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HIGHLIGHTS

ADAM HITTELMAN NAMED SECTION CHIEF OF PEDIATRIC UROLOGY; VICE CHAIR OF UROLOGY FOR FACULTY AFFAIRS AND ADMINISTRATION



Adam Hittelman, MD, PhD, has been appointed Section Chief of Pediatric Urology for Yale New Haven Children's Hospital and Yale Urology and as Vice Chair of Urology for Faculty Affairs and Administration.

Dr. Hittelman's proven leadership experience and clinical expertise will be an asset to the department in his new role as Vice Chair, and to the section of pediatric urology as we continue to expand our pediatric practices throughout Yale New Haven Health System's Network of Pediatric Specialty Centers.

Dr. Hittelman has been a member of Yale School of Medicine faculty since 2008, and is currently Associate Professor of Urology and also serves as Director of Global Urology and Director of the Residency Program for Yale Urology.

We want to express our sincere appreciation to **Robert Weiss, MD, FACS, FAAP**, Donald Guthrie Professor of Urology, for his tremendous leadership over the section of pediatric urology for the past several decades. Dr. Weiss has dedicated his career to the improvement in children's health and has mentored countless trainees in the field throughout his career. He will continue to care for his patients and participate in the section's activities.

Congratulations, Dr. Hittelman!

MEN'S HEALTH CME DINNER DRAWS LARGE CROWD

The Yale Urology Men's Health CME dinner, "Advancing Men's Health: Updates in Urology," held on November 6 at the Delamar Hotel in Southport, welcomed more than 60 attendees. **Drs. Jaime Cavallo, David Hesse, Stan Honig, Dan Kellner, Michael Leapman, Tom Martin, and Preston Sprenkle** shared presentations on current topics vital to men's health and networked with colleagues and community providers from throughout Fairfield County.



THREE 'MOVEMBER' MEN'S HEALTH SCREENINGS WELCOMED 65 MEN

After the success of our inaugural **Men's Health Fair** held in New Haven last year, two additional screening events were offered for 2019: A free prostate cancer screening at Bridgeport Hospital on November 12, and Yale Urology at Lawrence + Memorial Hospital hosted their own Men's Health Fair on November 14, offering free prostate screenings and information tables.

The event in Bridgeport screened 18 men, while New London had 17 attendees, and the Men's Health Fair in New Haven registered 30 men for screenings and health information.



Men's Health Fair - New Haven.

Pictured (left-right): Michael Leapman, MD; Piruz Motamedinia, MD; Ralph DeVito, MD; Thomas Buckley, MD; Stan Honig, MD; Dan Kellner, MD; Alexander Bandin, MD, PGY-4; Jaime Cavallo, MD, MPH.

Men's Health Fair - New London.

Pictured (left-right): Ann Alevras; Ann Marie Dolmas; Yolanda Sousa; Shelly Warrender; Joseph Brito, III, MD; Monique Stefanou; Michelle Carrara; Jennifer Orlando; Erik Enquist, MD; Sandy Reynolds; Charlotte Bell; Timothy Tran, MD; Elizabeth Mann; Griselle Collado.

SURGICAL FAIR FOR MED STUDENTS

An overwhelming response was received for the **Surgical Fair** held on November 12 in The Anylan Center. The fair, designed to provide students from Yale School of Medicine with exposure to urology and its surgical procedures as they prepare to start their surgical rotations, was attended by 90 students.

Thirteen stations and tables were set up and manned by several members of our faculty and residents. From lessons in suturing and Foley placement, to interactive challenges using laparoscopic equipment and cystoscopes, to proper techniques for gloving and gowning - a great time was had by all who participated.

To view additional photos from the Surgical Fair, please [click here](#).



JOHN COLBERG VISITS RUSSIA AS PART OF YALE DELEGATION

John Colberg, MD was one of four surgeons from Yale New Haven Hospital to travel to the St. Petersburg Clinical Oncology Center in St. Petersburg, Russia from November 7-13, to provide teaching and surgical instruction and consultation to counterparts. Also traveling to Russia with Dr. Colberg was Elena Ratner, MD, Associate Professor of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Sciences; Vikram Reddy, MD, PhD, Assistant Professor of Surgery (Gastrointestinal); and Gary Altwerger, MD, BS, Assistant Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology. Throughout the week, they performed surgeries, consulted with patients, and presented lectures to staff.



Pictured (left-right): Vikram Reddy, MD, PhD; Unknown; Gary Altwerger, MD, BS; Elena Ratner, MD; Vladimir Moiseenko, Director, St. Petersburg Cancer Center; John Colberg, MD.

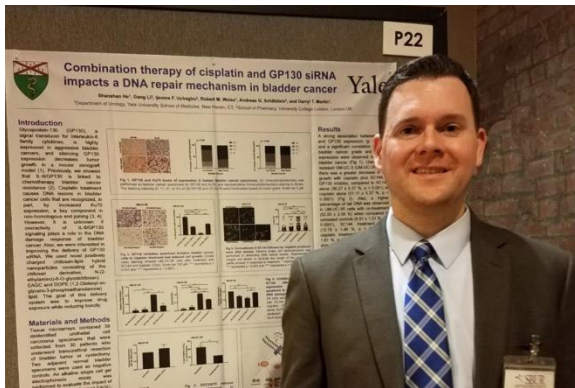
DEBRA KING JOINS DEPARTMENT AS APP MANAGER

Debra King, PhD has joined Yale Urology as Advanced Practice Provider Manager and brings with her nearly 30 years of experience as a nurse and surgical physician assistant in medical centers across New York and Connecticut. Debra has served as Senior Physician Assistant for the last 12 years, including most recently at Greenwich Hospital in the Department of Surgery. Debra also spent nine years as Chief Physician Assistant in the Department of Cardiothoracic Surgery at Saint Vincent's Hospital.

We would also like to extend a warm and gracious thank you to **George Hayner, PA-C**, who has served the Department of Urology in this capacity for the last two years.

PRESENTATIONS

DARRYL MARTIN PRESENTS AT SBUR



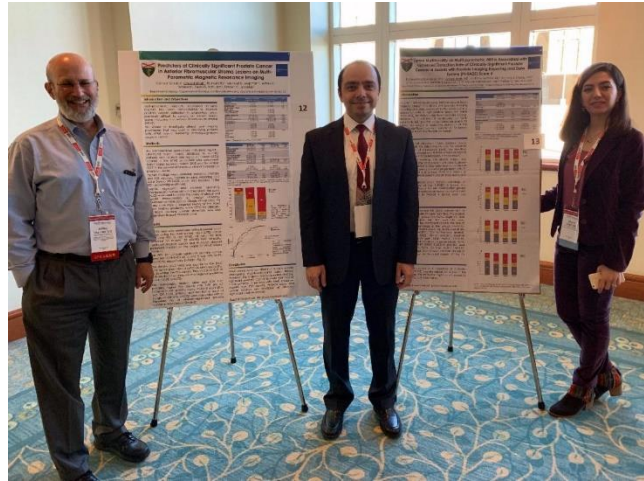
Darryl Martin, PhD presented his lab's work on targeting DNA repair in bladder cancer at the recent 2019 Society for Basic Urologic Research (SBUR) Annual Meeting held in New Orleans, Louisiana.

YALE REPRESENTATION AT GLOBAL SUMMIT ON PROSTATE CANCER

In October, the 4th Global Summit on Precision Diagnosis and Treatment of Prostate Cancer featured poster presentations from **John Onofrey, PhD** and **Ghazal Khajir, MD**. **Preston Sprenkle, MD** and **Jeffrey Weinreb, MD** also participated as invited speakers and panelists.



Pictured (left-right): Research Fellow, UCLA; John Onofrey, PhD; Research Fellow, UCLA; Ghazal Khajir, MD.



Pictured (left-right): Jeffrey Weinreb, MD; Kamyar Ghabili, MD; Ghazal Khajir, MD.

PUBLICATIONS

[PSMA ADC monotherapy in patients with progressive metastatic castration-resistant prostate cancer following abiraterone and/or enzalutamide: Efficacy and safety in open-label single-arm phase 2 study.](#)

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Prostate. 2019 Nov 19.

[Ramucirumab plus docetaxel versus placebo plus docetaxel in patients with locally advanced or metastatic urothelial carcinoma after platinum-based therapy \(RANGE\): overall survival and updated results of a randomised, double-blind, phase 3 trial.](#)

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Lancet Oncol. 2019 Nov 18.

[We Live in a Digital World: Why We Need to Move out of the Analog Urodynamic Realm.](#)

Franco I.
J Urol. 2019 Nov 18.

[False-Negative Histopathologic Diagnosis of Prostatic Adenocarcinoma.](#)

Yang C, Humphrey PA.
Arch Pathol Lab Med. 2019 Nov 15.

[Prostatic artery embolization in non-index benign prostatic hyperplasia patients: Single center outcomes for urinary retention and gross prostatic hematuria.](#)

Ayyagari R, Powell T, Staib L, Chapiro J, Perez-Lozada JC, Bhatia S, Chai T, Schoenberger S, Devito R.
Urology. 2019 Nov 14.

UPCOMING EVENTS

CONFERENCES

Genitourinary Cancers Symposium

February 13-15, 2020 | San Francisco, California

SUFU Winter Meeting 2020

February 25-29, 2020 | Scottsdale, Arizona

HAPPENINGS

Department of Urology Holiday Party

December 12, 2019 | 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. | Union League Cafe | [RSVP](#)

Yale Cancer Center and Smilow Cancer Hospital Holiday Party

December 12, 2019 | 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. | Peabody Museum

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



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