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HIGHLIGHTS

40 MEN RECEIVE PROSTATE SCREENINGS AT OUR MEN'S HEALTH FAIR

On November 1, the first Men's Health Fair was held in the Urology suite of the Yale Physician's Building on 800 Howard Avenue. While free prostate screenings have been offered to the community in the past, this was the first time the event was expanded into an interactive, educational opportunity, featuring tables that shared information on smoking cessation, opioid and substance abuse, and men's mental health care.



Of the nearly fifty men who signed in, forty were screened for prostate cancer, and 29 received a flu shot. The fair also offered blood pressure screenings.

Meghan Curran, MBA, BSN, RN-BC, Assistant Patient Service Manager for Yale Urology said, "This event was a success thanks to the nearly 40 people from across the department who helped out. And for the 50 men who came in for their PSA blood draw and screening, or just to get free health information, we hope this event has made an impact on their health now and for the future."

HUMM LAUNCHED AT L+M

Humm, a tool used to acquire and analyze patient feedback, is now available for Yale Urology patients at Lawrence + Memorial Hospital in New London. Following check out, patients are asked to complete a 5- question survey using a tablet. Their feedback is immediately available in an online dashboard for management review. When negative feedback is received, it is used as an opportunity to follow up with the patient immediately, usually with a personal phone call.



"Humm is another way to make patients feel heard, and to provide them with the opportunity to give us feedback to improve," says **Diana Glassman, RN, BSN, MBA, CNEL**, Clinical Program Director. "Getting real-time, fast feedback from patients allows us to take care of an issue right away - sometimes even before they leave the office. It's less cumbersome than previous surveys and it's easy."

ANGELA ARLEN TRAVELS TO MONGOLIA WITH IVUMED

"Teach one, reach many" is the mission of IVUmed, an organization that provides world-class medical and surgical training to physicians and nurses in low-resource areas of the world. With each person trained, there is the potential to reach hundreds of children and adults who lack access to quality healthcare.

Angela Arlen, MD recently traveled as part of an IVUmed group to Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia to volunteer at the National Center for Maternal and Child Health, a free hospital. Her medical team included a pediatric surgeon, a urology resident, and two pediatric anesthesiologists.

To start, the team screened 80 patients over two days, followed by 28 surgeries over 5 days, working with five pediatric urologists based at the hospital. Their cases included two pyeloplastys, one bilateral reimplant, four endoscopic cases, one total urogenital sinus mobilization, and 20 hypospadias repairs.

"I always get more out of these trips than I put in," said Dr. Arlen.



PATIENT STORY FEATURED IN CENTERPOINT

Centerpoint Magazine, a biannual publication of Yale Cancer Center, recently published its Fall/Winter 2018 issue, which highlighted the story of Joe Weber, a patient of **Daniel Petrylak, MD**. Mr. Weber received targeted chemotherapy for treatment of his bladder cancer, and also was cared for by **Kristen Crowley, APRN**, **Ebony Williams**, and **Shelby DeCarlo, CRN**, among others.



Elisa Falcioni writer **Patric Baker** photographer

In May 2015, Joe Weber had just stopped his van off at a local convenience store in Berlin and was driving back to Connecticut when he decided to stop for a bit to use the restroom. He had been feeling fine, but he noticed the restroom and noticed an exceptional amount of blood in his urine. This came as a surprise to him as he had not noticed anything unusual in the weeks or days prior. He immediately made an appointment with his primary care physician, who diagnosed bladder cancer in the course of the month and recommended immediate surgical removal. He was able to only undergo one and a half weeks of chemotherapy and was able to be discharged after his third surgery. He questioned whether the patient could receive a better outcome and he sought a second opinion.

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To read the article in full, please [click here](#) and scroll to page 4.

LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS



While serving as the Reed Nesbit Visiting Professor at the University of Michigan, **Toby Chai, MD** presented his research on bladder urothelial biology and its relationship to urinary tract infections (UTI) and overactive bladder (OAB). He was able to catch up with **Nnena Agochukwu, MD**, a 2017 Yale Urology residency graduate, who is doing her urology health services fellowship at University of Michigan in the National Clinician Scholars program.



Alejandro Abello, MD, Clinical Research and Quality Improvement Fellow (second from right), and **Patrick Kenney, MD** (right) presented a poster: "A Supply Chain Value Initiative to Identify 'Lost' Ureteral Stents and Reduce Supply Costs" at the High Value Practice Alliance National Conference in Baltimore, Maryland.



Patrick Kenney, MD visited Dartmouth College and presented "Eat when you can, sleep when you can, and bankrupt the system: Surgeons and Supply Chain" for Dartmouth Urology's Grand Rounds.



At the American Society for Reproductive Medicine Scientific Congress and Expo in Denver, **Stan Honig, MD** served as faculty in a Pre-Congress Course: Multidisciplinary Reproductive Care for Transgender Patients.



At Advancing Female Pelvic Medicine and Reconstructive Surgery (AUGS) PFD Week 2018 in Chicago, **Leslie Rickey, MD, MPH** moderated a session on Post-Obstetric Pelvic Floor Disorders.



In front of a full room at Lawrence + Memorial Hospital, **Joseph Brito, MD** talked about Management of Urologic Conditions, including BPH, kidney stones, and urologic cancers. The audience was especially engaged and asked several questions in the Q&A portion of the evening.

KUDOS TO BONNEY SAURO, CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF SERVICE

Where were you in 1986? Maybe you went to see *Top Gun* at the local movie theater or maybe you were doing the Super Bowl Shuffle with the Chicago Bears, but in 1986, **Bonney Sauro** joined Yale New Haven Hospital as a Page Operator. While it was temp work, Bonney soon entered the pool, and received a full-time opportunity with the Yale Health Plan working at the front desk in 1988. Here Bonney would stay, until 2007 when she moved over to support Urology as a Clinical Secretary.



What Bonney enjoys most about her job is the camaraderie she has developed with patients over the years just in speaking over the phone. "I have 'met' many wonderful people over the years and am lucky to work with a nice team of coworkers and managers, and have a great support system," says Bonney.

Her manager, **Jennie Ashford** says, "The kindness that she brings to the department and to our patients does not go unnoticed. Her brilliant care to our Urology patients goes a long way in our ever growing team, while showing the utmost customer service. Creating a positive environment for your coworkers has been exceptional to say the least."

Congratulations, Bonney for your service to our patients and their families!

IN THE NEWS

A MORE PRECISE PROCEDURE TO DIAGNOSING A COMMON CANCER IN AMERICAN MEN

Jocelyn Maminta of WTNH recently interviewed **Michael Leapman, MD** to discuss prostate cancer and sophisticated diagnostic tools offered by Yale Urology to its patients. In the interview, Dr. Leapman explains the significance of MRI-ultrasound fusion biopsy in the detection of the prostate cancer and how it helps guide where to place the biopsy needle.



To read the article and watch the video, please [click here](#).

TRANSITIONS MENTORING, WELLNESS PROGRAMS, AND YALE MEN'S HEALTH

Stan Honig, MD appeared on WPLR's *For the People*, a public affairs radio show broadcast on Sunday mornings. Dr. Honig previewed the Men's Health Fair and discussed the importance of men needing to continue with regular doctor appointments between the ages of 18-40.

To listen to the interview, please [click here](#), select "Transitions Mentoring, Wellness Programs, and Yale Men's Health," and skip ahead to 44 minutes.

NOTES

- In addition to **Dr. Joseph Renzulli's** clinical responsibilities at Lawrence + Memorial Hospital, he is also providing urological care for patients at South County Hospital in South Kingstown, Rhode Island through a collaboration with Yale Urology and South County. Dr. Renzulli's excellent patient care has been noted by our administrative colleagues at South County and we are pleased to have his expertise reach patients in southeastern Rhode Island.
- **Patrick Kenney, MD** has a new role as Medical Director of Supply Chain for the Yale New Haven Health System.
- Congratulations to Clinical Research & Quality Improvement Fellow, **Alejandro Abello, MD**, who recently completed the 2018 Boston Athletic Association (B.A.A.) Half Marathon (pictured below)!
- Please watch your inbox for information on the New Reach Adopt a Family Program, and how you can help our adopted family this holiday season.



UPCOMING EVENTS

CONFERENCES

Perspectives in Urology: Point Counterpoint 2018
November 9-11 | Scottsdale, Arizona

19th Annual Meeting of the Society of Urologic Oncology
November 28-30 | Phoenix, Arizona

HAPPENINGS

Yale Urology Residency Interviews

November 5, 9, 10

Prostate Cancer Screenings - Smilow Cancer Hospital Care Center

November 13 | 4:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. | Waterford

Yale Cancer Center and Smilow Cancer Hospital Holiday Party

December 12 | 5:30 p.m. | Peabody Museum

Department of Urology Holiday Party

December 13 | 6:00 p.m. | Union League Cafe

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



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