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HIGHLIGHTS

UROLOGY JUMPS TO #30 IN U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT BEST HOSPITALS ISSUE



In the *U.S. News and World Report* rankings of the 2019 Best Hospitals rankings, **Yale Urology** rose ten spots to #30 in the nation for urology services.

We should all be proud of this recognition. I am confident that our placement on the list will continue to climb, and truly reflect the amazing talent and advanced patient care at Yale Urology.

The ranking recognizes our faculty, nurses, caregivers, and staff for their dedication to patient excellence throughout the year. As we continue to expand our clinical services to new locations, as far east as Westerly, Rhode Island, and southwest to Greenwich, I am

confident that the quality and impact of our patient care remains constant throughout our network.

Each day, we are accomplishing great things in Yale Urology. Thank you for your continued devotion to making our Department a special place to work, learn, and care for our patients.

JOHN ONOFREY JOINS UROLOGY IN DUAL APPOINTMENT



John Onofrey, PhD has been appointed an Assistant Professor of Urology and of Radiology & Biomedical Imaging, effective July 1, 2019. Dr. Onofrey begins this dual appointment after serving as Postdoctoral Associate and Associate Research Scientist in the Department of Radiology & Biomedical Imaging for the last six years.

John earned his Bachelor's and Master's degrees in computer science from Johns Hopkins University, Dr. Onofrey served as a computer scientist in the US Army Research Laboratory and as a software engineer at Lockheed Martin. He completed a Master's degree, MPhil, and a PhD in Biomedical Engineering at Yale University and joined the Department of Radiology & Biomedical Imaging as a Postdoctoral Associate in 2013.

Dr. Onofrey's recent work at Yale has focused on the research and development of novel biomedical image analysis algorithms as a member of Yale's Image Processing and Analysis Group. As a postdoctoral researcher, Dr. Onofrey developed a novel model for prostate motion during biopsy based on retrospectively collected data from over 100 patients, significantly improving the accuracy of image-guided fusion biopsy. He is the recipient of NIH funding to design and implement imaging methods to automate geometric interpretation of PI-RADS in order to reduce variability in prostate cancer reporting.

ANNUAL SUMMER WELCOME PARTY MOVES TO MADISON

The annual Yale Urology Summer Welcome Party, which is the official department welcome to all new urology faculty, fellows, and residents, was held on Saturday, July 27 at Beech Tree Cottages in Madison.

Burgers, hot dogs, and chicken were provided by CT's Roadside BBQ, but the party really started when **David Hesse, MD** and **Tom Martin, MD** challenged residents to a friendly match of cornhole. Drs. Hesse and Martin held their own, battling multiple pairings of residents, researchers, and APPs throughout the afternoon. **Peter Schulam, MD, PhD** also joined in on the action.

Additional photos from the party may be viewed in our [online photo album](#).



Pictured (left to right): **Tom Martin, MD** and **Peter Schulam, MD, PhD**



Pictured (left to right): **Tom Martin, MD** and **Cayce Nawaf, MD, PGY-4**.

ERICA LABELLA ATTENDS AONL CONFERENCE

Erica LaBella, RN, BSN, Urology Nurse and Chair-Elect of the Yale New Haven Hospital Coordinating Council of Nursing Professional Governance, recently attended the American Organization for Nursing Leadership (AONL) Dynamic Leadership for Shared Governance conference in Ft. Worth, Texas.

Nursing Professional Governance (NPG) is for clinical nurses closest to the bedside to make decisions about their practice using evidence based research to produce measurable outcomes.

The NPG structure at YNHH is comprised of 11 cluster level councils (service line clusters, one of which is Ambulatory), and four hospital level councils who focus on work from a hospital-wide perspective (Professional Development, Quality & Safety, Practice Excellence, and Informatics). The coordinating council oversees the entire process and Diana Rivera (Chair) and Erica (Chair-Elect) are responsible for coordinating the work between all the clusters and councils. They work closely with Chief Nursing Officer, Ena Williams, who is very supportive of this process. She helps to translate strategy and performance to both staff and senior leaders of the organization.

The first day of the conference was facilitated by Tim Porter O'Grady, who is noted for his national work with professional governance. He discussed why dynamic leadership is so important, reviewed NPG foundations, accountability, locus of control, and the manager's role in NPG. Day two featured breakout sessions, where participants learned about leadership roles and communication, professional governance infrastructure, tools for making decisions and reaching consensus.

After networking with other facilities nationwide, there were many ideas that Erica hopes to incorporate into YNHH's NPG model. If you have any questions about NPG, or would like to learn more, please contact [Erica](#).

Photo provided by Erica LaBella, RN, BSN, pictured back row, fifth from the left.



MEET LEONID BILENKEN



Congratulations to **Leonid Bilenkin, PA-C**, who celebrated five years with Yale Urology on July 14.

Leo, who is based in Greenwich, enjoys traveling, playing tennis, and spending time with his family.

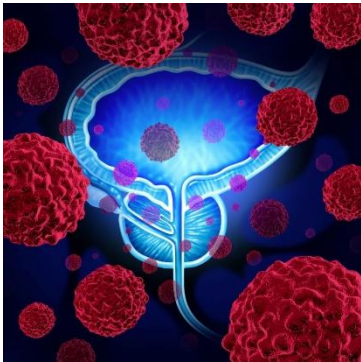
Of his time with Yale Urology, Leo says: "The last five years with urology have been a great experience. Working with Dr. Rosoff and everyone, it is a pleasure to come to work every day where everyone is like a family. But it is the patients who truly make every day a joy. I look forward to what the next five years will bring."

PUBLICATIONS

[Adverse Histopathologic Characteristics in Small Clear Cell Renal Cell Carcinomas Have Negative Impact on Prognosis: A Study of 631 Cases With Clinical Follow-up.](#)

Yang C, Shuch B, Serrano M, Kibel AS, Nawaf C, Vollmer R, Humphrey PA, Adeniran AJ.
Am J Surg Pathol. 2019 Jul 19.

CLINICAL TRIAL NEWS



Daniel Petrylak, MD is leading a Phase III clinical trial for the treatment of patients with Progressive PSMA-positive Metastatic Castration-resistant Prostate Cancer (mCRPC).

The VISION trial utilizes a PSMA targeting agent to deliver radionuclide therapy. After a high response rate in Phase II among a small group of men, phase III looks to evaluate the agent, LuPSMA, vs. standard of care.

[Learn more>>](#)

TEAM CLAIRE



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>>](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

New England AUA Annual Meeting
September 12-14, 2019 | [Details](#) | Providence, RI

Men's Health CME Dinner
November 6, 2019 | 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. | Delamar Hotel, Southport

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?



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