Dr. Edouard Trabulsi Named President of Mid-Atlantic American Urological Association

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The Department of Urology is pleased to announce Dr. Edouard Trabulsi’s appointment to serve a one-year term as president of the Mid-Atlantic American Urological Association (MA-AUA) effective October 2016.

Dr. Trabulsi has been a member of MA-AUA for 12 years in which he previously served as a board member and section secretary.

“I am proud and honored to be appointed to this position for such a prestigious association,” said Dr. Trabulsi. “I look forward to working with my fellow members in the upcoming year in bringing more attention and growth to our section.”

As president, Dr. Trabulsi anticipates leading initiatives to build membership and improve the section’s promotions and awareness. Additionally, he will coordinate two annual meetings: one for the membership and the other for residents.

This year’s membership meeting at Amelia Island, FL, marks the 75th anniversary of the section. The four-day scientific gathering will focus on the scientific exchange of urological education, practice and research.

As a member and now president of MA-AUA, Dr. Trabulsi believes his affiliation helps bring prominence and visibility to Jefferson’s internationally recognized experts in all major fields of urology. “Being a part of MA-AUA helps improve our department’s reputation in the urological community. Having physicians who serve in national positions for prestigious organizations is something Jefferson Urology has always been proud of,” noted Dr. Trabulsi.

In addition to his new appointment, Dr. Trabulsi currently serves on the Society of Urological Oncology’s Board of Directors, is president of the Philadelphia Urologic Society and is active on three national AUA committees.

Dr. Trabulsi is the third Jefferson urology physician in recent years to be appointed MA-AUA president. Previously, Drs. Leonard Gomella and S. Grant Mulholland held the position.

Dr. Trabulsi appreciates the support and freedom that Jefferson, in particular Dr. Gomella, has afforded him in pursuing myriad professional affiliations.

“Jefferson and the Department of Urology have always been supportive and encouraging in my pursuit of leadership roles and affiliation memberships within the national urological community,” Dr. Trabulsi remarked. “I enjoy the opportunities to expand my knowledge and share my work with my fellow practitioners and am looking forward to the upcoming year as MA-AUA president.”
Congratulations to **Dr. Deborah Glassman**, who has been promoted to Clinical Associate Professor of Urology.

Congratulations to **Drs. Leonard Gomella and Edouard Trabulsi** for receiving the prestigious, peer-nominated Castle Connolly Award as top doctors for cancer, which is presented to physicians who are nationally recognized leaders and contributors in their specialties.

Welcome to **Dr. Puneeta Ramachandra**, a new pediatric urologist joining the Jefferson faculty at the Nemours/Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children. Dr. Ramachandra comes to the greater Philadelphia area from the Valley Children’s Hospital in California, where she was in practice for three years. Originally from New Jersey, she completed a urology residency in 2011 at the University of Connecticut in Farmington, CT, and fellowship in pediatric urology in 2013 at UCSD Rady Children’s Hospital San Diego, CA. As a fellow, she also completed the Clinical Research Enhancement through Supplemental Training (CREST) at the University of California in San Diego. Dr. Ramachandra is interested in all aspects of caring for children with urologic concerns.

Among the many faculty accomplishments, **Dr. Edouard Trabulsi** has been promoted to full professorship.

Prostate Cancer Awareness Week 2016 screening program was held at Jefferson with more than 200 men receiving prostate cancer screenings and general metabolic testing. Pictured below (left) are **Jim Manion, Kathy Burns, Dr. Dolores Byrne and John Davis** of the Department of Urology, sporting the “official” PCEC sunglasses and “P” pretzels courtesy of the Philly Pretzel Factory. The event was supported by many Jefferson departments and staff. Picture below (right) is Dr. Dolores Byrne with students rotating in Urology and her post baccalaureate students, who helped with the patient intake process.

It is with extreme sadness that the Department of Urology reports the passing of **Dr. Craig Slotoroff** in December. Dr. Slotoroff, who is a graduate from our program as Chief Resident in 2008, passed away after a long illness. Dr. Slotoroff had a busy practice at the New Jersey shore.

**Drs. Costas Lallas, Leonard Gomella and Edouard Trabulsi**, along with **Anne Calvaresi, CRNP**, were part of a team of physicians and support staff from multiple specialties who authored “Clinical Influences in the Multidisciplinary Management of Small Renal Masses at a Tertiary Referral Center,” a unique multidisciplinary program to help with decision making in the management of small renal masses (Published online August 18, 2016, in Urology Practice).
Dr. Mark is an assistant professor of urology at Thomas Jefferson University.

In 2015, Dr. Mark graduated from TJU’s urology program as chief resident. He returns to TJU upon completion of a urology oncology fellowship at the Carolinas Medical Center.

What does Dr. Mark’s work mean for patients? While Dr. Mark enjoys teaching students and residents, he hopes to continue to work as a clinical trialist in advancing human health through advocating the use of clinical trials, which lead to the development and dissemination of optimal methods and practices in clinical trials, and the education of clinical trial professionals. Additionally, he hopes to continue improving Jefferson’s tradition of expert cancer care with an interest in minimally invasive surgery.

What’s something people would be surprised to find out about Dr. Mark? “I grew up in England and have had several atypical jobs. I worked as a hod carrier for masons during college, in which we built several movie theaters and shopping centers during my summer vacations.”

Jefferson Physicians Present at INCP Symposium

Drs. J. Ryan Mark, Mark Hurwitz and Jean Hoffman-Censits represented the Sidney Kimmel Cancer Center (SKCC) by leading a panel discussion on urothelial carcinoma at the Northeastern Pennsylvania Integrated Network Cancer Program’s Update in Bladder Cancer Symposium. Local urologists from Delta Medix, members of the Jefferson Urology Network and Sidney Kimmel Cancer Center networks presented several of their more challenging cases to the panel at the meeting, which was well attended by local physicians, nurses and medical students from The Commonwealth Medical College in Scranton. Several key clinical trials available at SKCC were highlighted during the discussions: a phase II trial of neoadjuvant chemotherapy in upper tract urothelial carcinoma, and an upcoming phase III trial of recombinant Adenovirus- INFα/Syn3 gene therapy for BCG refractory superficial bladder cancer.

The panel discussion was followed by a very special award ceremony where Vice President Joe Biden accepted the INCP Beau Biden Award for his leadership of the historic Moonshot plan. In an emotional and inspiring acceptance speech, Mr. Biden discussed his son’s fight with cancer, and expressed his sincere gratitude to the oncology nurses at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital for the compassion they showed his family during the final days of Beau’s fight. He presented an overview of his plan to accelerate cancer research with an open exchange of information in the scientific community and an emphasis on a multidisciplinary approach to cancer research.

The evening concluded with an update on immunotherapies for bladder cancer presented by Dr. Hoffman-Censits in which she emphasized the landmark Imvigor210 study that she presented at GU ASCO 2016.

Vice President Joe Biden accepted the INCP Beau Biden Award at the symposium.
Former Residency Alumni Return to Jeff for Training Program

Jefferson Urology welcomed two former residency alumni, Drs. Daniel Cole and Shaukat Qureshi (pictured left with Drs. Scott Hubosky and Kelly Healy) to the “Advanced Endourological Training Program” on Thursday, September 29 to Friday, September 30, 2016. The course was directed by Dr. Demetrius H. Bagley and included both didactic and live-case demonstrations by Drs. Healy and Hubosky.

In this small group learning experience, participants gained exposure to advanced ureteroscopic techniques for the treatment of nephrolithiasis and upper tract urothelial carcinoma.

Meet Resident Amar J. Raval, MD

Dr. Amar J. Raval is a chief resident post-graduate year (PGY-6) in the Department of Urology at Jefferson. He attended Florida State University College of Medicine and chose TJUH Department of Urology because of its outstanding reputation for resident training supported by a diverse group of fellowship-trained faculty and allied health providers.

“I look forward to working with an inspiring and accomplished network of residents, nurse practitioners, GU [genitourinary] operating room staff and urologic faculty on a daily basis,” said Dr. Raval.

Dr. Raval shared a tidbit about himself that not many know about him.

“I play the harmonium, a classical Indian instrument, which I learned to play at the age of 13. Although an unusual skill to master, it was definitely a killer with the ladies (just kidding)!”

Junior Residents Attend Boston Scientific Endourology Training

Two of our junior residents, Drs. Hong Truong and Tomy Perez (both PGY-3) recently attended an endourology training course sponsored by Boston Scientific. The resident course was held in Boston on Saturday, September 24, 2016.

“It was an invaluable experience attending the Stone Institute ureteroscopy course,” said Dr. Perez. “Leaders of the field gave us practical tips on maneuvering difficult ureters, lithotripsy and preventing/managing complications, which will come in very useful for the rest of my training and career. The mix of lectures, case discussions and hands-on training was excellent, and no time was wasted on information that was not relevant to practicing endourology.”

Meet Resident Amar J. Raval, MD

Born in Canada, raised in Florida, Dr. Raval may be a long way from home but is happy to be at Jeff.
Movember Movement

The month of November has a new name and meaning for men and prostate health. Known as Movember, the movement is committed to helping men live healthier, happier and longer lives by drawing attention to the prostate health crisis. Doctors in the Department of Urology sported moustaches and joined the movement to help raise financial support for projects focusing on prostate cancer, testicular cancer, and mental health and suicide prevention. Pictured (left-right): Amar Raval, MD (PGY-6, Chief Resident), Andrew Pridjian, MD (PGY-4), Leonard Gomella, MD (Chair, Department of Urology), Benjamin Rudnick, MD (PGY-1), and Mihir Shah, MD (PGY-4).

Jefferson and Aria Merge to Transform the Region’s Health Care

Jefferson and Aria Health recently merged to form Aria – Jefferson Health. Aria’s Frankford, Torresdale and Bucks County hospital sites and its outpatient locations now reflect the Jefferson Health brand. Dr. Jay Handler and his colleagues, who practice at Aria, are now members of the Jefferson Urology Network. The Department of Urology is working with them to facilitate tertiary consults and to develop new clinical programs, which will be announced later this year.

Staff Updates

Congratulations to Scott Bowes, MBA, FACHE, CMPE, urology administrator, who recently achieved the Certified Medical Practice Executive designation (CMPE) from the Medical Group Management Association. This designation is awarded to individuals who demonstrate competence and dedication to the medical practice management profession.

In the winter 2016 issue of UrologyHealth.org, Anne Calversi, CRNP, had an article published titled, “What are some ways to stay fit this winter without a gym membership?” which appeared in the Ask the Experts section of the American Urologic Association publication. Anne specializes in urology and urologic oncology at Jeff and is a member of the Urology Care Foundation’s Public Education Council. Additionally, as part of a Twitter chat hosted by the Urology Care Foundation during prostate health awareness week in September, Anne participated as a responder contributing to a discussion titled, “Know Your Stats.”

Anne has also been asked to serve a two-year term on Urology Care Foundation’s Prostate Health Committee beginning this May. In this position, Anne will develop materials and videos for advancing public information on prostate health and prostate cancer. She hopes to deliver messaging to men to encourage them to be proactive about their prostate health by learning more about appropriate prostate care and early prevention measures, such as regular screenings and overall health maintenance.

Holiday Fun

Left: Happy urology staff members during our 2016 Department of Urology holiday celebration. Lucky members of the department proudly show their Holiday raffle winnings.

Right: Medical Assistant Danielle Digennaro (left) and Front Desk Supervisor Grasiela Benedetto (center) join urologist Dr. Jeanne Llenado in celebrating their first annual holiday breakfast at the Jefferson’s Burlington Multispecialty office.
Event News

Urology Physicians Participate in Jefferson’s Men’s Health Lunch

The Sidney Kimmel Cancer Center Men’s Power Lunch was held on Tuesday, November 1, 2016, at Davio’s Northern Italian Steakhouse in Philadelphia. The program replaces the annual Men’s Event that was held during the evening. The lunch featured acclaimed panelists discussing men’s health and the workforce, including the urology department’s Drs. Akhil K. Das and Leonard Gomella, who were part of the Jefferson medical team discussing the importance of making wise nutrition and healthy lifestyle choices. They also presented information on the latest developments in men’s urologic health. Other members of the Jefferson participants included medical oncologist Drs. Kevin Kelly and Matthew Schiewer, post-doctoral fellow in Cancer Biology.

Other distinguished guest panelists included a business panel featuring Dr. Steve Klasko, president and CEO of Jefferson, and Dr. Karen Knudsen, director of the Sidney Kimmel Cancer Center and chair of the Department of Cancer Biology.

A sports and entertainment panel also participated and featured Connor Barwin, Philadelphia Eagles defensive end; Fran Dunphy, head coach, Men’s basketball, Temple University; Josh Hingst, Philadelphia Eagles head strength coach; and Ukee Washington, CBS 3/CW Philly 57 anchor. Proceeds for the luncheon benefit prostate cancer research at Jefferson’s Sidney Kimmel Cancer Center.

Department of Urology
David M. Davis Visiting Professor 2017

Friday, June 2
7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
Michael L. Blute, MD
Chief, Department of Urology
Massachusetts General Hospital
Boston, MA

Lectures:
505 Hamilton Building
10th and Locust

The Role of Genetic Testing for Inherited Prostate Cancer Risk
Sidney Kimmel Cancer Center, Thomas Jefferson University
and The Foundation for Breast and Prostate Health
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
March 3 and 4, 2017

A by-invitation international consensus conference
Philanthropy News

5th Annual Brownstein Lectureship

Jefferson Urology welcomed Dr. Curtis Pettaway from MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston as the Department of Urology’s 2016 Bownstein lecturer. The presentation was held on November 9 and 10 on Jefferson’s campus.

Dr. Pettaway is a urologist in Houston, Texas, and is affiliated with University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center. He received his medical degree from Temple University School of Medicine and has been in practice for more than 20 years. He is one of 17 doctors at University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, who specializes in urology.

Dr. Pettaway’s presentation was titled, “Grand Rounds: Contemporary Management of Penile Cancer 2016: The Evolution.”

This year marked the fifth annual Brownstein lectureship, which was established in 2012 in honor of Jefferson urologist Dr. Ken Brownstein.

The growing use of robotics is transforming health care in amazing ways. Dr. Costas Lallas, Director of Robotic Surgery and Surgical Simulation at Jefferson, shared his insights about robotic surgery and the applications of this technology in a fascinating presentation titled, “Robotic Surgery at Jefferson: Where We Started and Where We Are Headed,” at the Franklin Institute in October. A tour of the brand-new Robot Revolution exhibit followed Dr. Lallas’s presentation, featuring interaction with robots that have rarely been shown to the public.

Dr. Lallas’s primary practice is urologic oncology with a clinical and research focus on minimally invasive surgery, in particular robotic surgery. As the director of Robotic Surgery for Jefferson, Dr. Lallas works with a system that has four robotic surgical systems and collectively performs approximately 400 robotic surgical cases per year. He also serves as director of Surgical Simulation for the Rector Clinical Skills and Simulation Center of SKMC, and has a distinct interest in simulation-based resident and fellow training in robotic technology.
Drs. Kelly A. Healy and Scott G. Hubosky represented Jefferson Urology at the 34th World Congress of Endourology and SWL (WCE 2016) annual meeting held in Cape Town, South Africa, from November 8-12, 2016. Drs. Healy and Hubosky presented several research projects in both poster and video sessions on ureteroscopic management of upper tract urothelial carcinoma, technological advances in flexible ureteroscopy, as well as ureteral stenting practice patterns. Additionally, they collaborated with several other worldwide urologists on the multi-institutional initial clinical experience with new ureteroscopic technologies. Dr. Healy was also invited to chair a moderated poster session on metabolic stone disease and medical management.

Urology Physician Serves as Invited Faculty at CIE Meeting

Dr. Kelly A. Healy served as invited faculty for the 6th International Meeting “Challenges in Endourology” (CIE) in Paris, France, on May 29-31, 2016, which was co-chaired by Professor Olivier Traxer and Professor Jean de La Rosette. She presented a lecture on “Ureteroscopic Management of Upper Tract Urothelial Carcinoma.” She also participated in the poster session on collaborative projects with colleagues Drs. Scott G. Hubosky and Demetrius H. Bagley.
Dr. Scott G. Hubosky discussed the Jefferson endourology experience with urologists in Tel Aviv, Israel, in July 2016.

Dr. Scott G. Hubosky, the Demetrius H. Bagley Associate Professor of Urology at Sidney Kimmel Medical College, accepted an invitation to participate as a faculty speaker at the 3rd Friends of Israel Urology Symposium, which was held in Tel Aviv, Israel, during July 2016. He served as the session chair for endoscopic treatment of upper tract urothelial carcinoma and made presentations on how to manage upper tract CIS and ureteroscopic treatment of large-volume, upper tract tumors. There was significant interest in the use of the combination Holmium/Neodymium YAG laser for this application. In the same session, Dr. Nir Kleinmann, a former Jefferson Endourology fellow and current staff member at Sheba Medical Center affiliated with Tel Aviv University, spoke about ureteroscopic surveillance protocols for upper tract tumor patients.

In a separate session, Dr. Hubosky presented the Jefferson experience with identification and treatment of upper tract urothelial carcinoma patients with Lynch Syndrome. Additionally, Dr. Hubosky gave lectures on ureteroscopic laser lithotripsy for renal stones greater than 2 cm and nephrolithiasis treatment in pregnancy. It was a very productive meeting in which Dr. Hubosky made a total of five presentations, served on two expert panels and chaired one session. He is grateful for the opportunity to share the Jefferson Endourology experience internationally with the urology faculty in Tel Aviv.

Dr. Nir Kleinmann, a former Jefferson endourology fellow (2013), presented upper tract urothelial carcinoma surveillance at the symposium.

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Meeting News

2016 Society of Urologic Oncology Meeting, San Antonio

Jefferson urologists played a significant role with myriad presentations and information sharing at the annual SUO Meeting in Texas.

Jefferson was well represented at the Society of Urologic Oncology’s (SUO) annual meeting in San Antonio from November 30 to December 3, 2016. Dr. Leonard Gomella is currently serving as SUO President and Dr. Edouard Trabulsi is a member of the SUO Board of Directors.

Several members of the Department attended the meeting, including Chief Resident Dr. Kymora Scotland. Two SKMC students currently taking a year of research at the Urologic Oncology Branch of the NCI also attended the meeting.

Dr. Scotland, Chief Resident in Urology, (photo 1) received the second place award at the Texas meeting in December 2016 for her poster “A Novel Method for Harvesting and Culture of Ex Vivo Human Prostate Tissue.” Her coauthors included colleagues from the Sidney Kimmel Cancer Center: Drs. Matthew Schiewer, Ayesha Shafi, Renee de Leeuw, Peter McCue, Costas Lallas, Edouard Trabulsi, Karen Knudsen and Leonard Gomella.

Third-year SKMC student Joseph Baiocco (photo 2), who is currently spending the year working in the Urologic Oncology Branch at the NCI in Bethesda, Maryland, presented a poster at the SUO discussing the role of MRI in active surveillance for prostate cancer.

Another third-year SKMC student Brian Calico (photo 3) is also spending the year working in the Urologic Oncology Branch at the NCI in Bethesda. Brian also attended the SUO in San Antonio and his poster presentation reviewed the evolution over 10 years of prostate biopsy at the NCI comparing MRI fusion with systematic biopsy.

Dr. Ballentine Carter from Johns Hopkins gave the SUO Huggins Lecture during the meeting. Dr. Brantley Thrasher (left in photo 4), Past President of the SUO and President Elect of the AUA, and Dr. Leonard Gomella (right) current SUO president present Dr. Carter with his lectureship medal (photo 4).

This was the first year the winter SUO meeting was held outside of the Washington DC area. Next year the SUO returns to Washington from November 28 - December 2, 2017.
Recent Publications


Gomella LG: Big Data Equals Big Challenges for Prostate Cancer (Editorial). Can J Urol, 2016 (October); 23(5): 8429.


UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday March 2, 2017
6:00-9:00 p.m.
An Evening of European Urology
featuring
Dr. Chris Bangma, Erasmus University
The Netherlands
and
Dr. Freddie Hamdy, University of
Oxford, England
Jefferson Alumni Hall
Jefferson Campus

March 3-4
The Role of Genetic Testing for
Inherited Prostate Cancer Risk
Philadelphia, PA

March 8-9
April 5-6
Urology Laser Enucleation of the
Prostate Mentored Continuing
Professional Development

Save the Date
Friday, June 2
2017 David M. Davis Visiting Professor
Dr. Michale Blute

Friday Evening, June 2
David M. Davis Graduation Banquet
Brandywine River Museum
Chadds Ford, PA

2017 David M. Davis Visiting Professor
Dr. Michael L. Blute
Chief, Department of Urology
Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, MA
June 2, 2017