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HIGHLIGHTER

September, 2006

From the President

Brian M. Jumper, M.D.



Dear Colleague:

Plans for the New England Section's 75th Annual Meeting are complete and I hope that you will be joining us in Providence from September 28th – 30th. The city of Providence will provide the perfect "in Section" location for our meeting and we encourage you to bring your families along to enjoy all that the area has to offer – a revitalized downtown, historic Federal Hill, Providence Place, Roger Williams Park and Zoo, and 39 beautiful miles of coastline. The meeting will be held at the Rhode Island Convention Center and Westin Hotel, both located in the center of downtown and within easy walking distance of most sites and attractions.

My sincere thanks to Dr. Moritz Hansen and the Scientific Program Committee for organizing an exceptional program, including more than 30 paper presentations,

34 poster discussions, several panel presentations, and thought-provoking guest speakers.

The annual meeting would not be complete without an inviting social program and Dr. Tony Caldamone and the Local Arrangements Committee are to be congratulated for including lots of local flavor and many opportunities to enjoy Providence. The President's Reception and Banquet will be held at the State House Rotunda and Governors State Room on Saturday evening. Docents will offer tours of this lovely and historic building during the cocktail hour. The Annual Golf Tournament will be held at the Triggs Memorial Golf Course. In addition to our Thursday evening Welcoming Reception in the Exhibit Hall, Friday evening celebrates "A Night at the Tony Awards" and will be held at the Westin, concluding with a complimentary performance of Anton Chekov's "The Cherry Orchard" at the Trinity Repertory Company, just a short walk from the Westin. The performance is optional and if you are interested in attending, please indicate on your registration form so that we save tickets for you and your guests.

I want to especially thank our staff for all the preparations and thought that went into the planning of this meeting. Aurelie Alger, Jon Blackstone, April Abenilla, Yvonne Grunebaum and Audrey McDowell have all been working diligently to keep this 75th meeting of the New England Section on track. We all owe them thanks for a wonderful job.

Serving as your President for the past year has been an honor and I hope that you enjoy both the strong science and camaraderie offered at this year's Annual Meeting. I look forward to seeing you in Providence!

From the Secretary

Kevin R. Loughlin, M.D.

Providence Meeting Breaks Pre-Registration Record

A total of 165 urologists and guests have pre-registered for the Providence Meeting, which breaks the all time record for pre-registrations for a section meeting. Drs. Brian Jumper, Moritz and the Scientific Program Committee have organized an exciting program and Dr. Caldamone and the Local Arrangements Committee have scheduled an outstanding social program.

Two new innovations in the program this are the inclusion of several AUA Instructional Courses, previously offered only at the national meeting, and a special Young Urologist/Residents' Forum which will take place on Saturday morning, September 30th.

Town Meetings

The town meetings will continue to be held throughout the Section. Town meetings in New Hampshire and Maine will be scheduled after the Providence meeting. If you have any suggestions for speakers or topics, please email me at kloughlin@partners.org

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New England Section of the AUA 75th Annual Meeting September 28-30, 2006 Providence, Rhode Island



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Scientific Sessions

Prostate Cancer
Bladder and Kidney Cancer
Female Urology/Incontinence
General (including BPH, Infertility/Impotence)
Pediatrics

Poster Sessions

Prostate and Kidney Cancer
Basic Science
Pediatrics
General (including BPH, Infertility/Impotence, Stones/
Endourology)

Wyland Leadbetter Lecturer

Alan B. Retik, MD
Boston Children's Hospital, Boston, Massachusetts

Invited Guest Speakers

Gordon Smith, Esq.
Maine Medical Association, Manchester, Maine
*Overcoming Innumerable Obstacles: How to be a
Successful Urologist in the 21st Century*

Abraham Morgentaler, MD
Men's Health Boston, Brookline, Massachusetts
*Discarding the Myth of Testosterone and the
Risk of Prostate Cancer*

PANEL DISCUSSION:

Common Issues in Adult and Pediatric Urology

Moderator: Brian M. Jumper, MD
Invited Panelists: Alan B. Retik, MD, Pamela I. Ellsworth,
MD, David F. Green, MD, Robert M. Weiss, MD

Coding Update 2006:

How to be Paid For What You Are Entitled

Michael A. Ferragamo, Jr., MD, FACS, Urocare
Associates of New York; Clinical Assistant Professor of
Urology, State University of New York; University Hospital,
Stony Brook, New York; Consulting Editor, Urology Coding
Alert

Coding Update 2006 For The Young Urologist

Michael A. Ferragamo, Jr., MD, FACS

AUA INSTRUCTIONAL COURSE: Decision-making in Endourology: An Outcomes-based Approach

Stephen Y. Nakada, MD, The University of Wisconsin
Medical School, Margaret S. Pearle, MD, PhD, The University
of Texas Southwestern Medical Center

Young Urologist Breakfast Session

Financial Planning Presentation

SOCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Welcome Reception in Exhibit Hall - Thursday

Golf Tournament - Triggs Memorial Golf Course-Friday

Separate registration and fee required.

Reception: "A Night at the Tony Awards" - Friday

Westin: Narragansett Ballroom,
followed by a theatrical presentation of Anton Chekhov's,
"The Cherry Orchard" at the Trinity Repertory Company.

President's Reception & Banquet - Saturday

State House Rotunda & Governors State Room
Cocktails, Dinner and Award Presentations (Dress is Black Tie
Optional.)

NEW ENGLAND SECTION SATELLITE SYMPOSIUM

Issues and Controversies in the Management of Prostate Cancer with Hormonal Therapy

**Rhode Island Convention Center
Providence, Rhode Island**

Friday, September 29, 2006 / 6:45 AM - 7:50 AM

Advances in prostate cancer prevention, detection, and treatments have given rise to a growing national awareness of the disease. This has resulted in a trend towards diagnosing cancers earlier in the course of the disease. Nevertheless, many men undergoing treatment for clinically localized prostate cancer will ultimately progress. Hormonal therapy represents first-line therapy for advanced prostate cancer. Luteinizing hormone-releasing hormone (LH-RH) agonists were developed in the late 1970s and were shown to decrease circulating levels of testosterone to castrate levels. LH-RH agonists quickly replaced DES and surgical castration as the preferred method for achieving androgen suppression in men with prostate cancer. A program reviewing recent advances in the use of LH-RH agonists for the treatment of prostate cancer should include discussion of treatment options, the role of maximum androgen blockade, optimal management of high-risk localized disease, management of the biochemical recurrence of that curative to prevent short- and long- term complications of hormonal therapy, and reimbursement issues.

To Register: Phone: (866) 395-2805

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NEW ENGLAND SECTION of the AMERICAN UROLOGICAL ASSOCIATION

Highlights of the BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, March 25, 2006

Report of the President

Board members reviewed the 2005 Annual Meeting evaluations and noted that overall, the meeting and its structure were well received. There was consensus that moderators must be draconian in keeping speakers to time limits, and that this should be emphasized at every stage of program planning. The panel discussions and point-counterpoint sessions were very popular and should be continued for future meetings.

2006 Annual Meeting

A copy of the Preliminary Program for 2006 had been distributed. Dr. Hansen reported that Thursday afternoon would feature Surgical Skills Sessions offering hands-on exposure to various surgical equipment, such as the DaVinci robot from Intuitive, Photo-Coagulation with lasers, and laparoscopic and ultrasound training. He noted that time slots had been allotted for industry symposia breakfasts/luncheons, which would be independent of the scientific component of the meeting. Dr. Jumper reviewed the invited speakers, including Gordon Smith, Esq., who would address issues that younger urologists should know such as malpractice concerns, Medicare formulas, contracts, and the legislative climate. Dr. Alan Retik had agreed to give the Leadbetter Lecture, helping to bridge the gap between pediatric and adult urology, and Dr. Abraham Morgentaler would give a controversial lecture on Prostate Cancer. It was noted that there would be Young Urologists program offered at the 2006 Annual Meeting, which would focus on practical issues for new urologists.

Discussion regarding potential ideas for point-counterpoint sessions resulted in the agreement that a mixed panel addressing common adolescent urologic problems that cross into adult urology would provide further synergy with Dr. Retik's address and help bring pediatric and adult urologists into the session room together.

Dr. Jumper called attention to a report from Capitol Hill discussing Senate Panel Investigations into Pharma Educational Grants, noting that some Pharma companies were reacting to the investigations and reworking their policies regarding educational grants, either creating completely independent divisions, or placing their grant application processes online and completely divorced from their sales and marketing departments. Changes in funding are creating a new climate and the Section is pursuing general educational grants through the online application process, in addition to the traditional solicitation for industry support.

Report of the Secretary

As of March 14, 2006, the Section had 340 Active Members, 200 Senior Members, 24 Associate Members, 3 Honorary Members, 12 Affiliate Members and 99 Candidate Members, for a total of 678 total members of the New England Section.

Necrology

Herrick C. Ridlon, M.D., Naples, Florida

Henry T. Tulip, M.D., Swanton, Vermont

Transfer into the New England Section

Hiep Nguyen, M.D., Boston, Massachusetts

(from the Western Section)

Dhavant M. Rathod, M.D., Machias, Maine

(from the New York Section)

Dr. Loughlin reported on the Town Meetings, including a list of attendees at the last full cycle of Town Meetings and noted that there were many Town Meeting attendees who attended neither the Section or national AUA Meeting. There was consensus that the Town Meetings filled an important role in providing service to the Sectional membership, particularly in the modern day where many private practitioners were unable to leave their practices for any length of time to attend multi-day meetings.

The NEAUA Section History was mailed to all Section members, along with a mousepad with the Section's website address, in the hope of increasing traffic to www.neaua.org.

Policy and Procedure Manual

Dr. Loughlin presented a final draft of the Policy and Procedure Manual for the Board of Directors, as well as a proposed organizational chart and dues collection proposal for the Section's 501(c)(3) and (c)(6) corporations. It was agreed that while the (c)(6) corporation would collect dues in 2007, only twenty percent (20%) of the 2007 Annual Member dues would be allocated to funding the (c)(6) corporation for its first year, and that 80% should be transferred to the (c)(3) corporation. Members should be made aware that a portion of dues is being allocated to a different entity, as the allocation will affect the percentage of dues a member can deduct.

Treasurer's Report

Dr. Robert Eyre presented the report of the Treasurer for the Fiscal Year ending December 31, 2005, and the proposed 2006 budget. Section assets totaled \$601,352, less than 2004 year-end assets of \$666,158. Receipts for the year consisted of \$63,749 in dues, \$40,000 in grants and contributions, \$300 in general and administrative income and \$33,063 in investment income. Disbursements included \$136,908 in general and administrative expenses, \$12,875 in publications expenses, \$12,293 in grants and contributions, \$9,428 in meeting and education expenses, and \$30,416 in committee expenses. Dr. Eyre noted that while the Section had recorded a deficit of \$64,806 at the end of December, this was largely a function of timing as the 2005 Joint Meeting reconciliation was not completed in December, and therefore the Section did not see the annual meeting profit in 2005. He noted that the Joint Meeting surplus had been larger than budgeted and that the Section had subsequently received \$76,000, which when applied against the year-end expenses would have resulted in a \$11,194 surplus.

Reports of New England Section Committees

By-Laws Committee

Dr. Loughlin reported on proposed changes to the AUA By-Laws which were of a routine nature and discussed creation of an Allied category of membership. It was noted that since the urologist pays for his/her allied staff to register for meetings, the AUA was looking at a reduced fee structure so as not to penalize the AUA members who took their staff to the Annual Meeting.

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Judicial and Ethics Committee

Dr. Jumper noted that the Section had approved a Policy on Industry Relations at the Annual Meeting in Bermuda. Discussion ensued regarding conflict of interest disclosures, and it was agreed that they should be sent out to all Board members as well as Committee chairs and the entire Scientific Program Committee. The form should be modeled after the AUA Conflict of Interest Disclosure Form. Discussion ensued regarding the severe restrictions found in paragraph 5 and placed on a President and Program Chair in a given year regarding prohibition on accepting certain forms of compensation – there was consensus that the language would allow for a donation of one’s fee during the year in question so as to allow compliance with the Section’s policy.

Reports of Representatives to AUA

AUA Board of Directors

Dr. Babayan provided a written report to the Board as New England Section Representative to the AUA Board of Directors, highlighting AUA activity and initiatives over the past several months.

AUA Investment Committee

Dr. Eyre had provided a report of the AUA Investment Committee and noted that while the investments seemed to be performing adequately, the investment committee was not fully pleased with the work of the current investment advisor group, which assessed very high fees for its services. He noted that the AUA Board would be interviewing potential new asset management advisors at the time of the Annual AUA Meeting in Atlanta.

New Business

2006 – 2007 AUA Leadership Program Applications

The Board members reviewed the list of applicants for the new AUA Leadership group and made note that the Section possessed an “embarrassment of riches” in that all applicants possessed excellent credentials and that it was truly difficult to make a selection. It was recommended that the applicants not selected for the program be invited to serve on Section Committees to maintain their interest in leadership. Board members voted to select Drs. John Stoffel and Lori Lerner to represent the Section in the next Leadership Group.

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C6 Corporation

Last year, the Board of Directors approved the formation of a C6 corporation, in addition to the C3 corporation which already existed. The C6 corporation permits the Section to be involved in the political process in order to ensure that urologists in New England can continue to deliver high quality care to their patients. Below is a summary of some recent federal legislation which has impacted medical care.

Deficit Reduction Act

As many of you are aware, earlier this year Congress passed the Budget Reconciliation Act, a budget reconciliation bill that froze physician payments at 2005 levels. Prior to this, starting on January 1, 2006, there had been a decrease of 4.4% in physician payments by CMS. This bill restored payments to 2005 levels, a 0% decrease. CMS has instructed Medicare contractors to automatically reprocess all claims processed under the negative 4.4% rate.

Listed to the right, is the voting record of the New England Congressmen and Senators on the bill. A YEA vote was a friend to the physician; a NAY vote was not.

In a related matter, imaging cuts, which are across the board cuts to in-office imaging services, were a last minute change to the bill. The cuts cap the technical component for physician office imaging at the lesser of the Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment

System of the Medicare Fee Schedule and include all imaging services except mammography. These will go into effect January 1, 2007. The Congressional Budget Office estimates that these will generate \$2.8 billion in savings over five years; vascular studies are greatly impacted. SVS is already meeting with many diverse groups to discuss how to alleviate and/or delay these cuts.

I look forward to seeing you in Providence.

Voting Record of New England Members of Congress on the Budget Reconciliation Bill			
Senate Vote: November 3, 2005		House Vote: February 1, 2006	
CONNECTICUT			
Dodd-D	Nay	Larson, John B.-D	Nay
Lieberman-D	Nay	Simmons, Rob-R	Nay
		DeLauro, Rosa L.-D	Nay
MAINE			
Collins-R	Nay	Shays, Christopher-R	Yea
Snowe-R	Nay	Johnson, Nancy L.-R	Yea
MASSACHUSETTS			
Kennedy-D	Nay	Allen, Thomas H.-D	Nay
Kerry-D	Nay	Michaud, Michael H.-D	Nay
MASSACHUSETTS			
		Olver, John W.-D	Nay
		Neal, Richard E.-D	Nay
NEW HAMPSHIRE			
Gregg-R	Yea	McGovern, James P.-D	Nay
Sununu-R	Yea	Frank, Barney-D	Nay
		Meehan, Martin T.-D	Nay
		Tierney, John F. -D	Nay
RHODE ISLAND			
Chafee-R	Nay	Markey, Edward J.-D	Nay
Reed-D	Nay	Capuano, Michael E.-D	Nay
		Lynch, Stephen F. -D	Nay
		Delahunt, William D. -D	Nay
VERMONT			
Jeffords-I	Nay	NEW HAMPSHIRE	
Leahy-D	Nay	Bradley, Jeb -R	Yea
		Bass, Charles F. -R	Yea
		RHODE ISLAND	
		Kennedy, Patrick J.-D	Nay
		Langevin, James R.-D	Nay
		VERMONT	
		Sanders, Bernard -I	Nay

NE AUA Job Listings

Ayer, Massachusetts

Excellent opportunity for a full time urologist. Well established practice serving central MA in a very desirable location; mostly insured patients. Fax CV to 978-772-7006 / Amin Rathore, MD, Nashoba Valley Urology, Inc., 190 Groton Rd., Suite 230, Ayer, MA 01432, arathore@massmed.com

Boston, Massachusetts

The Department of Urology at Boston University Medical Center is seeking a Board Certified Urologist interested in joining the BUSM faculty as an office-based urologist supervising residents in outpatient clinics and operative procedures. Flexible schedule, four-day week, Generous benefit package. Contact Deb Clauson at 617/638 8475 or Deborah.Clauson@bmc.org.

Boston Medical Center is an affirmative action/equal opportunity employer. All qualified applicants are considered for positions without regard to race, color, national origin, age, ancestry, religion, gender, sexual orientation, veteran status or disability.

Burlington, Vermont - Position One

The Division of Urology at the University of Vermont College of Medicine is seeking a BC/BE Urologist to join a urologist in St Albans, Vermont. The successful applicant will be Board Eligible or Board Certified in Urology and be eligible for medical licensure in the State of Vermont. Duties will include patient care with opportunities for teaching of medical students and clinical research. Candidates should have a broad experience in all aspects of Urology. This is a full-time, 12-month, salaried position with attending staff privileges at Northwestern Medical Center. Academic appointment at the University of Vermont will be determined by the candidate's background and experience.

Burlington, Vermont - Position Two

The Department of Surgery at the University of Vermont is seeking a BC/BE Urologist. The individual must have completed a board approved urology residency and be eligible for medical licensure in the State of Vermont. Advanced training in minimally invasive urologic surgery with additional training in robotic assisted surgery is preferred. The successful candidate must have demonstrated interest and ability in teaching medical students and residents and be willing to participate in the surgical teaching programs.

Duties will include providing clinical care to Urology patients, teaching the principles of surgery to medical students and undergraduate students in Allied Health programs, providing teaching experience for residents in training, developing basic and/or clinical research, and performing additional departmental and/or sectional administrative duties as assigned by the Chair of the Department of Surgery and/or the Chair of the Section of Urology. This is a full-time, 12-month, salaried, faculty appointment and carries with it attending staff privileges at Fletcher Allen Health Care Burlington, Vermont. Salary is competitive and commensurate with ability and experience.

Interested applicants should forward a letter of interest and curriculum vitae to: Samuel Trotter, MD, University of Vermont, 111 Colchester Avenue, ACC East Pavilion – Level 5, Burlington, VT 05401, Phone: 802-847-6024 ~ Fax: 802-847-6020 / Email: samuel.trotter@vtmednet.org. Or apply on-line at: <https://www.uvmjobs.com>

The University of Vermont is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. Applications from women and people of diverse racial, ethnic and cultural backgrounds are encouraged to apply. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Burlington, located on the eastern shore of Lake Champlain between the Adirondack and Green Mountains, is consistently ranked one of the top places to live and work. Numerous recreational and cultural opportunities across four seasons are available with Vermont considered to be an outstanding environment to practice medicine.

Springfield, Massachusetts

PIONEER VALLEY UROLOGY, PC

BC/BE urologist sought for partnership in a growing, clinically diverse, single specialty practice with a congenial, respected eight physician group. State of the art hospital facilities include a 600 bed tertiary care hospital (Baystate Medical Center), two fine urban community hospitals, and a Shiners' children's hospital. We have a very active laparoscopic program including a DaVinci Robot. Western Massachusetts is located in an area of New England with noted educational, recreational and cultural institutions. It is ninety minutes from Boston, 2 hours from New York City and 1 hour from Vermont or the Connecticut shore. Salary is competitive with anywhere in the Northeast. Benefits include Health, Life and Disability insurance, all dues and fees, CME time and expenses, liability insurance. Employer will assist with relocation costs. Check out our website at www.pvurology.org. If interested, please contact our practice administrator at mhuntpvu@aol.com or 413-794-4302.

Springfield, Massachusetts

The Urology Group of Western New England is seeking a partner level urologist to join our four physician, three physician assistant, two-office practice. We are located 90 miles west of Boston, two hours north of New York City, and 90 miles east of Albany. The area is alive with academic and cultural events and home to Smith College, Mt. Holyoke College, and Amherst College amongst others. The group is looking for a physician with the potential for partnership after two years of employment who would be able to contribute some subspecialty to the group. Skills in laparoscopy and oncology are especially desired. We are looking to improve the urologic well being of our population of patients while maintaining a reasonable lifestyle and camaraderie amongst the group.

The Urology Group of Western New England has been in practice in the Pioneer Valley for approximately thirty years. We provide care for both adult and pediatric patients with urological disease, including blood in the urine, urinary incontinence, urinary infections, kidney, bladder and prostate disorders, urologic malignancy, reflux, undescended testes, infertility, and sexual dysfunction. Also included within our practice is a Continence Center and Sexual Health Center.

All of our physicians are well-trained general urologic surgeons, and each has a subspecialty in areas of adult and pediatric urology and all are board certified. For more detailed information about our doctors, please visit our web page at: <http://www.ugwne.net>

If you are interested in an interview or would like more information, please send your curriculum vitae to: Urology Group of Western New England, Attn.: Paul Duquette, Administrator. 222 Carew Street, Springfield, MA 01104, Phone: 413.785.5321, Fax: 413.731.7130, email: pduquette@ugwne.com

Warwick, Rhode Island

Kent Urology in Warwick, Rhode Island is instituting a search for an associate. Particulars may be obtained online from: cjones@ku.necoxmail.com.

Westerly, Rhode Island

Seeking urologist to take over active practice in Westerly, RI. Guaranteed salary and benefits. Please contact Dr. Tobias M. Goodman: phone, 401-596-7736 / 41 East Ave., Westerly, RI 02891. Email: thepublicaccess@verizon.net.

To post in the NEAUA Job Listings section,
email your listing to: neaua@prri.com.



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