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HIGHLIGHTS

ENFORTUMAB VEDOTIN APPROVED BY U.S. FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION



The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) granted accelerated approval to the drug enfortumab vedotin (EV) to treat adult patients with advanced urothelial or bladder cancer. The approval is the direct result of a multi-institutional clinical trial led by Yale Cancer Center (YCC) and Smilow Cancer Hospital researchers demonstrating EV as an effective treatment for this deadly disease.

“This is very exciting progress as we haven’t had another therapy option for patients who urothelial or bladder cancer has progressed after chemotherapy or immunotherapy. To my knowledge, this is most active single drug in urothelial cancer,” said **Daniel P. Petrylak, MD**, professor of medicine (medical oncology) and urology and co-director of the Cancer Signaling Research Program at YCC.

Dr. Petrylak was the senior investigator of a phase II clinical trial that studied the efficacy of the EV for patients. “It’s gratifying to know Yale spearheaded the research effort to get this life-saving therapy to patients.”

MICHAEL LEAPMAN AWARDED PATTERSON TRUST GRANT

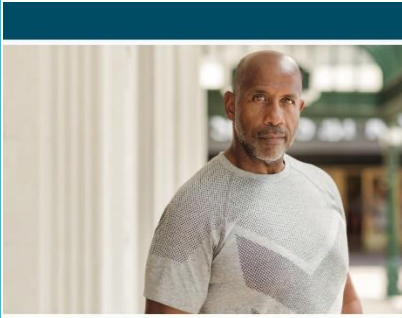


Michael Leapman, MD is the recipient of a 2020 Seery Patterson Trust Mentored Research Award: Clinical, Health Services and Policy Research, which will help fund a two-year project looking at use of MRI and genomic testing in older patients with prostate cancer. Congratulations, Dr. Leapman.

NEW PATIENT MATERIALS AVAILABLE

Informational rack cards are now available for the male urologic condition, Erectile Dysfunction; Kidney Stones; as well as the female urologic condition, Pelvic Floor Disorders. These rack cards are part of a series of patient materials being produced for Yale Urology.

The cards will be available in our Yale Urology clinics, and the PDFs are linked on our website. If you are interested in receiving copies, or have a topic to suggest for a future rack card, please contact [Eliza Folsom](#).



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Erectile Dysfunction



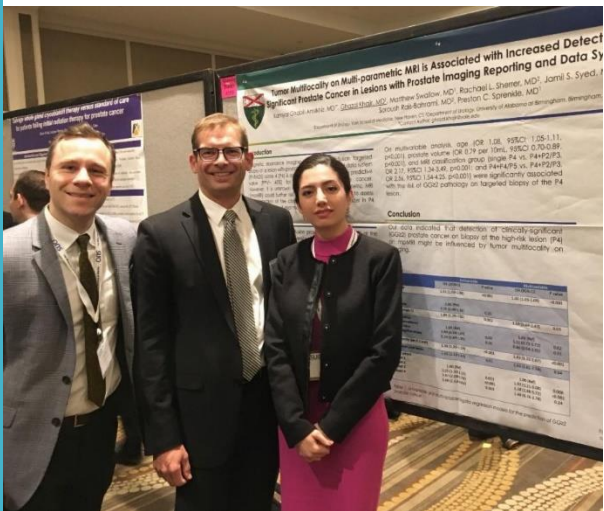
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Kidney Stones



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Pelvic Floor Disorders

SOCIETY OF UROLOGIC ONCOLOGY

The 20th Annual Meeting of the Society of Urologic Oncology (SUO) took place December 4-6 in Washington D.C., and included a poster presentation by Associate Research Scientist, **Ghazal Khajir, MD**.



Michael Leapman, MD; Preston Sprenkle, MD; Ghazal Khajir, MD stand in front of their poster, "Tumor Multifocality on Multi-Parametric MRI is Associated with Increased Detection Rate of Clinically-Significant Prostate Cancer in Lesions with Prostate Imaging Reporting and Data System (PI-RADS) Score."



Pictured (left-right): Casey Nawaf, MD, PGY-4; Ghazal Khajir, MD; Alejandro Abello, MD

AZOOSPERMIA HEADLINES LATEST BLOG POST



"Azoospermia or No Sperm in the Ejaculate" is the title of the latest Men's Health Blog written by **Stanton Honig, MD**.

In his latest blog post, Dr. Honig explains the process of determining the causes of a possible blockage as well as potential sperm production issues, both of which can lead to diminished sperm counts.

To read the post in full as well as his other articles, please click [here](#).

THREE NEW REACH FAMILIES RECEIVE A HAPPY HOLIDAY

Thank you to everyone who signed up to provide a gift from the wish lists provided by our three New Reach families. The response and generosity for this initiative was overwhelming, and it surely made an impact on the parents and children involved.



CLINICAL TRIAL NEWS



Daniel Petrylak, MD is leading a Phase III, randomized, open-label, multi-center, global study to determine the efficacy and safety of Durvalumab in combination with Gemcitabine and Cisplatin for neoadjuvant treatment followed by Durvalumab alone for adjuvant treatment in patients with Muscle-Invasive Bladder Cancer.

[Learn more>>](#)

PUBLICATIONS

Editorial Comment.

Leapman M.
J Urol. 2019 Dec 30.

Effect of Diaphragmatic Breathing on Procedural Anxiety During Transrectal Prostate Biopsy.

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Urology. 2019 Dec 29.

UPCOMING EVENTS

HAPPENINGS

Yale CBIT Health Hackathon 2020: "Social Determinants of Health"

January 24-26, 2020 | 55 Park Street Auditorium, New Haven

CONFERENCES

Genitourinary Cancers Symposium

February 13-15, 2020 | San Francisco, California

SUFU Winter Meeting 2020

February 25-29, 2020 | Scottsdale, Arizona

Do you have any news, publications, or photos to
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