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HIGHLIGHTS

DRS. ALONZO AND STROUMBAKIS JOIN YALE UROLOGY IN GREENWICH



We are happy to announce the appointment of **Dr. Catherine Alonzo** and **Dr. Nicholas Stroumbakis** as Assistant Professors of Clinical Urology.

Dr. Alonzo specializes in the care of women with voiding dysfunctions, incontinence, and kidney stones, as well as urologic cancers. She joins Yale Urology as Assistant Professor of Clinical Urology and will continue to see patients in Greenwich. Dr. Alonzo received her Master of Science degree from Georgetown University and her Medical Degree from Drexel University College of Medicine. She completed her internship at UConn School of Medicine, and residency training at Nassau University Medical Center in General Surgery and New York Medical College in Urology.

Dr. Stroumbakis offers his patients laparoscopic, robotic, and other minimally invasive techniques for treating urologic cancers. A large focus of his practice is also on men's health, including a special interest in the diagnosis and treatment of BPH and erectile dysfunction. Previously the Director of Surgical Oncology at Greenwich Hospital, Dr. Stroumbakis received his Medical Degree from Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, and he completed his surgical internship and residency training at New York Medical College. Dr. Stroumbakis trained in Urology Oncology at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center before joining Greenwich Urological Associates in 1996.

Drs. Alonzo and Stroumbakis will continue to see patients at their clinic located at 49 Lake Avenue in Greenwich, which is directly adjacent to Greenwich Hospital.

YM CARE CENTER CENTRAL SCHEDULING GOES LIVE APRIL 16



Starting on Tuesday, April 16, all patients who call Yale Urology's inbound appointment phone numbers will be routed to Yale Medicine's **YM CARE Center**, a central scheduling service for all appointments and physician inquiries. The CARE Center is currently managing calls for six departments/sections across Yale Medicine, and it will continue to add departments throughout the coming year.

Patients will soon be able to call one phone number, **1-877-YALEMDS** (925-3637) Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m., for all of their appointments,

reducing the need to remember multiple phone numbers for each of their providers across Yale Medicine.

MICHAEL LEAPMAN RECEIVES K08 CLINICAL INVESTIGATOR AWARD



Michael Leapman, MD, Assistant Professor of Urology and a member of Yale Cancer Center's Cancer Prevention and Control Research Program, has been awarded a K08 Clinical Investigator Award from the NIH to support his project, Understanding the Adoption and Impact of New Risk Assessment Technologies in Prostate Cancer Care. Dr. Leapman's research aims to better understand how prostate MRI and genomic testing impact the management of prostate cancer.

BLADDER CANCER CME DINNER A SUCCESS IN FAIRFIELD COUNTY



Yale Urology and Yale Cancer Center hosted a Bladder Cancer CME dinner at The Delamar Hotel in Southport on Wednesday, March 13. "Advances in the Medical and Surgical Treatment of Bladder Cancer" featured presentations from **Patrick Kenney, MD, Daniel Petrylak, MD, James Yu, MD, MHS, Peter Humphrey, MD, PhD, and Michael Leapman, MD.**

The event was well-received by attendees, and is the first in a series of upcoming CME dinners for Yale Urology. Pediatric Urology is next, and will host a dinner event with presentations at Hotel Zero Degrees in Norwalk, Wednesday, June 5. Additional details to be announced.

PETER SCHULAM TO PRESENT AT YALE IMPACT INVESTING CONFERENCE



The second annual Yale Impact Investing Conference will take place on Friday, April 5 and will feature **Peter Schulam, MD, PhD** as a panelist.

The first presentation of the afternoon session, "Investing to Promote Well-Being/Health for All at All Ages," will include Dr. Schulam, as well as two additional panelists, Mary-Ann Etiebet, Lead &

Executive Director, Merck for Mothers, and Jonathan Rothberg, Founder & Chief Strategy Officer, 4Catalyzer, with moderator Sri Muthu, CEO & Co-founder, HealthVenture Corporation & Managing Director, HealthVenture Labs.

Sponsored by the Yale School of Management International Center for Finance, the conference will be "an exploration of the transformative power of capital to change the world's trajectory through investments that value healthy people and healthy environments across multiple metrics." Please [click here](#) for additional information.

NEWS AND NOTES

Congratulations are in order to the following individuals:

- **Preston Sprenkle, MD**, has been promoted to Associate Professor in the Clinical Educator Track.
- **Christine Merenda** has been promoted to Program Manager and will oversee all administrative matters for the department.
- **Cherrelle Eaton, Ciara McBriarty, Sara Mehrtens, and Cynthia Walker** have all been promoted to Urology Tech 2.
- **Kamyar Ghabili, MD**, Associate Research Scientist, has matched with Yale School of Medicine's Department of Surgery for his surgical training, which will begin in July.

Best wishes to **Annie Alevras, Dr. Erik Enquist, and Dr. Franklin Leddy** and the rest of the Westerly team as the clinic prepares for its first day of patients on Monday, April 15.

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>>](#)

PUBLICATIONS

[Reduced Dose Computed Tomography: the effects of voltage reduction on density measurements of urolithiasis.](#)

Pan S, Su JJ, Syed J, Moore C, Israel G, Singh D.
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[A non-enzymatic method for dissection of mouse bladder urothelial tissue.](#)

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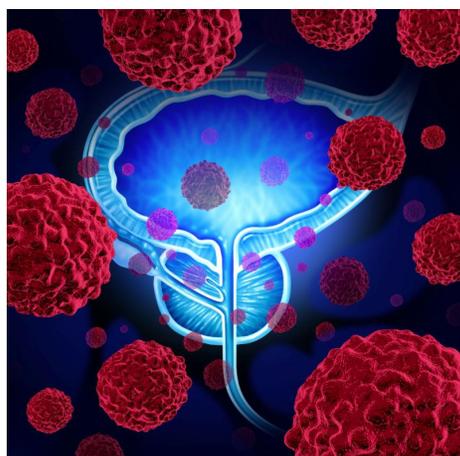
[Decision models for distinguishing between clinically insignificant and significant tumors in prostate cancer biopsies: an application of Bayes' Theorem to reduce costs and improve outcomes.](#)

Swersey AJ, Colberg J, Evans R, Kattan MW, Ledolter J, Parker R.
Health Care Manag Sci. 2019 Mar 18.

[A National Survey of Radiation Oncologists and Urologists on Perceived Attitudes and Recommendations of Active Surveillance for Low-Risk Prostate Cancer.](#)

Kim SP, Tilburt JC, Shah ND, Yu JB, Konety B, Nguyen PL, Abouassaly R, Williams SB, Gross CP.
Clin Genitourin Cancer. 2019 Feb 7.

CLINICAL TRIAL NEWS



Patrick Kenney, MD is leading a Phase III Clinical Trial studying Tokyo-172 strain bacillus Calmette-Guerin (BCG) solution with or without a vaccination using Tokyo-172 strain BCG to see how well it works compared with TICE BCG solution in treating patients with non-muscle invasive bladder cancer.

BCG is a non-infectious bacteria that when instilled into the bladder may stimulate the immune system to fight bladder cancer. Giving different versions of BCG with vaccine therapy may prevent bladder cancer from returning.

[Learn more>>](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

CONFERENCES

[AUA2019 Annual Meeting](#)

May 3 - 6, 2019 | Chicago, Illinois

HAPPENINGS

Yale Impact Investing Conference

April 5, 2019 | 8:00-5:00 p.m. | Yale School of Management | [Details](#)

Gerald Portman, MD Farewell Reception

April 11, 2019 | 5:30-7:30 p.m. | SHM L-221A, Beaumont Room | [RSVP](#)

Save the Date: Yale Urology Alumni Reception at AUA2019

May 4, 2019 | 4:00-6:00 p.m. | The Keith House, Chicago, Illinois | [RSVP](#)

Save the Date: Yale Global Surgery Symposium

May 4, 2019 | TAC N-107 | [View notice](#)

Pediatric Urology CME Dinner

June 5, 2019 | Details to come

Closer to Free Ride

September 7, 2019 | [Details](#)

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