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### ISAAC KIM, MD, PhD, MBA, APPOINTED CHAIR OF YALE UROLOGY



We are pleased to announce Isaac Y. Kim, MD, PhD, MBA, has been appointed Chair of the Department of Urology at Yale School of Medicine and Chief of Urology at Yale New Haven Hospital, effective September 1, 2021.

A surgeon-scientist with more than a decade of leadership experience, Dr. Kim is currently Professor and Chief of the Division of Urology in the Department of Surgery at Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School; Chief of the Section of Urologic Oncology and Executive Director of the Prostate Cancer Center at Rutgers Cancer Institute of New Jersey; and Medical Director of Robotic Surgery at Monmouth Medical Center.

Dr. Kim spearheaded the development of the robotic surgery program at RWJ University Hospital and is an expert in robot-assisted radical prostatectomy, with more than 2,100 cases to date. He manages a basic science research program on the mechanism of prostate cancer treatment resistance and is investigating new therapeutic options for castration-resistant prostate cancer by developing Proteolysis Targeting Chimera (PROTAC) molecules for commercial translation. He also is active in clinical research, serving as the principal investigator of two clinical trials on advanced and metastatic prostate cancer. He helped establish a research consortium of more than 25 institutions from five countries to investigate the therapeutic role of cytoreductive radical prostatectomy in metastatic prostate cancer.

Please [click here](#) to read the full announcement.

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## THIRTEEN FACULTY RECOGNIZED AS 'TOP DOCTORS'



Congratulations to the Yale Urology faculty who were recognized by their peers in Connecticut Magazine's annual issue featuring the state's 'Top Doctors.'

The annual list is compiled by Castle Connelly and surveys doctors from across Connecticut. Yale Urology faculty receiving this recognition include:

Catherine Alonzo, MD  
John Colberg, MD  
Israel Franco, MD  
Adam Hittelman, MD, PhD  
Patrick Kenney, MD  
Sarah Lambert, MD  
Mary Grey Maher, MD  
Piruz Motamedinia, MD  
Marianne Passarelli, MD  
Daniel P. Petrylak, MD  
Dinesh Singh, MD  
Nicholas Stroumbakis, MD  
Robert Weiss, MD

## VISITING PROFESSOR DAY TO FEATURE AMY KRAMBECK, MD

Amy Krambeck, MD, Professor of Urology at the Feinberg School of Medicine at Northwestern Medical, will be joining us Thursday, June 17, as our 2021 Bernard Lytton Visiting Professor.

The **2021 Visiting Professor Day** will be a virtual event again this year, and will take place from 8:00am - 1:00pm. All clinics and OR activity will be closed to allow everyone to have the opportunity to attend.

The agenda is available [online here](#), and Zoom information will be available shortly.

Dr. Krambeck will also be our presenter for Urology Grand Rounds on Friday, June 18, at 7:30am. More information can be found listed in our [calendar here](#), and will be updated as detailed are confirmed.



## 2021 ASCO ANNUAL MEETING PARTICIPATION

# 2021 ASCO<sup>®</sup> ANNUAL MEETING

The 2021 ASCO Annual Meeting was held June 4-8, and **Michael Leapman, MD**, and **Daniel Petrylak, MD**, had poster sessions and abstracts presented. Please click each title below for more

information.

**Michael Leapman, MD:**

[Mediators of racial disparity in the use of prostate MRI.](#)

[Change in the facility level share of Medicaid patients with cancer following implementation of the affordable care act.](#)

[Accessibility of Telehealth services for cancer care at cancer hospital in the United States.](#)

[Access to cancer care for Medicaid patients at cancer hospitals in the United States.](#)

[Post intervention lung cancer screening compliance among internal medicine resident physicians at a primary care clinic in Hartford, Connecticut.](#)

**Daniel Petrylak, MD:**

[First-in-human, phase I study of PF-06753512, a vaccine-based immunotherapy regimen \(PrCa VBIR\), in biochemical relapse \(BCR\) and metastatic castration-resistant prostate cancer \(mCRPC\).](#)

[Quality of life, functioning, and symptoms in patients with previously treated locally advanced or metastatic urothelial carcinoma from EV-301: A randomized phase 3 trial of enfortumab vedotin versus chemotherapy.](#)

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**YALE UROLOGY VIRTUAL CME SERIES COMES TO A CLOSE**

Our five-week long virtual **Urology CME Series** concluded on May 25, and thanks to the participation of our faculty and providers it was very well-received.

A total of 155 attendees, including 88 unique attendees, participated in the program to hear the latest information on urological disorders and cancers from our team.

An attendee survey is currently underway with very positive feedback so far, including, "Excellent series. Well presented in a clinically relevant way;" as well as additional feedback that was submitted via email: "They were very helpful. Thank you for sponsoring them;" "The pediatric presentation was outstanding;" "Thanks for making this available - very interesting and informative;" "I found last nights talk very informative."

If you attended one of the seminars, please make sure to complete the survey by [clicking here](#).

Additionally, all five seminars were recorded, and can be viewed on the [Yale Urology website](#).

## Join us for a Urology CME Series Presented by Yale Urology

Tuesdays from 6 - 7PM

**April 27 - Men's Health Update**  
Full Program to be Announced  
[Register via Zoom](#)

**May 4 - Prostate Cancer**  
Full Program to be Announced  
[Register via Zoom](#)

**May 11 - Pediatric Bladder and Bowel Dysfunction**  
Full Program to be Announced  
[Register via Zoom](#)

**May 18 - Stone Disease**  
Full Program to be Announced  
[Register via Zoom](#)

**May 25 - Urinary Incontinence in Women**  
Full Program to be Announced  
[Register via Zoom](#)

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## DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION (DEI) COMMITTEE UPDATE



The **Yale Urology Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee** has been very busy since its inception earlier this year. Two exciting updates to share include the news that as a department, Urology will again offer virtual-only interviews to its residency applicants.

Additionally, a book/journal club has been created for female members of faculty.

Due to the in-person gathering and worldwide travel restrictions in 2020 as a result of COVID-19, residency interviews were forced to shift to a virtual platform. A pleasant surprise that resulted was a very robust and diverse group of applicants who participated in our residency interviews. The overall experience was so well-received by faculty and applicants, that the department has agreed to continue offering virtual interviews moving forward. That being said, if any applicants do want to visit New Haven and the hospital campus, arrangements will be made.

Additionally, a Women in Urology Journal and Book Club has been created by **Jaime Cavallo, MD, MPHS**, and **Leslie Rickey, MD, MPH**. Dr. Rickey shares, "When Jaime Cavallo, the 'Status of Women in Medicine' (SWIM) representative for Urology, sent an email highlighting the new Women's Leadership Resource Library created by SWIM, I was grateful to have a curated list of books, podcasts, and TED talks."

"However, I know we are all busy, and setting aside time to devote to professional development is difficult. I also find that female leadership topics are enriched by discussions that acknowledge a diversity of experiences, so the concept of a group conversation seemed like a natural way to set goals for exploring the resources in the library. Jaime then suggested a book club-type meeting, but we wanted to wait until we could safely meet in person. We are aiming to have our first meeting in the fall - more details to come!"

## YALE NEW HAVEN HOSPITAL ACHIEVES MAGNET STATUS FOR THIRD TIME

From March 29 - April 2, American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) Magnet Recognition

**Program** appraisers came to Yale New Haven Hospital (YNHH) for a weeklong virtual site visit. Magnet is the most prestigious distinction a healthcare organization can receive for nursing excellence and quality patient outcomes. YNHH has earned the four-year Magnet recognition twice already, in 2011 and 2016.

Some of our urology nurses were invited to attend virtual lunch sessions, and there was a virtual site visit to our clinic in Yale Physicians Building (YPB) for a 20-minute interview where staff highlighted what they enjoyed most about working at YNHH (pictured, right). The appraisers were very impressed with our team, visiting three of our ambulatory sites, and also highlighting the roles of our urology techs and nurses in our clinics.



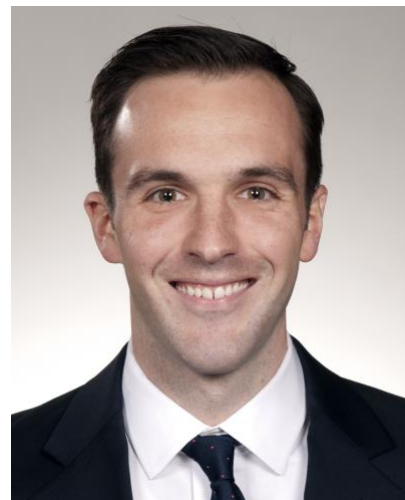
On May 27, it was announced that YNHH has achieved Magnet Status for the third time, making it one of six hospitals in Connecticut with this status.

*Pictured: **Malissa Williams**, Urology Technician; **Cherelle Eaton**, Urology Technician; **Elena Grimes**, Urology Technician; **Bridget Meadow, RN**; **Zoey Potter, RN**; **Ellie Bernier, RN**; greet the Magnet appraisers as they arrive at YPB 3 for their virtual visit.*

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## FELLOWS: WHERE ARE THEY HEADED?

Congratulations to our departing research and clinical fellows, **Matthew Buck, Eric Ghirardi, MD**, and **Gregory McMahon, MD**, who are wrapping up their fellowships at the end of this month. Where are they headed next?



**Matthew Buck**

Fourth-year medical student, Frank H. Netter School of Medicine at Quinnipiac University, and will be applying for a urology residency in the fall

**Eric Ghirardi, MD**

Einstein Healthcare Network  
Philadelphia, PA  
Endourology

**Gregory McMahon, MD**

MidLantic Urology  
Greater Philadelphia, PA  
Urologic oncology and robotic surgery

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**NEWS, NOTES, EVENTS**

- Congratulations to **Daniel Kellner, MD**, and **Sarah Lambert, MD**, who both received promotions to Associate Professor!
- Please welcome **Margaret "Maggie" DeLuca**, our new Urology Clinical Operations Manager. Maggie has more than 25 years of clinical operations experience and joins us from the NewYork-Presbyterian Healthcare system where she was a Westchester Regional Administrator for Columbia University. Maggie will work closely with Piruz Motamedinia, MD, Vice Chair of Clinical Affairs, and will serve as our departmental liaison between Urology faculty and our strategic partners within the Yale New Haven Health System, Yale Medicine, and the Yale Medicine Care Center. Welcome, Maggie!
- If you are interested in joining our Closer to Free Ride team, **Yale Urology Stream Team**, please [click here](#) for more information, to sign up, or to donate and support the team's fundraising efforts!

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