

The AUA Advocacy Summit was a unique experience that I am very fortunate to have been able to take part in this year. As a resident, much of our training is focused on learning surgical technique, guidelines, and pathways. However, the Advocacy Summit introduced me to another important aspect of the care we can provide urological patients- activism. In each of the bills selected by the AUA I was able to identify ways in which these legislations could impact the patients I see every day at Brigham and Women's. Furthermore, the passion of the group was infectious. It lead to very exciting and thought provoking meetings with representatives from the state of Massachusetts. I was able to learn from my fellow attendees as well about their perspective on the impact of these bills for other practices in our state. This experience has certainly inspired me to continue participating in advocacy work for urological patients, and I look forward to attending this meeting again in the future.

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