Jefferson Urology now has a new location to serve our patients in New Jersey. This August, our Department began office hours as part of the new JUP specialty practice in Burlington, N.J. Dr. Jeanne Llenado (pictured) will be the primary provider of general urology services at the new location supported by Dr. Mark Mann. She will maintain her office hours at The Navy Yard and continue her surgical care at Methodist.

This new JUP specialty practice is located in the Dorfner Family Medicine facility located at 811 Sunset Road, Suite 104, Burlington, N.J.

Earlier this year, Dr. Scott Dorfner and his well-respected family medicine practice joined Jefferson Health. This alignment expanded access of Jefferson primary care to South Jersey residents. The addition of urology and other specialties will strengthen continuity of care with Jefferson health care in the region.

“We are thrilled to welcome Dr. Dorfner and his colleagues to the Jefferson Health family,” said Dr. Stephen K. Klasko, president and CEO of Thomas Jefferson University and Jefferson Health. “Their commitment to quality and excellence, their impact on the Burlington County and South Jersey community for nearly 20 years, and their willingness to put patients and families first are perfectly consistent with our mission of re-imagining health care and education.”

In addition to urology, ENT and cardiology will serve patients at this location with other JUP specialties to join later this year. Appointments can be scheduled by calling the Department of Urology at 215-955-1000 or 1-800-JEFF-NOW.

Announcing Jefferson’s Women’s Comprehensive Urogynecology and Female Pelvic Medicine Program

We are pleased to announce the launch of the Jefferson Comprehensive Urogynecology and Female Pelvic Medicine program.

This new program is co-directed by Karolynn T. Echols, MD, FACOG (pictured left-top), who recently joined the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, and Alana M. Murphy, MD, from the Department of Urology. Both Dr. Echols and Dr. Murphy are board certified in Female Pelvic Medicine and Reconstructive Surgery (FPMRS, formerly known as urogynecology) as part of the inaugural class of senior applicants in 2013.

Drs. Echols’s and Murphy’s credentials, experience and expertise make them and their team uniquely qualified to diagnose and provide comprehensive balanced care for health conditions involving the pelvic floor. Among the issues that can be addressed by this coordinated program are urinary and fecal incontinence, pelvic organ prolapse, genital fistulas, voiding disorders, urethral diverticulum, cosmetic gynecology, non-opioid management of urogenital pelvic pain, and the basic evaluation and treatment of female sexual dysfunction.

This multidisciplinary program includes collaboration with urology, gynecology, physical therapy, rehabilitation medicine, integrative medicine, colorectal surgery, gastroenterology and psychology, among others. The program is guided by the science of medicine, incorporating high-quality, evidence-based integrative medicine into the healing approach.

For more information or to schedule an appointment at the new Jefferson Comprehensive Urogynecology and Female Pelvic Medicine program, please call 1-800-JEFF-NOW.
Dr. Julia Barthold was elected President-Elect for the Society of Pediatric Urology at the 2016 American Urological Meeting in San Diego. Her term as president will begin May 2017. Dr. Barthold is the first woman elected as president of the recognized organization for pediatric urology in the United States. She is Associate Chief, Division of Pediatric Urology, Department of Surgery at duPont Children’s Hospital and Professor of Urology at Thomas Jefferson University.

Dolores Shupp Byrne, Ph.D., pictured below with P4 students, Assistant Professor in the Department of Urology, has been appointed Program Director in the Post-Baccalaureate Pre-Professional Program in the Jefferson College of Biomedical Sciences. The post-baccalaureate program, sometimes referred to as the P4 Program, invites students to Jefferson who are interested in attending medical and other professional graduate schools in order to refine their academic credentials. According to Dr. Gerald Grunwald, Dean, Jefferson College of Biomedical Sciences, “Dr. Byrne has been an outstanding mentor to hundreds of Sidney Kimmel Medical College students and residents in the Department of Urology. We are very pleased that Dr. Gomella and the Department of Urology were willing to allow her to assume this new role, bringing her unique skills to a new group of Jefferson students.” Dr. Byrne will continue her academic appointment with the Department of Urology and her work on special Department of Urology research and publication initiatives.

Dr. Deb Glassman will assume the role of Associate Director for Urology Medical Education working with Dr. Costas Lallas, Dr. Dolores Shupp Byrne and John Davis. Dr. Glassman will fill in the important void left by the retirement of Dr. Leonard Frank focusing on the area of small group discussions.

Drs. Leonard G. Gomella, Patrick J. Shenot and Edouard J. Trabulsi were recognized by their peers as top urologists in the 2016 Philadelphia Magazine Top Docs’s edition. Dr. Gomella has been recognized every year since 2002, Dr. Shenot every year since 2010, and Dr. Trabulsi every year since 2011.

Welcome back to Dr. J. Ryan Mark, who is returning as the Assistant Professor in the Department of Urology. Dr. Mark graduated from our program as a Chief Resident in 2015 and completed a fellowship in urology oncology at the Carolinas Medical Center. Our fall newsletter will highlight his background and accomplishments.

Dr. Patrick Shenot is the new Physician Director for Practice Operations in the Department of Urology. We thank Dr. Costas Lallas for serving as the Physician Director of the 833 Office over the last year. Dr. Lallas has become more involved with student education in the Sidney Kimmel Medical College, as well as in the Rector Simulation Center. Dr. Shenot has already performed many important functions as the master schedule coordinator and working in the billing and coding arena.

Congratulations to Dr. Kelly Healy who was selected as a faculty member of the Sidney Kimmel Medical College Chapter of AOA during their spring banquet.

Congratulations to Drs. Costas Lallas, John Davis and Dale Berg on the opening of the Surgical Simulation Center at the Rector Center. The simulation center will feature a state-of-the-art surgical robot. (The simulation center has been able to secure the funds to purchase a robotic simulator that will have its home at the Rector Center.) Dr. Lallas will lead in developing a formal curriculum to use this powerful set of educational tools for the Rector Center and for learners in all surgical disciplines across Thomas Jefferson University and Hospital.

The Thomas Jefferson University Board of Trustees promoted Dr. Edouard Trabulsi from Associate Professor to Professor of Urology, and Dr. Akhil Das from Assistant Professor to Associate Professor of Urology.
2016 David M. Davis Graduation Banquet

The Department of Urology honored our graduating Chief Residents and Fellows at the 2016 David M. Davis Graduation Banquet on June 3, aboard the Battleship New Jersey on the Camden Waterfront. The event was hosted and organized by Drs. Leonard and Tricia Gomella. In addition to a beautiful outdoor evening event, attendees had private docent tours of this historic battleship. Our graduates were recipients of several customized momentos of the evening, including sailor hats and monogrammed life preservers. A keepsake framed SKMC photo was signed by all faculty and residents, and Dr. Tricia Gomella presented the honors with their very own bobble heads.

Dr. Sheen and Lallas Residency Program leadership paid homage to the graduates and their time at Jefferson. Dr. Tanimoto stole the show with his own priceless “Awards presentation to several faculty and residents (video cameras were not running and missed that!).”

Our Chiefs and Fellows are on to the next phase of their professional journeys, and we wish them well. Ryan Cleary will complete a fellowship in robotic surgery at Mt. Sinai in New York and Dr. Nate Roberts will join a private practice with Dr. Andrea Morrione. Dr. Michael Amirian will join the faculty at Cornell Medical College in New York and Dr. Nato Roberts will join a private practice in Virginia. Dr. Ryan Cleary will complete a fellowship in robotic surgery at Mt. Sinai in New York under Dr. Ash Tawari.

Pennsylvania Urologic Research Collaborative (PURC)

Jefferson Urology has joined with several other Philadelphia urology departments and groups as founding members of PURC, a physician-led, quality improvement collaborative for prostate cancer in Southeast Pennsylvania. Together with Fox Chase, Temple, University of Penn, Einstein and Academic Urology, Jefferson has taken an important role to improve outcomes and measure performance for men with prostate cancer. Modeled after MUSIC, the Michigan Urological Surgery Improvement Collaborative, this initiative is based on trust, transparency, data sharing and collaboration to create clinical registries to track clinical pathways, patient risk status and clinical outcomes for all aspects of prostate cancer care.

Prostate cancer is a common condition, with rapidly changing treatment patterns, which are costly and highly variable. There is also a paucity of level I evidence to guide treatments, and little data collection or benchmarking to track outcomes and clinical pathways, making this condition an ideal one for regional collaboration and investigation.

PURC recently celebrated the one-year anniversary of its creation and rollout, with nearly 3,000 patients entered as of June 1. Each participating center, in conjunction with the Health Care Improvement Foundation (HCIF) and funding in part from Independence Blue Cross, utilizes data extractors to enter data on prostate cancer for prostate cancer in Southeast Pennsylvania.

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The initial areas of investigation for PURC have focused on prostate biopsy and the appropriate use of imaging for newly diagnosed prostate cancer patients. PURC’s major goal is to reduce variation in care delivery and service utilization. Beyond the initial focus on biopsy and imaging, other aspects of prostate cancer will also be tracked, including active surveillance rates, radical prostatectomy variables and outcomes, and utilization and incorporation of new technologies, including genomic assays and proton beam therapy. In these attempts to better measure and influence outcomes following prostate cancer and radical prostatectomy, the hope is to improve patient-centered decision making for prostate cancer screening and treatment choices for clinically localized prostate cancer.

Supported by Arbométrix, this allows collaborative data sharing across all partners with a secure and robust web-portal. Anne Calvaresi, CRNP, and Emilee Rutherford, and more recently by Dr. Muhter Aydjer, a urology research fellow from Jordan, started the Jefferson data entry initiative.

The annual Philadelphia Urologic Society Resident Essay Competition was held on Monday, April 11. Richard A. Santucci, MD, FACS, Specialist-in-Chief, Urology, Detroit Medical Center and Professor at Michigan State College of Medicine, served as the program judge. Participants from the following urology programs competed: Drexel, University of Pennsylvania, Penn State, Hahnemann, Temple, Commonwealth Medical College and Sidney Kimmel Medical College. Dr. Hong Truong won the Residents Essay contest for her essay: “Prevalence and characteristics of patients meeting referral criteria for genetic counseling for suspected kidney cancer syndromes based on tumor pathology.” Collaborators on the award-winning project represented an interdisciplinary team from the Departments of Urology, Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics; Medical Oncology; and the Division of Population Science, Sidney Kimmel Cancer Center. The collaborators included: Sarah E. Hegarty, BA; Leonard G. Gomella, MD; Wen Kevin Kelly, DO; Edouard J. Troubu, MD; Costas D. LaJals, MD; and Veda N. Cirri, MD.

Another important aspect of PURC and similar collaborative efforts is the ability to serve as a CMS Qualified Clinical Data Registry (QCDR), which can be used as a practice management tool for regional and national benchmarking and fulfill practice-level reporting requirements for pay-for-performance incentive plans in MACRA and MIPS. PURC will be applied for CMS QCDR eligibility with plans to deliver practice-level reports on prostate biopsy outcomes and prostate cancer imaging to individual practices on a regular basis in the coming year.
Visiting Professors

Dr. Victor Nitti, 2016 David M. Davis Visiting Professor
The Department of Urology held the annual David M. Davis (DMD) Visiting Professorship on June 3. Victor Nitti, MD (Professor of Urology and Vice-Chairman of the Department of Urology, Director, Residency Program Director, Voiding Dysfunction and Female Urology), was welcomed as the DMD Visiting Professor.

Dr. Nitti attended medical school at UMDNJ and completed his residency at SUNY Brooklyn. He completed a fellowship in urodynamics and female urology at UCLA in 1992 and has served on the faculty at UCLA and SUNY Brooklyn. Dr. Nitti joined the NYU Urology faculty in 1995 and is internationally recognized for his contributions related to the treatment of female urology, urodynamics and voiding dysfunction. He also serves as the chair of the AUA Office of Education.

The David M. Davis Professorship not only commemorates the legacy of Dr. Davis and the 112-year history of our department, but is the opportunity to celebrate the accomplishments of our graduating Chief Residents Drs. Mike Amurian, Ryan Clary and Nate Roberts, and Fellow Dr. Ryuta Tanimoto. Dr. Nitti presented two major lectures: “Diagnosis and Treatment of Bladder Emptying Problems in Women: Obstruction vs. Detrusor Underactivity” and “Urethral Reconstruction in Women,” which included the latest scientific advances and practical applications in day-to-day care. In addition, Dr. Nitti and the residents presented challenging cases to each other in both the morning and afternoon sessions.

Dr. Michael H. Hsieh’s Grand Rounds Presentation
On April 7, the Department of Urology was pleased to welcome Dr. Michael H. Hsieh back to Jefferson. In 2001, Dr. Hsieh graduated from the Dunglison Scholarship, MD/PhD Program at Thomas Jefferson University with combined degrees in medicine, microbiology and immunology. He completed his urology residency at the University of California, San Francisco, in 2007, and his fellowship in pediatric urology at Texas Children’s Hospital in 2009.

From 2009 to 2014, he served as Assistant Professor of Urology at Stanford University, and in 2014, he moved to Washington, DC, to establish the first transition program in pediatric urology at the East Coast at the Children’s National Hospital, the Clinic for Adolescent and Adult Pediatric Onset Urology (CAPITUL).

Dr. Hsieh’s research interests center on the mechanisms of bladder carcinogenesis with nitrosamines and inflammatory pathways. On Friday, April 8, Dr. Hsieh received the 2016 Jefferson’s College of Biomedical Sciences’ Distinguished Alumni Award. Dr. Hsieh’s presentation at Grand Rounds was titled: “Frontiers in Urology: How Cystitis Ties Together Transitional Care, Global Health, and Cancer.”

New Endo Fellow
Dr. Daniel Verge is our new CR Bard Endourology/Minimally Invasive Urologic Oncology Fellow, who matched through the Endourology Society for the academic year 2016-2017. Dr. Verge completed his medical school training at University of North Carolina and Urology Training at SUNY Downstate Medical Center in Brooklyn, N.Y.

Research Fellow
Dr. Mutaz K. Aljader is our new clinical research fellow. Dr. Aljader is from Amman, Jordan, and completed medical school at the Military Academy in Modena-Italy. His training included four years of general surgery with the Royal Medical Services in Jordan. After completing a year as a visiting scholar, we are pleased to have him as a clinical research fellow with primary responsibilities for the PURC database (see page 5).

Visiting Scholar
Dr. Chiara Palladino will be joining our research laboratory as a Visiting Scholar from June 1 to December 2016 under the guidance of Dr. Andrea Marrione. Dr. Palladino is a third-year, doctoral student in Molecular Oncology, University Magna Graecia of Catanzaro. She has been working with Dr. Belfiore, our long-standing collaborator on several projects on tyrosine-kinase receptors function in cancer. Her project will involve work on the insulin receptor action and on growth factor signaling in bladder and prostate cancer.

30-Year Service Recognition Awards
Congratulations to Dr. Ivan Hirach, Clinical Professor of Urology, and Practice Operations manager Marlene Vallett on a notable milestone. Each received service recognition awards celebrating their 30 years of service to Thomas Jefferson University.

Grand Rounds in Honor of Dr. Leonard Frank
Our Grand Rounds on Thursday, March 17, honored the “second retirement” of Dr. Leonard Frank. In 1987, Dr. Frank joined the Jefferson faculty after retiring from a successful urology practice in the Philadelphia suburbs. As a true Jeffersonian, Dr. Frank returned to his alma mater in a variety of teaching roles. Throughout the years, he has supervised the former residents’ clinic and engaged in our urology small group student discussions. He has been an extraordinary volunteer faculty contributor to our medical student learning, an experience that receives consistently high marks from our SKMC students.

Beyond personal teaching commitments, Drs. Len and Barbara Frank have been amazing philanthropic supporters of medical education. Dr. Barbara Frank has supported the gastroenterology program at Drexel and has a teaching center there named in her honor. In 2004 as part of our Centennial Urology Celebration at Thomas Jefferson University, Dr. Frank established the Jefferson Urology Museum named in his honor. The Leonard and Barbara Frank Fund supports the teaching activities of the urology residency program. Most recently, the fund provided the latest edition of Campbell-Walsh Urology, a key learning resource. Dr. Frank’s family members attending the ceremony included his son, Brad, and daughter-in-law, Laura, with their children, Adeline and Carter. In addition, Dr. Frank’s long-standing partner in private practice, Dr. Marc Osias, attended and highlighted the many contributions of Dr. Frank to the community.

Future of Urologic Care
Anne Calvaresi, CNRP, was selected to serve on the MAUA Advanced Practice Provider Committee. This is an important evolving committee that defines the role of NPs and PA’s in the future of urologic care.
Departments News

Genitourinary Multidisciplinary Clinic Faculty Receives the Dean’s 2016 Faculty Team Achievement Award

Each year, Dr. Mark Tykocinski, Provost, Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean SKMC, recognizes outstanding faculty achievements. This year, Drs. Leonard Censits, Neal Flomenberg, Stephen Peiper, Vijay Ruo and Adam Dicker nominated the Genitourinary Multidisciplinary Clinic (GUMDC) faculty for the 2016 Faculty Team Achievement Award.

The award was presented during the annual ceremony held at the Union League on May 4. Since 1996, the GUMDC team at the Sidney Kimmel Cancer Center has provided a unique, integrated clinical and research approach to patients with prostate, bladder, kidney and other urinary malignancies. As part of this Sidney Kimmel Cancer Center program of excellence genetic counseling, services are now available further enhancing our cutting-edge patient care. Departmental chairs are not eligible for the award but are acknowledged for their contributions to the effort.

Jefferson Raises More Than $20k for BCAN

On Saturday, May 14, Dr. Joan Hoffman-Censits and Jefferson hosted the annual Bladder Cancer Advocacy Network (BCAN) event, raising more than $20,000 for the organization. This year, we attracted more than 200 walkers to the Jefferson campus for a breakfast educational presentation on bladder cancer, and an update on the research at Jefferson. Patients, families and friends, Jefferson urology physicians and staff, and many of our physician colleagues from Fox Chase walked from Jefferson to Independence Hall to raise bladder cancer awareness. We look forward to the 2017 BCAN walk.

Jefferson Urology 2016 Telehealth Champions

The Department of Urology was selected as one of the JeffConnectTM award winners for the Klasko Departmental Challenge Award. Every Urology faculty member was able to complete 12 or more scheduled telehealth visits in the past fiscal year. Otolaryngology was the other departmental award winner. It is also acknowledged that Dr. Edward Trabulsi was noted to be one of the top JUP physicians embracing this new initiative with 51 telehealth visits logged for the year. Jefferson made the decision to be a leader in the telehealth space and has led the way in delivering the same high-quality care for patients, through this new medium that makes it easier for patients to access care. In addition to the support of the institutional telehealth coordinators, our own telehealth taskmaster, John Davis, should be acknowledged for his extraordinary efforts in securing this honor to the Department.

Event News

Urology Community Outreach and Service

For the past 12 years, Jefferson Urology and the Sidney Kimmel Cancer Center (SKCC) have participated in the Father’s Day event for prostate cancer awareness now named in honor of Channel 6 sportscaster Gary Papa. In addition to our Team Kimmel Cancer Center, we sponsored and hosted an information tent set up to share materials about our prostate cancer programs, including the multidisciplinary clinic.

Jefferson Health featured TV spots promoting the event and the SKCC for several weeks before the event. Thanks to all our patients, friends, colleagues and students who participated in the 2016 Gary Papa Father’s Day Run to support prostate cancer research and educational programs. Special thanks to Dr. Costas Laibas who was the captain of Team Jefferson.

Funds raised by the Foundation for Breast and Prostate Health, the sponsors of the event, support activities such as our annual Men’s Health Screening event held every September.

Jefferson Alumni Reception AUA 2016

Marlene Vallett has been recognized in the “Cheers for Peers Program” in the category of Mentorship. During the ‘At Your Service’ rounds, several members of our 833 staff recognized her for being an exceptional manager.

Welcome to Joanne Anderson as our new Genitourinary Multidisciplinary Clinic Coordinator. Joanne joins the team after a successful career working in medical oncology.

Staf Updates

Kathy Burns is our new Clinical Research Coordinator replacing Christine Hubert who has assumed a new research leadership role in the Department of Medical Oncology. Kathy transferred from the Sidney Kimmel Cancer Network, where she held the position as Cancer Care Coordinator and worked with our Genitourinary Multidisciplinary Clinic for several years.

Loretta Ragni, our long-term urology biller, retired from Jefferson at the end of June. She has been a dedicated and loyal employee who started her urology experience at our 2501 S. Broad Street, and then worked at the 833 Chestnut Street office. All who have gotten to know her will truly miss Loretta, and her willingness to give extra effort when needed without being asked. Her rapport with her fellow employees is exemplary. We wish her the best and hope she enjoys her retirement years.

Robert Adamo

Doctor of Medicine

Franklin County, Ohio

Pathology:

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GUMDC Center Leaders:

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Dr. Edward Trabulsi, Co-director (Urology)
Dr. Robert Don, Co-director (Radiation Oncology)
Urology: Drs. Costas Laibas, Leonard Censits, Collette Shaw, Robert Adamo
Otolaryngology: Drs. Wm. Kevin Kelley, Jianjin Lin, Veda Giri
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The annual Harold Honickman Lecture in Prostate Health was held on Monday, April 18, in the Conan Auditorium. This year’s distinguished lecturer was Patrick C. Walsh, MD, University Professor of Urology, The James Buchanan Brady Professor of Medicine, and former Editor-in-Chief of Campbell’s Urology. Walsh has been the editor-in-chief of the New England Journal of Medicine for 25 years. He is the recipient of many honors and awards, including the National Medal of Science, the National Institutes of Health Director’s Award, and the Japan Urological Academic Society’s Civilized Award. He has also received several teaching awards, including the 2014 Teacher of the Year Award from the American Urological Association.

Dr. Walsh is a leader in the field of prostate cancer research and has been at the forefront of many important studies. He has been a key contributor to our understanding of prostate cancer biology and has made significant contributions to the field of urological oncology.

In addition to his work in research, Dr. Walsh is also a passionate advocate for patient care and education. He has been a vocal advocate for the needs of patients with prostate cancer and has worked tirelessly to improve the quality of care for these patients.

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Several exciting new prostate cancer trials are available or due to open at the Sidney Kimmel Cancer Center at Jefferson:

**EMBARK**  
Safety and Efficacy of Enzalutamide plus Lupron in non-metastatic prostate cancer  
- Randomized phase 3 trial of Enzalutamide with or without Lupron for rising PSA after surgery or radiotherapy  
To refer a patient, please call Katherine Burns, Clinical Research Coordinator, at 215-503-3754.

**LEEP**  
Enzalutamide with or without ribociclib for mCRPC  
- Phase IB/II study of patients that retain retinoblastoma (RB) expression on biopsy  
- RB function appears to regulate androgen receptor function, and loss of RB has been implicated in the development of CRPC  
- Investigating role of ribociclib, an CDK 4/6 inhibitor, which can independently regulate AR  
To refer a patient, please call Christine Hubert, Clinical Research Project Manager, at 215-955-9954.

**Efficacy and Safety of Niraparib in mCRPC and DNA Repair Anomalies**  
- Phase 2 study of Niraparib, a PARP inhibitor, which has shown activity amongst mCRPC patients with DNA repair anomalies on biopsy  
To refer a patient, please call Christine Hubert, Clinical Research Project Manager, at 215-955-9954.

*Coming soon: New trials for BCG refractory urothelial carcinoma.*