

Division of Urologic Surgery

Message from the Chief

As we emerge from the shadows of the COVID-19-Omicron variant(s), BIDMC Urology has many things to celebrate. First and foremost, the residency program is thriving with outstanding applicants nationwide. We hosted our first in-person Visiting Professor, Dr. Lee C. Zhao, from New York University/Langone Health Center. The American Urological Association's William P. Didusch Museum has chronicled the history of BIDMC Urology. Finally, through our philanthropic efforts, we now have a dedicated fund for pilot projects initiated by our urology faculty, which will enhance the pace of our discoveries. I hope you enjoy these updates about our group in this Spring 2022 edition of the newsletter.



— **ARIA F. OLUMI, MD**



The Old History of a New Program: Academic Urology at BIDMC

Dr. Kenneth A. Softness (PGY-4) recounts the history of two elite Harvard Medical School affiliates dating back to the 20th century. Three decades ago, Beth Israel Hospital and New England Deaconess Hospital merged into the entity now known as the Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center (BIDMC). Learn more about the rich urologic history of both

institutions by accessing Dr. Softness' essay, which has been archived as a permanent exhibit of the [AUA's Didusch Museum](#).

WHAT'S NEW IN EDUCATION



The inaugural William C. DeWolf Visiting Professorship hosted Dr. Lee C. Zhao from NYU/Langone Health Medical Center. The vibrant and informative hybrid in-person and virtual event was held on April 13, 2022. Dr. Zhao's lectures, [Update on Gender Affirming Surgery](#) and [Robotics for Reconstructive Urologic Surgery](#), can be accessed online.



Dr. Ruslan Korets has accepted the official role of BIDMC Urology Residency Program Director and will be ably supported by **Dr. Marissa Kent**, Associate Program Director. Dr. Korets brings a wealth of knowledge and experience from his formal training in Foundations in Medical Education through the Shapiro Institute for Education and Research at BIDMC.

Join us in welcoming two outstanding urology residency applicants to our family, Drs. Christian Schaulfer (University of Connecticut School of Medicine) and Tatum Williamson (Tufts Medical School), who will start their training at BIDMC in July 2022.



Christian Schaulfer
University of Connecticut
School of Medicine



Tatum Williamson
Tufts Medical School

WHAT'S NEW IN PRACTICE

The Division of Urology at BIDMC has officially launched the "Center for Male Sexual Health." The Center provides the full spectrum of urologic care to men with sexual health problems. Through the collaboration of three physicians, **Drs. Robert Carrasquillo, Marissa Kent, and Ajay Singla**, along with **Brian Holliday**, PA, the Center provides comprehensive services for erectile dysfunction, infertility, Peyronie's disease, hypogonadism, and penile rehabilitation following treatment of prostate cancer, including detailed evaluation with penile color doppler ultrasound.



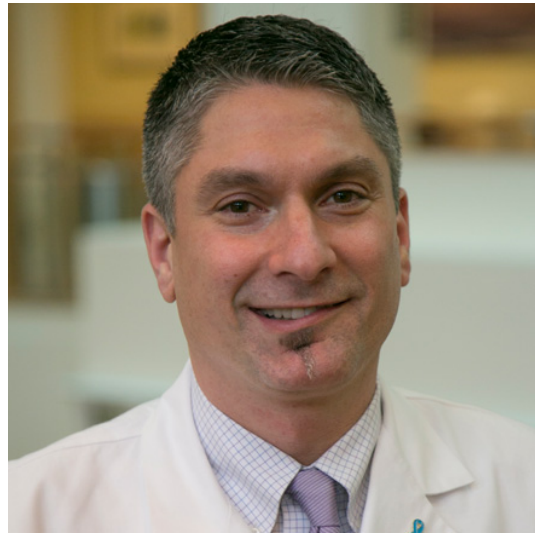
Robert Carrasquillo, MD



Marissa Kent, MD



Ajay Singla, MD



Brian Holliday, PA

WHAT'S NEW IN RESEARCH



With the generous support of one of our patients, BIDMC Urology has created the BUFFER Fund (BIDMC Urology Funds for Education and Research). BUFFER offers a portfolio of dedicated funds for our urology faculty to initiate pilot projects within the Division.

Dr. Boris Gershman, an expert urologic oncologist, is the inaugural recipient of this new funding source. He will use his award to develop a “Longitudinal Non-Muscle Invasive Bladder Cancer Biorepository.”

HONORS AND AWARDS

Andrew Chang a Northeastern University undergraduate student who is conducting research in the BIDMC Urology labs, was honored by Northeastern with the [Huntington 100](#) award for his impactful research. Andrew should be very proud of his accomplishment as only 10% of applicants receive this high honor.

Dr. Ruslan Korets was accepted to the prestigious educational fellowship program, the Rabkin Fellowship at Harvard Medical School. The Rabkin Fellowship was established in 1998 to provide Harvard Medical School faculty the opportunity to develop necessary skills to launch or advance academic careers in medical education and/or academic leadership.

Dr. Abraham Morgentaler was selected as the 2022 John K. Lattimer Lecturer for the upcoming AUA annual meeting in New Orleans, LA. The title of his lecture is “Testosterone, Science, and Human Dignity.” If you are going to be at the AUA annual meeting this year, please make every effort to attend this thought-provoking lecture by Dr. Morgentaler.

During the fall 2021 New England section of the AUA meeting, **Dr. Aria Olumi** was elected President-Elect of the society. His term will begin in the fall of 2022.

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Philanthropic support is vital for our efforts to advance urologic research, training, and patient care — please visit [BIDMC Urology Giving](#) and consider making a gift to the Urology Cares Fund. Thank you for your support!

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