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HIGHLIGHTS

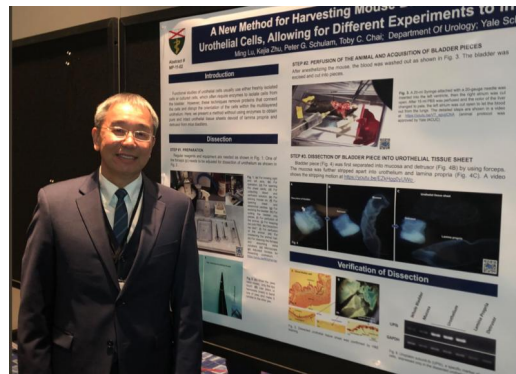
AUA2019 EXCELLENCE

American Urological Association (AUA) 2019 packed an impressive program of panels, instructional courses, and presentations into their 114th Annual Meeting held in Chicago, May 3-6. Yale Urology was proud to have 14 faculty, researchers, and residents present their research to colleagues from around the country and serve as faculty for instructional courses.

AUA-2019 chicago



Preston Sprengle, MD presents "How to Integrate a Hydrogel Rectal Spacer Procedure for Patients undergoing Prostate Cancer Radiation Therapy" during the Plenary Session, Saturday, May 4.



Ming Lu, MD, Associate Research Scientist, is awarded "Best Poster" for "A New Method for Harvesting Mouse Bladder Urothelial Tissue, Leaving Intact Urothelial Cells, Allowing for Different Experiments to Investigate Urothelial Biology."

YALE UROLOGY ALUMNI RECEPTION RECAP



More than 50 current and former members of Yale Urology attended the **annual alumni reception**, which is held annually during the AUA Annual Meeting. Faculty, residents, fellows, and friends stopped by The Keith House in Chicago for drinks and hors d'oeuvres. So much fun was had, the reception was extended one hour! To view more photos from the reception, please visit our [online photo gallery](#).

We hope to see you at next year's AUA meeting in Washington, D.C, May 15-18, 2020!

Pictured (L-R): **Ami Kilchevsky, MD, Tom Martin, MD, David Hesse, MD**

ANNUAL CLAIRE PUKLIN AWARD HONORS JILL MORRONE



Congratulations to **Jill Morrone, RN**, the 2019 recipient of the 6th Annual Claire Puklin Award for Clinical Excellence in Urologic Nursing. Since joining the department in 2015, Jill was quickly recognized for her excellent triaging, clinical judgement, and leadership skills. Within the Stone Clinic, Jill has helped to educate and develop the team of urology techs, nurses, and provider support that follow-up with patients, and she has helped the department navigate through a period of rapid growth and change with an optimistic outlook and “can-do attitude.”

PETRYLAK, LEAPMAN PRESENT AT ASCO ANNUAL MEETING

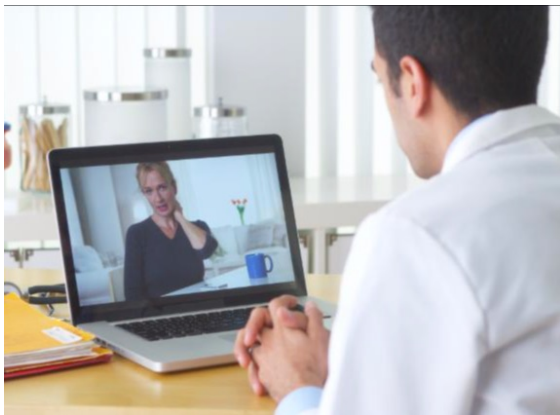
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checkpoints inhibitors" was also selected for the 2019 Best of ASCO Program.

Daniel Petrylak, MD presented findings from a clinical trial for patients with bladder cancer, Monday, June 3. His abstract, "EV-201: Results of enfortumab vedotin monotherapy for locally advanced or metastatic urothelial cancer previously treated with platinum and immune

On Sunday, June 2, **Michael Leapman, MD** presented research with colleagues from Yale's COPPER Center during a Lung Cancer poster session from 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.: "Real-world practice patterns and impact of PD-L1 expression testing in patients with advanced non-small cell lung cancer."

UROLOGY OFFERING TELEHEALTH VIDEO VISITS FOR SELECT PATIENTS



Spearheaded by **Marianne Passarelli, MD**, Yale Urology was the first department to offer **Telehealth** scheduling for its patients through the YM CARE Center. Starting on April 1, 2019, all Urology schedulers in the CARE Center were trained to set up Telehealth appointments for post-op patients who were previously identified by the department as a clinically-appropriate patient for this service.

In short, Telehealth offers patients the opportunity to have a video visit with their provider using an Apple or Android smart phone or tablet. Using the MyChart app in the comfort of their own home, patients can conduct a post-op

follow-up visit, saving time in their car and in the waiting room, as well as less time away from work. To date, Dr. Passarelli, as well as **Patrick Kenney, MD**, **Dinesh Singh, MD**, and **Michael Leapman, MD** have participated in Telehealth video visits with patients.

Across all participating departments and programs, initial patient feedback has been very positive, with 100% of patients noting they are saving from 30 minutes up to 2-3 hours, and 96% of patients indicating video visits were easy, quality of care was the same as an in-office visit, and that they are interested in using video visits for future appointments. Within Yale Urology, one patient noted their video visit "saved one hour of my time," while another patient shared their video visit "saved me four hours."

If you are interested in learning more about Telehealth, you may contact the program office [here](#).

HOLEP PROCEDURE NOW OFFERED FOR PATIENTS WITH BPH



HOLEP, Holmium laser enucleation of the prostate, is now being offered for Yale Urology patients with benign prostatic hyperplasia, commonly known as BPH.

BPH is when the prostate is enlarged and blocks the flow of urine, leading to urinary tract issues such as frequent or inability to urinate, difficulty in starting urination, and loss of bladder control.

With HOLEP, the Holmium laser is used to cut and remove the prostate tissue that is blocking the flow of urine. While there are other options for treating BPH, one of the advantages of HOLEP is that it can remove large amounts of tissue without any incisions on the body and with less bleeding, reducing the patient stay in the hospital.

Daniel Kellner, MD says of HOLEP, "It is becoming the new gold standard for BPH surgery and I'm really pleased to be able to offer our patients another option when it comes to treating BPH. BPH can be

debilitating for men, and it is great that Yale Urology now offers our male patients another option for treating their symptoms."

LATEST MEN'S HEALTH BLOG POST FOCUSES ON AT-HOME SPERM TESTING



Stan Honig, MD has published his latest Men's Health blog for the month of May. In this post, he tackles the subject of at home sperm testing for couples who are experiencing early troubles achieving pregnancy.

"At Home Sperm Testing: Should You Do it Early in the Course of Trying to Get Pregnant?" can be [read here](#), as well as his previous post which covered the topic of penile injection therapy.

MEDICAL STAFF ENGAGEMENT SURVEY CLOSES MONDAY JUNE 3

YNHHS faculty and medical staff recently received an email from Press Ganey Associates inviting you to participate in an Engagement Survey on behalf of the Yale New Haven Health System and Yale Medicine. This year's survey is an abbreviated version, focused on tracking levels of engagement from faculty and medical staff throughout our health system.

Everyone is encouraged to take the time to complete the survey, and to provide honest and thorough feedback. All responses are confidential. Your feedback is important so we can appropriately assess

needs, evaluate areas for improvement, and plan for our future as an integrated health system. Thank you in advance for your cooperation with this important effort.

NEWS AND NOTES

- Sunday, June 9 at 7:30 p.m., **Stan Honig, MD** will discuss Men's Health topics on Yale Cancer Answers, a weekly radio program that provides listeners with the most up to date information on cancer screening, detection, treatment, and prevention. Yale Cancer Answers can be heard locally on 90.5 FM, streamed online at wnpr.org, and is archived on yalecanceranswers.org/.
- The **11th Annual Men's Health Day** takes place on Saturday, June 15 from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. In partnership with the Yale African American Affinity Group (YAAA) and the Yale Latino Networking Group (YLNG), Yale Urology will be providing medical volunteers to administer blood pressure checks to community members at barber shops and salons across New Haven. [Learn more>>](#)
- Attention riders: The Yale Urology Closer to Free Ride team, **Team Claire**, is currently recruiting members. Please contact [Meghan Curran](#) if you are interested or have questions—and please save the date for Saturday, September 7, 2019! If you can't ride, you can still support Team Claire or all riders with a donation. [Learn more>>](#)

CLINICAL TRIAL NEWS

Michael Hurwitz, MD is leading a Phase II study of front line therapy with nivolumab and salvage nivolumab and ipilimumab in patients with advanced renal cell carcinoma.

The purpose of this two-part study is to assess the drug combination in participants with HER2-expressing breast and urothelial cancer who had disease progression during or after prior therapies, did not respond to standard therapies, or for whom no standard therapy is available. [View full trial description>>](#)

Daniel Petrylak, MD has two new clinical trials open for recruitment. A Phase III, randomized, open-label, controlled, multi-center, global study of first-line durvalumab in combination with standard of care chemotherapy and durvalumab in combination with tremelimumab and standard of care chemotherapy, versus standard of care chemotherapy alone in patients with unresectable locally advanced or metastatic urothelial cancer.

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More recently, a Phase 1, open-label, dose escalation clinical trial opened to male patients to evaluate the safety, tolerability, pharmacokinetics, and pharmacodynamics of ARV-110 in patients with metastatic castration-resistant prostate cancer (mCRPC) who have progressed on at least two prior systemic therapies.

This is a first in human, dose escalation study to assess the safety and tolerability of ARV 110. [View full trial description>>](#)

PUBLICATIONS

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UPCOMING EVENTS

CONFERENCES

2019 ASCO Annual Meeting
May 31 - June 4, 2019 | Chicago, Illinois

HAPPENINGS

Pediatric Urology CME Dinner
June 5, 2019 | 5:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. | Hotel Zero Degrees, Norwalk | [RSVP](#)

11th Annual Men's Health Day
June 15, 2019 | 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. | [Details](#)

Chief Residents' Reception
June 18, 2019 | 5:30-7:30 p.m. | Roia | [RSVP](#)

Faculty and Visiting Professor Dinner
June 19, 2019 | 6:00-9:00 p.m. | Roia

Bernard Lytton Visiting Professor Day
June 20, 2019 | 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. | HOPE 216 | [Details](#)

Graduation Dinner
June 20, 2019 | 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. | Union League Cafe

Closer to Free Ride
September 7, 2019 | [Details](#)

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