is the Principal Investigator.

HIFU for Low Risk, Localized Prostate Cancer

The Department of Urology, Kimmel Cancer Center at Jefferson has been chosen as one of a limited number of study sites to treat prostate cancer patients with a new technique known as HIFU (high intensity focused ultrasound). The treatment has been available in Europe for many years but is not yet available in the U.S. The sponsor of the trial, EDAP Technomed, is seeking FDA approval to offer this treatment to men in the United States. Dr. E. Trabulsi is the Principal Investigator.

RAFFAELE BAFFA, MD ATTENDS THE KIMMEL SCHOLARS’ SYMPOSIUM

Dr. Raffaele Baffa, as a former Kimmel Scholar, was invited to the “Kimmel Scholars’ Symposium” in honor of the tenth anniversary of the fellowship program sponsored by Sidney Kimmel Foundation for Cancer Research. Each year the Sidney Kimmel’s Medical Advisory Board chaired by Dr. M.C. King have the privilege of choosing young investigators who receive Sidney Kimmel’s personal support for cancer research. This year Mr. Kimmel supported this symposium in south Florida for all scholars. He wanted to enable the scholars to meet each other informally, link their ideas together, and think about new possibilities, new collaborations, and new applications of their work to the challenge of eradicating cancer.

Drs. Borrello (Johns Hopkins U.), Baffa and King (Washington U.) with Sidney Kimmel
UROLOGY RESEARCH LABS RELOCATE TO EXPANDED FACILITIES

This past year the Urology Research Laboratories were relocated from room 1113 of the College (Dr. Baffa) and room 631 Bluemle (Dr. Morrione) to room 526 (559 sq ft) and room 620 (1034 sq ft) of the Bluemle Life Sciences Building respectively. Drs. Baffa and Morrione’s offices were also relocated to these new lab modules.

The additional new space provides an overall of almost 1,700 sq ft of wet lab and 375 sq ft of office space. Two additional rooms in the Bluemle Life Science Building complete the Urology space dedicated to our basic science research programs. The improvements include an optical capture microscope for the analysis of cells and tissues as well as a computer, printer and scanner dedicated to manuscripts/posters preparation, two laminar flow hoods, refrigerators, freezers, and liquid nitrogen tanks. Additional storage space is used for the entire research operation support. The move to these new surroundings places the research team in close proximity to the Kimmel Cancer Center core facilities. It also furthers collaborative interactions with other investigators in the KCC. Our urology research efforts are funded through NIH, foundation and philanthropic support. The labs research efforts in the primary areas of bladder and prostate cancer are complementary as Dr. Baffa’s work continues in molecular biology and genetics while Dr. Morrione focuses on cellular biology and signaling mechanisms.

UROLOGY SOCIETY HOLDS “MATCH” MEETING AND ELECTS OFFICERS

On May 9th, the Jefferson Urology Society held an informal panel discussion to help interested medical students navigate through the upcoming “match” process. Dr. Patrick Shenot, director of the residency program at Jefferson, began by discussing the interview process as well as qualities that he looks for in prospective residents. Students were then given the opportunity to ask specific questions to Dr. Shenot, as well as the Jefferson attendings and residents who attended, including Dr. Costas Lallas, Dr. Brent Yanke (fellow), Dr. Rob Ramey, Bill Merriam, Mark Pe, and Joseph Zola (residents) and Adrienne Heckler (current Jefferson student who successfully “matched” in January). Students found the meeting to be very informative and helpful.

The meeting concluded with officer elections. We would like to congratulate Chris Pagnani (President), James Kelly (Vice-President), Chris Yingling (Treasurer), Steven Sterious (Community Service Chair), Steven Mock (Student Coordinator), Marguerite Thomer (Secretary), Bill Parkes and Salvador Illoreta (3rd Year Representatives) and Ross Mazo (2nd Year Representative).

The Urology Society would like to thank Dr. Shenot and all attendings, fellows, residents and students who attended. As always, we would also like to thank Ms. Joanna Bates for all of her assistance.
THE BARBARA B. FRANK, M.D. ENDOSCOPIC LEARNING CENTER

The Department of Urology would like to extend our congratulations to Dr. Barbara Frank, wife of Dr. Len Frank. On Tuesday, April 10, 2007, Drexel University College of Medicine formally opened the “Barbara B. Frank, MD Endoscopic Learning Center” to use the latest and developing new endoscopic technologies and novel endoscopic techniques. It is slated to become a nationally recognized center to foster excellence in endoscopic technologies.

As everyone knows, Barbara and Len Frank are strong supporters of education of students, residents and fellows both at Thomas Jefferson University and Drexel University. The Department of Urology houses “The Leonard A. Frank, M.D. Jefferson Museum of Urology”, on the 11th floor of the College. The “Drs. Leonard and Barbara Frank Urology Museum and Education Fund” established by them last year also provides support for student and resident educational opportunities.

Drs. Leonard and Barbara Frank serve as role models to all of us in not only their excellence in teaching and patient care but by returning so much to the profession that will allow us to foster the education of future physicians. Drs. Leonard and Tricia Gomella attended the opening.

Congratulations to both of them.

Clockwise: Dr. Barbara Frank; Drs. Frank with James Reynolds, M.D., Chairman of Medicine & Chief of Gastroenterology and Grace Elta, M.D., Prof of Medicine U. Michigan; Dr. Frank and Dr. M. Orsiowitz, Fellow, with Endoscopic stimulator

Jefferson Urology News Notes

- Congratulations to Dr. Steve Strup on his appointment as Chief of the Division of Urology at the University of Kentucky Medical Center in Lexington, Kentucky. Steve completed his residency at Jefferson in 1994 and went on to a Fellowship at the Urologic Oncology Branch of the NCI. Steve was on our faculty from 1996 until 2003 when he moved to the University of Kentucky. Best wishes to Steve and his family in his new position.

- Welcome Dr. Ilia Zeltser back to our Department as a volunteer faculty member at Bryn Mawr Hospital. Ilia completed his residency with us in 2006 and went on to complete a fellowship in Endourology with Dr. Margaret Pearle at the University of Texas South West Medical Center in Dallas. Ilia will participate in our resident, fellow and medical educational programs in the Department of Urology at our affiliate Bryn Mawr Hospital.

- Congratulations and thanks to Dr. Joe Gueco who retired this spring from the VA staff in Wilmington, Delaware. Joe was a valued participant in our residency program at the VA and we all wish him well.

- Farewell to Velia Emilozzi who returned to home to Italy in June due to a family emergency. Velia served over the last year as a technician in Dr. Morrione’s lab. She assisted in various projects including his work in proepithelin as a growth factor in bladder cancer.

- Congratulations to Dr. Andrea Morrione on his promotion to Research Associate Professor of Urology.

- Dr Kenneth Brownstein was quoted in Philadelphia Magazine. The January 2007 issue of Philadelphia Magazine had an article on the “2007 Health Road Map”. In step 11 of the plan. “Jefferson Urologist Dr. Brownstein is convinced that especially for men in their 50s and 60s an annual prostate cancer screening saves lives.” The article included 12 different steps to be taken in 2007 to promote your health.
RECENT PUBLICATIONS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF UROLOGY


ALUMNI FELLOW KORNER

Taha Abo-Elmagd Abdel-Meguid, M.D

Dr Abdel-Meguid was a research fellow at TJUH from May 1994-May 1996. After he finished his training at TJUH, Dr Taha returned to his home country, Egypt. He passed his final M.D. Exam (Board equivalent) and was appointed as Lecturer of Urology in El-Minia University and also started his own private practice. In 2003 Dr Abdel-Meguid was promoted to Associate Professor of Urology at the same University. In 2005 Taha and his family moved to Saudi Arabia. He is currently working as Consultant and Head of the Department of Urology, Dr. Bakhsh Hospital (Al-Jazira), in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. Within 2 months Dr Abdel-Meguid will be appointed as an Associate Professor of Urology at King Abd Al-Aziz University, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. This full time academic position he feels is more fitting to his original career and academic and clinical interests.

Dr Abdel-Meguid has a lovely wife, two daughters and two sons. His family is enjoying life in Saudi Arabia and he wishes all at TJUH a pleasant life.

(Clockwise) Dr Addel-Meguid’s Family- Reem, Enas (wife), Enas, Yosef and Ahmed.
March 6-7  L Gomella  Visiting Professor, U. of Pittsburg, PA
March 6     C Lallas  Robotic Prostatectomy Preceptor for Dr. Pankaj Kalra, Phoenixville, PA
March 18-23 A Morrione  Presenter, Gordon Conference on IGF-I, Ventura, CA.
April 4-7   D H Bagley  Invited Speaker, Minimally Invasive Surgical Interventions for Urinary Calculi” Presented at Urology Congress, Grand Hyatt San Francisco, CA
April 14-18 A Morrione  AACR Meeting, Los Angeles, CA
April 17    C Lallas  Robotic Prostatectomy Preceptor for Dr Don Andersen, Phoenixville, PA
April 18-22, D H Bagley  2007 American Association of Genitourinary Surgeons, Scottsdale Fairmount Princess, Scottsdale, AZ
April 29    C Lallas  Invited speaker, 31st Congress of the National Association of the Mexico College of Urology, Mexico (See article page 8)
May 11-12, D H Bagley  Invited Speaker, “Endourology in 2007”, Sociedade Brasileira de Urologia in Sao Paolo, Brazil
May 16-18  E Trabulsi  AUA Ultrasound Post-Graduate Program, Anaheim, CA
May 30-June 1 A Morrione  Reviewer, NIH/NIDDK Special Emphasis panel, Toronto, Canada
June 7-12  D H Bagley  Invited Speaker at the Shanghai Hospital, Shanghai, China, (See article page 8)
June 11    P Shenot  Faculty Presenter, “Emerging Treatment Options for Overactive Bladder “, Philadelphia, PA
June 15    A Morrione  PhD Theses Opponent and Invited speaker. “Growth Factor Signaling in Cell Growth and Transformation”, at Karolinska Institute, Stockholm, Sweden
June 18    A Morrione  Invited speaker, “Growth Factor Signaling in Cell Growth and Transformation”, Department of Biotechnology, University of Milan, Bicocca.
June 28    C Lallas  Robotic Prostatectomy Preceptor for Dr. P. Russinko, Lancaster, PA

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SEPTEMBER IS PROSTATE AWARENESS MONTH
The Kimmel Cancer Center at Jefferson is offering free prostate screenings as part of a research program. Screening is recommended for men:
- Ages 40 to 75
- Age 35 and older if African American or Hispanic
- Age 35 and older if there is a family history of prostate cancer

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