

# UROLOGY

AT YALE 2019

## Inside Urology at Yale

Issue 18 | October 2019

### HIGHLIGHTS

#### TRIAL LED BY DANIEL PETRYLAK RECEIVES PRIORITY REVIEW FROM FDA



Findings from the EV-201 Phase II clinical trial of enfortumab vedotin, led by **Daniel Petrylak, MD** and presented at the [2019 American Society of Clinical Oncology \(ASCO\) annual meeting](#), encouraged the FDA to grant priority review of the drug. In March 2018, enfortumab vedotin was granted a 'breakthrough therapy' designation.

To read the announcement, please click [here](#). To learn more about the clinical trial, please click [here](#).

#### Related News

- On Tuesday, September 24, Dr. Petrylak appeared on Good Morning CT at Nine, a WTNH morning program hosted by Jocelyn Maminta. He talked about the importance of early detection of prostate cancer. The interview can be watched in full [here](#).
- Dr. Petrylak presented updates on two clinical trials studying new treatment approaches for patients with advanced prostate cancer at the European Society for Medical Oncology (ESMO) conference in Barcelona, Spain on Monday, September 30. Learn more [here](#).

#### 88TH MEETING FOR NEW ENGLAND SECTION OF THE AUA HELD IN RHODE ISLAND



**Marianne Casilla-Lennon, MD**, PGY-3 (pictured, left) and **Alejandro Abello, MD** (pictured, right) were two of the many presenters from Yale Urology at the recent annual meeting for the New England section of the American Urological Association (AUA), held in Providence, Rhode Island. View the meeting program in full [here](#).

Presentations from Yale Urology faculty:

[Clinically-Insignificant Prostate Cancer \(Gleason Grade Group 1\) or Benign Pathology in PI-RADS 5 Lesions with Extraprostatic Extension on Multi-Parametric MRI](#)  
**Kamyar Ghabili Amirkhiz, MD**

[Clinical Risk Based Associations of Lymph Node Dissection and Detection Yield Among Men Treated with Radical Prostatectomy for Prostate Cancer](#)  
**Alejandro Abello, MD**

[Associations of Rurality and Disease Outcome in Urologic Malignancy](#)  
**Marianne Casilla-Lennon, MD**

[Association between Tumor Multifocality on Multi-parametric MRI and Detection Rate of Clinically-Significant Prostate Cancer in Lesions with Prostate Imaging Reporting and Data System \(PI-RADS\) Score 4](#)  
**Kamyar Ghabili Amirkhiz, MD**

[Impact of MRI-Ultrasound Fusion Prostate Biopsy On Pathologic Downgrading During Radical Prostatectomy](#)  
**Jeannie J. Su, MD**

PANEL: What is New in Uroradiology for Benign and Malignant Disease  
Moderator: **Timothy Y. Tran, MD**

VIDEO: Mini PCNL  
**Timothy Y. Tran, MD**

[George Langstaff \(1780-1846\): Surgeon, Pathologist, Museum Curator, and the First to Observe Prostate Cancer during Post-Mortem Examination](#)  
**Kamyar Ghabili Amirkhiz, MD**

[A Retrospective Evaluation of a Novel Perioperative Opioid Sparing Protocol for Patients Undergoing Robotic Assisted Laparoscopic Surgery](#)  
**Joseph F. Renzulli, MD**

[Chasing the Pack: Association Between Urology Hospital Rankings and Surgical Outcomes](#)  
**Alejandro Abello, MD**

WOMEN IN UROLOGY: *Career Navigation (and re-Navigation)*  
**Leslie M. Rickey, MPH, MD**

[Characteristics and Clinical Outcomes of a Multi-Institutional Observational Patient Cohort Who Underwent Anastomotic Posterior Urethroplasty by a Combined Robotic Transabdominal and Open Transperineal Approach](#)  
**Jaime A. Cavallo, MD, MPHS**

[Characteristics and Clinical Outcomes of an Observational Patient Cohort Who Underwent Buried Penis Repair](#)  
**Jaime A. Cavallo, MD, MPHS**

---

## TEAM CLAIRE RIDES FOR CLOSER TO FREE



On Saturday, September 7, **Team Claire** participated in the Closer to Free Ride in support of Smilow Cancer Hospital and Yale Cancer Center, and in memory of Claire Puklin, RN. The team was comprised of riders from across the department, from clerical, nursing, urology techs and staff, to providers and their children—it was a true team effort. Click [here](#) to view photos from the ride.

Team Claire is looking to expand its team for 2020! Registration for the ride does not open until March 2020, but for more information, please contact [Meghan Curran](#) or [Diana Glassman](#).

---

## CHERYL CANADA JOINS DEPARTMENT AS PROGRAM COORDINATOR



Please welcome **Cheryl Canada** to the Department of Urology. Cheryl will serve as the new Program Coordinator (Residency, Fellowship, and Clerkship Programs) for the department.

Cheryl is new to Yale and brings with her more than 10 years of experience working at Quinnipiac University as an Associate Head Field Hockey Coach and Recruiting Coordinator.

---

## LERY ALVAREZ-LUGO JOINS RESEARCH LAB FOR SEMESTER

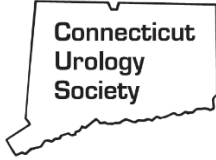


**Lery Alvarez-Lugo, MS** will be working with **Darryl Martin, PhD** in the urology research lab located in Brady Memorial Laboratory for the fall semester. Lery has a background in chemical engineering and genetics and will be working with Dr. Martin on the therapeutic application of nanoparticles for urologic diseases.

Lery will use both non-functionalized and functionalized nanoparticles to target specific cells and tissues. Specially, he will define nanoparticle uptake/penetration and biodistribution in tumor bearing mouse models using flow cytometry and small animal imaging. Welcome, Lery!

---

## REGISTRATION OPEN FOR CT UROLOGY SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING



The 2019 **Connecticut Urology Society Annual Meeting** will be taking place on Thursday, October 10 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the AquaTurf Club in Plantsville.

Raj Ayyagari, MD, Assistant Professor of Radiology and Biomedical Imaging and Radiology Director for Male Interventional Health, will be presenting *Prostatic Artery Embolization for Treatment of Symptomatic Benign Prostatic Hyperplasia* during the afternoon session.

To view the agenda and to register, please click [here](#). On-site registration is also available.

## PUBLICATIONS

### Strategies for Attracting Women and Underrepresented Minorities in Urology.

Dai JC, Agochukwu-Mmonu N, Hittelman AB.  
Curr Urol Rep. 2019 Sep 2.

### Brain Metastasis From Renal-Cell Carcinoma: An Institutional Study.

Suarez-Sarmiento A Jr, Nguyen KA, Syed JS, Nolte A, Ghabili K, Cheng M, Liu S, Chiang V, Kluger H, Hurwitz M, Shuch B.  
Clin Genitourin Cancer. 2019 Aug 20.

### Prune belly syndrome: current perspectives.

Arlen AM, Nawaf C, Kirsch AJ.  
Pediatric Health Med Ther. 2019 Aug 6.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **Greenwich Hospital Prostate Cancer Education Forum: "New Prostate Cancer Biopsy Techniques and Treatments" with James Rosoff, MD**

October 7, 2019 | 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. | Noble Conference Center | [Register](#)

### **Connecticut Urology Society Annual Meeting**

October 10, 2019 | 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. | AquaTurf Club, Plantsville | [Details](#)

### **3rd Annual Global Summit on Genitourinary Malignancies**

October 10-13, 2019 | Banff, Alberta, Canada | [Details](#)

### **New Frontiers in UroOncology**

October 16-19, 2019 | Lisbon, Portugal

### **Men's Health CME Dinner**

November 6, 2019 | 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. | Delamar Hotel, Southport

### **Free Prostate Cancer Screening**

November 12, 2019 | 3:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. | MedEase Unit, Bridgeport Hospital

### **Men's Health Fair - New Haven**

November 14, 2019 | 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. | YPB 3

### **Men's Health Fair - New London**

November 14, 2019 | 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. | L+M Hospital

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



Please share with Eliza Folsom,  
Assoc. Communications Officer  
for Yale Urology:

[eliza.folsom@yale.edu](mailto:eliza.folsom@yale.edu)

Yale Medicine  
UROLOGY

YaleNewHavenHealth  
Yale New Haven Hospital