

# UROLOGY

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## Inside Urology at Yale

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### HIGHLIGHTS

#### TIMOTHY TRAN JOINS YALE UROLOGY

Yale Urology is pleased to welcome **Timothy Tran, MD** to our practice location at Lawrence + Memorial Hospital in New London. Dr. Tran will be available for patient appointments starting on January 1, 2019.

Dr. Tran's focus will be to care for patients with stone disease. He will also provide general urologic care.

Dr. Tran joins Yale Urology from Providence Veterans Affairs Medical Center where he served as Section Chief of Urology and was on staff at The Miriam Hospital and Rhode Island Hospital.



#### 68 RESIDENT CANDIDATES ARRIVE FOR INTERVIEWS



An impressive group of 68 candidates out of 282 applicants visited New Haven to interview for three available residency spots. Over three days, the candidates completed eight separate interviews, meeting with Department Chair **Peter G. Schulam, MD, PhD**; Resident Program Director **Adam Hittelman, MD** and Associate Program Director **Piruz Motamedinia, MD**; PGY-4 Residents **Juan Javier-Desloges, MD** and **Jeannie Su, MD**; and five other groups of paired faculty.

On day one before interviews commenced, Dr. Schulam provided the candidates with an overview of the residency program, the medical school, the hospital, and the city of New Haven. The

candidates also received a guided tour of the medical school and hospital during down time between interviews. Urology Residency Match Day will take place on Friday, January 18, 2019.

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## FREE PROSTATE CANCER SCREENING A SUCCESS IN WATERFORD

On November 13, the Smilow Cancer Hospital Care Center in Waterford hosted a free Prostate Cancer Screening for members of the public. **Joseph Brito, MD** and **Joseph Renzulli, MD** screened patients at the event, which was a great success with all appointment slots filling up in advance.



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## RECOGNIZING OUTSTANDING PATIENT CARE



Clayton Curtiss first met **Mary Grey Maher, MD** in the emergency room of Yale New Haven Hospital's Saint Raphael campus while he was seeking care for urinary issues. One year later during an annual check up with Dr. Maher, Mr. Curtiss had a suspicious physical exam and Dr. Maher recommended he be scheduled for a MRI, which revealed a cancerous lesion on his prostate. A biopsy confirmed it was cancer, and Mr. Curtiss was initially scheduled for radiation therapy. However, at Dr. Maher's insistence, he instead opted for surgery where it was determined that the cancer was far more advanced than the initial biopsy indicated. **Tom Martin, MD** performed his successful surgery in January 2018.

Mr. Curtiss recently expressed his gratitude for Dr. Maher's thorough care in an email to Marna

Borgstrom, MPH, CEO for Yale New Haven Health and Yale New Haven Hospital, also noting that he was able to participate in his fourth Closer to Free Ride this year as a direct result. "The ride itself is a chance to reflect on cancer and especially on those I have lost. This year, for the first time, my mind was also occupied with someone else, a person who made the ride possible. She is Dr. Mary Grey Maher and I truly believe that if it were not for her, I would not be here to write this."

Thank you, Dr. Maher, for the wonderful care you continue to provide to Mr. Curtiss, and the positive impact you have made.

## DEPARTMENT NEWS

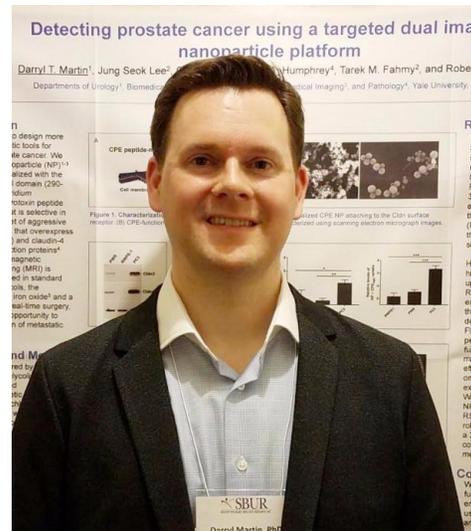
As many of you know, **Christen Ruff, MEd** has transferred to a new position within Yale University. Earlier this month, Christen joined the Office of the Secretary and Vice President for Student Life, where she will be able to continue her passion for student affairs. We wish Christen all good things in her new role.

Moving forward, all administrative functions will continue with the support of Jodi Canapp, Lucia DeMatteo, Amy Fenner, Christine Merenda, Stephanie Monroe, and Alaine Nellis Savage. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact [Kevin Vest](#).

## LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS



**Daniel Petrylak, MD** provided insight to the decisions he makes when treating bladder cancer at a recent Targeted Oncology live case-based peer perspectives presentation which reviewed two case scenarios. To read more about the cases, please [click here](#).



At the 2018 Society for Basic Urologic Research (SBUR) Annual Meeting, the abstract "Detecting prostate cancer using a targeted dual imaging nanoparticle platform" was selected as one of the top submissions. Authors included **Darryl Martin, PhD**, Jung Seok Lee, PhD, Gigi Galiana, PhD, **Peter Humphrey, MD, PhD**, **Robert Weiss, MD**, and Tarek Fahmy, PhD.



At the Global Summit on Genitourinary Malignancies in Banff, Canada, Summit Chair **Daniel Petrylak, MD** presented on Phase 1 data for Nectin-4 targeted therapy in metastatic bladder cancer. He also presented separately on practice changes for treatment of bladder cancer.

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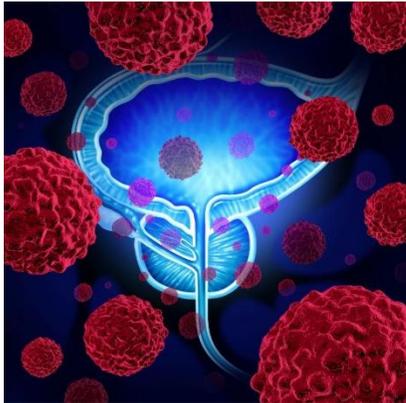
## PUBLICATIONS

**Glycoprotein-130 expression is associated with aggressive bladder cancer and is a potential therapeutic target.**

Martin DT, Shen H, Steinbach-Rankins JM, Zhu X, Johnson KK, Syed J, Saltzman WM, Weiss RM. Mol Cancer Ther. 2018 Oct 31.

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## CLINICAL TRIAL NEWS



**Patrick Kenney, MD** is the principal investigator of a phase II clinical trial to study how well atezolizumab works to treat patients with high risk, non-muscle invasive bladder cancer that has recurred and has not responded to treatment with Bacillus Calmette-Guerin (BCG).

Immunotherapy with monoclonal antibodies, such as atezolizumab, may help the body's immune system attack the cancer, and may interfere with the ability of tumor cells to grow and spread.

The purpose of this trial is to estimate complete response at 25 weeks for those with a carcinoma in situ (CIS) component, and to evaluate event-free survival at 18 months in patients with BCG-unresponsive high-risk non-muscle invasive bladder cancer (Ta/T1/CIS) treated with atezolizumab. For more

information on this trial, please [click here](#).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### CONFERENCES

**International Bladder Cancer Update (IBCU)**

January 23, 2019 | Beaver Creek, Colorado

**International Prostate Cancer Update (IPCU)**

January 24-27, 2019 | Beaver Creek, Colorado

### HAPPENINGS

**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

**Urology Resident Match Day**

January 18, 2019

**CBIT Annual Healthcare Hackathon: "Genomics: The Next Frontier of Personalized Medicine"**

January 25-27, 2019 | 55 Park Street

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



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