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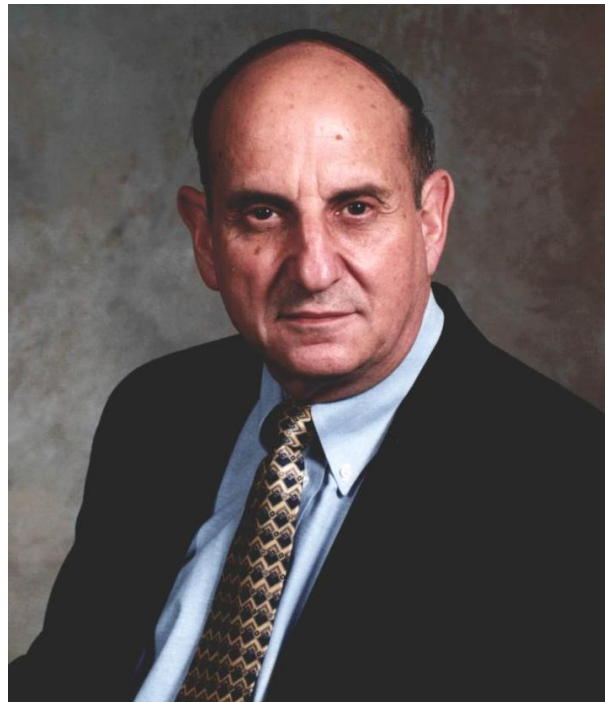
HIGHLIGHTS

ROBERT WEISS HONORED BY CANADIAN JOURNAL OF UROLOGY

Robert Weiss, MD, Donald Guthrie Professor of Urology and Director of Pediatric Urology, was asked by *The Canadian Journal of Urology* to provide an essay for the Legends in Urology column in their June 2018 issue. Copied below is an excerpt. To read the essay in its entirety, please [click here](#).

Upon completing my residency I made the most important decision of my career. I decided on academics even though there was a several-fold difference in financial compensation from private practice. I also took the correct fork and joined Bernard Lytton at Yale who was supportive of my career and has been a life-long friend.

Academia offered a dynamic and interesting career. Over the years I was selected as a member of the American Urological Association and American Board of Urology Exam Committee, an Associate Editor of the Investigative Urology Section of the Journal of Urology, a member or chair of numerous NIH and DOD study sections, a Trustee of the American Board of Urology, and numerous Visiting Professorships and Invited Lectureships in North America, Europe and Asia. In addition, I was elected to membership in a number of prestigious academic societies including the American Association of Genito-urinary Surgeons, the Clinical Society of Genito-urinary Surgeons, and the American Surgical Association. Along the way I served as Chief of Urology and Interim Chair of the Department of Surgery at Yale. I also was President of the New England Section of the American



Urological Association, President of the Clinical Society of Genito-urinary Surgeons and President of the American Association of Genito-urinary Surgeons.

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My career and happiness were shaped by mentors and friends, the ability to collaborate with others in different fields of expertise, serendipity, the ability to gain from rather than be defeated by adversity, picking an important yet focused area of study, and remembering Yogi Berra's aphorism "When you come to a fork in the road, take it" – and there were many forks. Most important was selecting the ever changing excitement of an academic career.

TEAM CLAIRE RAISES MORE THAN \$10K

Team Claire, a group of 21 riders from all areas of the Department of Urology - faculty and their families, nurses, urology technicians and their families, clerical and OR schedulers, participated in Ride Closer to Free on Saturday, September 8. Riders participated in the 10, 25, 40, 65 routes, and four members of Team Claire completed the 100-mile CTF Century Ride: **Meghan Curran, Ciara McBriarty, Jay Rickey,** and Allison Eastwood.

As a result of Team Claire's fundraising efforts over the last few months, they raised more than \$10,000, and 100% will go directly to patient care and advanced research at Smilow Cancer Hospital and Yale Cancer Center.

Congratulations, Team Claire!

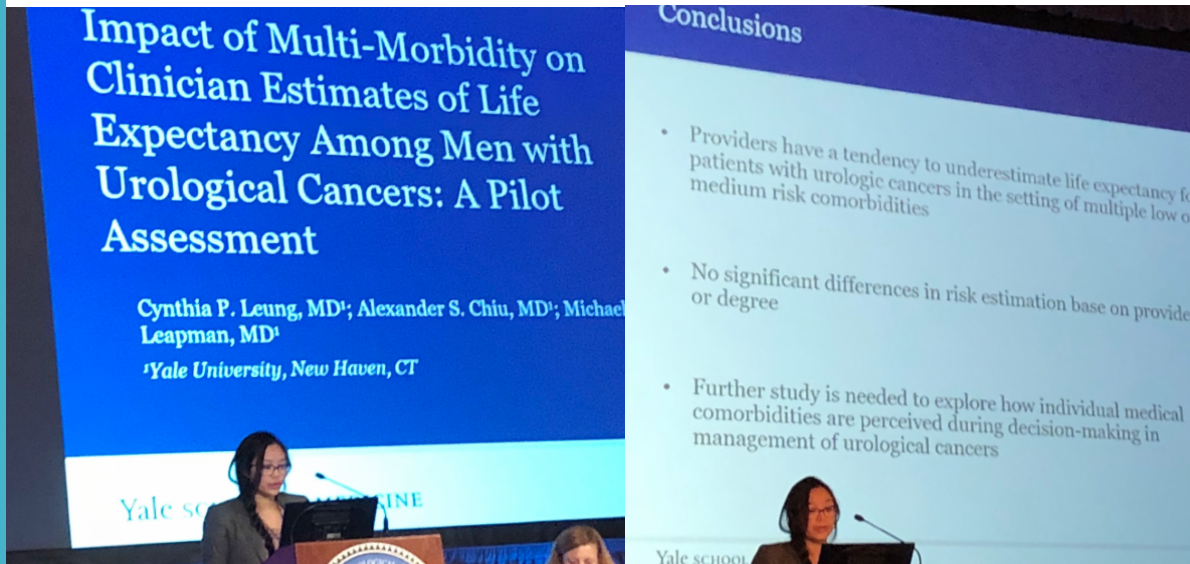
To view additional photos of Team Claire at Closer to Free, please [click here](#) to visit our photo album.



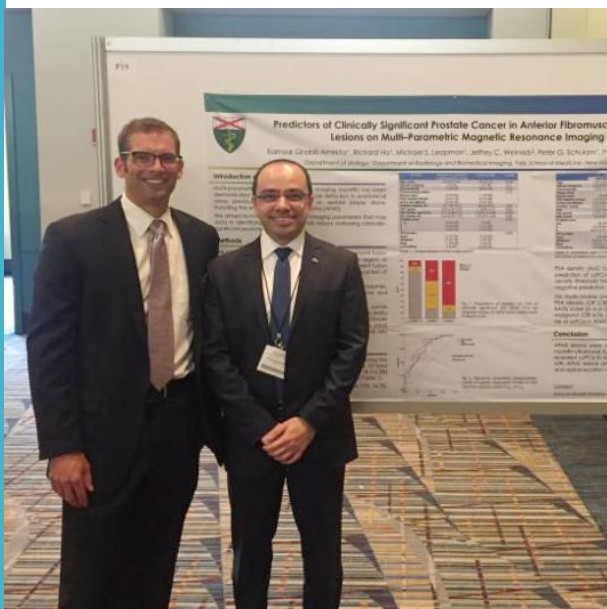
Pictured (left to right): **Ciara McBriarty**, Urology Technician, **Meghan Curran, MBA, BSN, RN-BC**, Assistant Patient Service Manager, Allison Eastwood.

HARTFORD HOSTS NEW ENGLAND SECTION ANNUAL MEETING

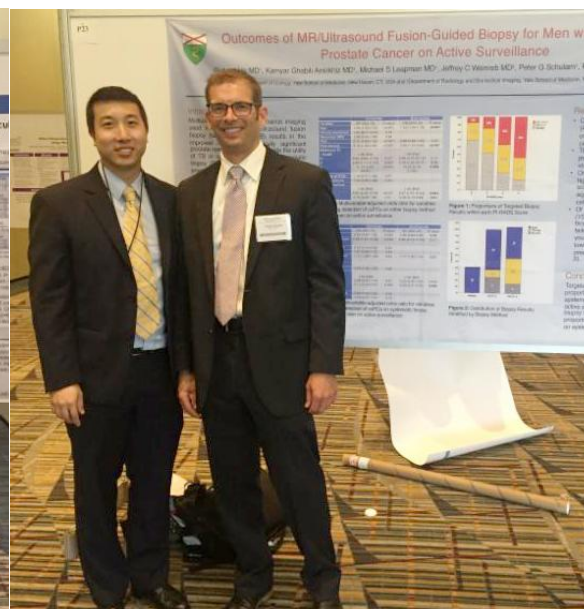
The 87th Annual Meeting of the New England Section of the American Urological Association (NEUA) took place in Hartford, September 6-9. With the Meeting in our backyard, Yale Urology was again proud to have multiple presentations, lectures, and moderated panels featuring our talented faculty, researchers, and residents.



Pictured (left and right): **Cynthia Leung, MD, Chief Resident**



Pictured (left to right): **Preston Sprenkle, MD, Kamyar Ghabili Amirkhiz, MD**

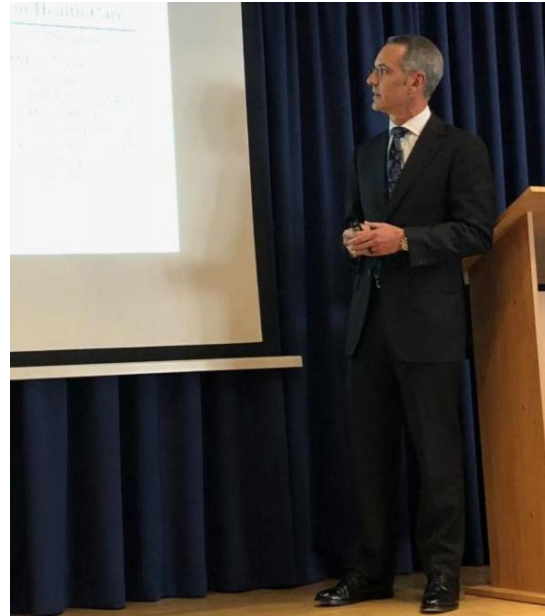


Pictured (left to right): **Richard Ho, MD, PGY-3, Preston Sprenkle, MD**

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE HOSTS 4TH ANNUAL TRANSPLANTATION SYMPOSIUM

On September 12 and 13, the 4th Annual Yale-Cambridge Transplantation Symposium brought together a multidisciplinary group of experts from the UK and the US to consider questions that are of fundamental importance to the future of organ transplantation.

On the final day of the meetings, **Peter Schulam, MD, PhD** presented on "Novel mechanism of partnerships between commercial organisations, grant funding bodies and healthcare provides to fund new technologies or therapies in trials and routine use."



COMMUNITY OUTREACH

PROSTATE CANCER AWARENESS MONTH PROMOTED ACROSS CONNECTICUT

The month of September is recognized as Prostate Cancer Awareness Month, and Yale Urology has partnered with Yale Cancer Center and the Smilow Screening and Prevention Program to offer prostate cancer screenings and information to community members across Connecticut. Prostate cancer screenings were held at Greenwich Hospital and Bridgeport Hospital, and informational table sessions have taken place at the YNHH York Street and Saint Raphael's campuses.



Pictured (left to right): Kimberly Bielecki, RN, BSN, MBS, Oncology Nurse Navigator, Bridgeport Hospital; Jose DeJesus, Community Health Educator, Smilow Screening and Prevention Program.

Also in support of Prostate Cancer Awareness Month, Joseph Brito, MD was a guest on the September 16 airing of Yale Cancer Answers, where he talked about advances in urologic cancers. To listen to the show, please [click here](#).

PUBLICATIONS

Variation in National Opioid Prescribing Patterns Following Surgery for Kidney Stones.

Leapman MS, DeRycke E, Skanderson M, Becker WC, Makarov DV, Gross CP, Driscoll M, Motamedinia P, Bathulapalli H, Mattocks K, Brandt CA, Haskell S, Bastian LA.
Pain Med. 2018 Sep 1.

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Leapman MS, Nguyen HG, Cowan JE, Xue L, Stohr B, Simko J, Cooperberg MR, Carroll PR.
Eur Urol. 2018 Sep 1.

Multicenter Phase 2 Trial of Gemcitabine, Carboplatin, and Sorafenib in Patients With Metastatic or Unresectable Transitional-Cell Carcinoma.

Hurwitz ME, Markowski P, Yao X, Deshpande H, Patel J, Mortazavi A, Donadio A, Stein MN, Kelly WK, Petrylak DP, Mehnert JM.
Clin Genitourin Cancer. 2018 Jul 29.

Impact of continuous low-dose antibiotic prophylaxis on growth in children with vesicoureteral reflux.

Guidos PJ, Arlen AM, Leong T, Bonnett MA, Cooper CS.
J Pediatr Urol. 2018 Jul 23.

CELEBRATING SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

Christen Ruff, MEd, is often one of the first faces you see when entering the Urology suite on the third floor of Fitkin Memorial Pavilion. She is Chief of Staff and Administration, and this month, she is celebrating two years with Yale Urology, and five total with Yale University.



'Caring' was the common descriptor when asking about Christen. "She cares about her team not just as employees, but as a whole person." "She cares about our well being and actively advocates for us." "Everything she plans is thoughtful and well organized."



Kevin Vest, Vice Chair, Department of Urology, echoes the statements above and says, "Christen has made an indelible mark on the department. She sets a high bar of administrative excellence for herself and her team, and perhaps more importantly, has woven a thread of compassion and appreciation for the "whole person" into the work we do within the department."

Over the last few years, Christen has built a strong administrative team to support the faculty, she has diligently worked with the Residency Program, creating a Resident Planning Manual and developing a Resident Wellness Program, and she has been instrumental in the planning and support of the Kenya Initiative, a partnership with the Nanyuki Teaching and Referral Hospital supported by a biannual trip to Kenya by a faculty member and resident. This is just the tip of the iceberg (or the peak of 'Rocky Top') when it comes to projects Christen has touched, and we are all better for it.

Congratulations, Christen, on your five year anniversary!

Is there a staff member you would like to nominate for recognition here? Please contact [Eliza Folsom](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS

CONFERENCES

ESMO 2018 Congress

October 19-23 | Munich, Germany

Global Summit on GU Malignancies

November 1-3 | Banff, Alberta, Canada

Perspectives in Urology: Point Counterpoint 2018

November 9-11 | Scottsdale, Arizona

HAPPENINGS

Yale New Haven Hospital Health Lecture Series: "Localized Prostate Cancer: What is the State of Disease in 2018 and Beyond?"

Michael Leapman, MD

October 11 | 7:00 p.m. | Old Saybrook Medical Center

Lawrence + Memorial Community Wellness Programs: "Advances in Urologic Conditions"

Joseph Brito, MD

October 29 | 5:30 p.m. | Lawrence + Memorial Hospital, Baker Auditorium

Yale Urology Men's Health Fair

November 1 | 3:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. | Yale Physician Building (YPB) Urology Suite

SAVE THE DATE: Department of Urology Holiday Party

December 13 | 6:00 p.m. | Union League Cafe

Do you have any news, publications, or photos to share for an upcoming issue?



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