Wexner Medical Center

Department of Urology
Annual Report

FY 2011-2012

Committed to Excellence
The Department of Urology enjoyed a highly successful academic year. We were pleased to move from position 46 to 36 on the US News and World Report best urology programs in the United States. This improvement in our ranking is most likely the result of the robust clinical service we provide to patients here in Columbus and Central Ohio. Our clinical activity has been augmented by the addition of Dr. Greg Lowe, who now provides the full panoply of men’s sexual health diagnosis and treatments with a focus on erectile dysfunction and male infertility. We also have the leading program in robotic cancer surgery in the entire country. Drs. Abaza, Box, Sharp, and Shabsigh perform the overwhelming majority of their cancer surgery with minimally invasive techniques, particularly with robotic surgery. Dr. Kamal Pohar is one of the leading bladder cancer surgeons in the United States and is focusing on the acquisition of important information regarding outcomes from extended lymphadenectomy. In addition to directing the OSU Comprehensive Stone Center, Dr. Bodo Knudsen now provides expertise for laser enucleation of the prostate, which has become the preferred procedure to treat men with bladder neck outlet obstruction from large benign prostates. Dr. Chris McClung who specializes in lower urinary tract reconstructive trauma has partnered with other urologists to create the Trauma & Urologic Reconstructive Network of Surgeons for shared data. Dr. Begun continues to provide outstanding urologic service to the community on the east side of Columbus at University Hospital East. Much of our year was spent in preparation for our move from Cramblett Medical Clinic to the Eye and Ear Institute at Gowdy Field. Our administrative, nursing and secretarial staff performed yeoman activity to prepare us for this important move.

Our educational efforts this year culminated in the reaccreditation of both our adult and pediatric urology programs by the ACGME. Dr. Knudsen and Dr. Box secured the approval for an Endourology Fellowship from the Society of Endourology. Dr. Abaza continues to provide an outstanding Robotics Fellowship. Our three graduating chief residents all successfully passed the qualifying exam from the American Board of Urology. Dr. David Prall entered private practice in Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minnesota. Dr. David Shore entered private practice in Chicago, Illinois. Dr. Ketul Shah will pursue a one-year fellowship in voiding dysfunction at the University of Colorado and will return to join the faculty as an assistant professor on July 1, 2013. The department had several visiting experts during the course of the academic year. Dr. Margaret Pearle, Professor of Urology at
the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School in Dallas was our Winter Visiting Professor. Dr. Isla Garraway from the David Geffen UCLA School of Medicine and the Department of Urology was our first Bloch lecturer and presented her research efforts on prostate stem cells. The Babbert lecturer this year was Dr. Jack McAninch from the University of California San Francisco. Dr. McAninch was recently honored with the Distinguished Service Award from the American College of Surgeons. Finally, our Sara Lee Youngs Bladder Cancer lecturer was Colin P. Dinney, MD, who is the Chair of Urology at the M.D. Anderson Cancer Hospital in Houston, Texas.

Dr. Ronney Abaza was awarded a promotion to Associate Professor with tenure. Dr. Bodo Knudsen was named Vice Chair of Clinical Operations and Dr. Geoff Box was named Vice Chair of Education and Program Director for the urology training program. Dr. Rama Jayanthi was selected as the Chief of Pediatric Urology at Nationwide Children’s Hospital after a national search. Dr. Robert Ruberg has joined our department as the Vice Chair of Academic Affairs. He will chair the department appointments, promotion and tenure committee as well as serve as a mentor for the faculty.

Our department had the most vigorous research year in its history. Funded investigations are underway from Dr. Abaza, Dr. Box, Dr. Knudsen, Dr. Shabsigh, Dr. Pohar, and Dr. Bahnson. While robotics and imaging continue to be the leading focus for our investigative efforts, we now have industry sponsored clinical trials for patients with metastatic kidney cancer and stone disease. The American Urologic Association Office of Education has selected Ohio State as a training site for its new laparoscopic trainer, and we will be performing validation studies along with several other academic institutions to determine if this is an appropriate and useful training tool for residents in urologic education.

The department continues to attract philanthropic support for its activity. Successful appeals have been made to former residents and friends to fund a total of nine endowment funds which enable the educational and research activities of the faculty and residents.
The History of Urology at Ohio State University
1917 - 2012

Dr. William N. Taylor – First Urologist appointed to the Department of Surgery in 1917

1917-1930 Dr. Taylor is repeatedly assigned inadequate space. 1930- Finally urology lands a home in an old operating suite of Starling Loving Hospital. From here there is room to grow and improve upon the teaching of students and care of patients.

1929 - Dr. John E. Hobart becomes the first resident to train in urology at University Hospital. At the time there was no provision for his salary so it was paid for personally by Dr. Taylor.

1932 - The first residency established by the Department of Surgery was filled by Dr. Conrad A. Kuehn at the salary of $300 a year. During the period of 1928-1958 Ohio State graduates 16 residents in urological services.

1952 – The Division of Urology at University Hospital is born with Dr. Taylor as Chief.

Dr. William Neely Taylor, lovingly known as “Pops”, retires from practice in 1960 and becomes Professor Emeritus.

1960 - Dr. Chester C. Winter joins us from UCLA Medical Center as the new Professor and Director of the Division of Urology.

1954 - Dr. James Williams and team operating on a kidney

1976 - Dr. Winter submits his resignation as Division Chief in order to devote more time to teaching and research. Dr. Henry A. Wise II is appointed to succeed him.

1978 - Dr. Wise resigns as Division Chief

Ohio State University, Division of Urology goes through a trying time and begins a national search for a strong leadership candidate. Dr. Henry A. Wise steps in to serve as interim chief during this challenging transition.

2006 - Dr. Wise steps down as Division Chief

1981 - The untimely death of Dr. K. Kenney Crooks, Chief of Pediatric Urology, leaves a big hole in pediatric urology. Striking gold, we find Dr. Stephen A. Koff who continues to lead as head of pediatric urology until January of 2012, when he becomes Professor Emeritus.

2012 - New space is built to bring the department together in one location. This new ambulatory clinic and outpatient surgery center allows for an increase in patient services.

2006 - 2012 The Department of Urology sees a substantial growth. By 2012 several of the faculty are fellowship trained in the following sub-specialties: Laparoscopic, Endourology, Urologic Trauma and Reconstruction, Andrology and Infertility, and Urologic Oncology. We have started our own fellowship training in Robotic Urologic Surgery and another in Endourology and Laparoscopic Surgery.

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Without financial support from donors, our growth and success would not be possible. We are especially grateful for the following three endowments for Professorships and Chairs in Urology.

2005 - Dr. Bahnsen develops an ambitious five-year plan for growth and presents it to the College of Medicine and Public Health for approval of department status. This plan includes the hiring of several fellowship-trained urologists, and an increased emphasis on urologic research and education.

We are continuously grateful for the Longaberger Foundation’s commitment and confidence, and in 2001 Dr. Bahnsen was named The Dave Longaberger Chair in Urology.

1996 - Dr. Robert R. Bahnsen is brought in from the University of Pittsburgh as the new Chief for the Division of Urology.

1998 - The Longaberger Foundation of Newark, Ohio donates $1.5 million to establish The Dave Longaberger Endowed Chair in Urology.

2010 - The Division of Urology separates from the Department of Surgery to become the Department of Urology.

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Standing: Dr. Mark Saylor, Dr. James Williams, Dr. William Collins, and Dr. Jack Taylor
Seated: Dr. William N. Taylor

Back Row: Drs. Jason Gilleran, David Arend, Darren Chapman, Adam Mues
Middle Row: Drs. Ashay Patel, Hugh Lavery, Aisha Shah, Kamal Pohar
Front Row: Drs. Bodo Knudsen, Geoffrey Box, Robert Bahnsen, Michael Gong, Vipul Patel

The David Longaberger Chair in Urology
The Julius Skestos and Diana Skestos Chair in Urology
Henry A. Wise II, MD Professorship
Dr. Ronney Abaza was recently promoted to an Associate Professor of Urology with tenure. He will serve as a mentor to new and junior faculty members. He was named to America’s Best Doctors list for 2012. Dr. Abaza did several transpacific teleconferences with colleagues learning robotic skills in Asia, Turkey and London. He served as a visiting surgeon to teach robotic techniques to surgeons in Hong Kong and later was invited to speak at the first ever Asian Robotic Urology Symposium in South Korea. Dr. Abaza was invited to continue to offer educational opportunities to budding Asian robotic surgeons, even if not physically on the other side of the Pacific.

As the Director of Robotic Urologic Surgery, Dr. Abaza and his team offer the highest quality clinical care for patients undergoing robotic surgery for prostate, kidney, and bladder conditions. They continue to excel in research and innovations related to robotic surgery. He and other faculty members had two journal publications highlighted on the covers of major medical journals, *European Urology* and *Journal of Endourology*. This year marked the completion of the second robotics fellow, Dr. Praneeth Vemulapalli and the beginning of the third, Dr. Jordan Angell. This has been a busy teaching year for Dr. Abaza. He was an invited visiting professor at the Department of Urology at Case Western University Hospital in Cleveland, Ohio. He served as a moderator for the Urological Surgery Video Session at the American College of Surgeons 98th Annual Clinical Congress in Chicago. Dr. Abaza was invited to address the 33rd Annual Congress of the Taiwan Urological Association. He spoke about the role of robotic surgery in the field of urology. Prior to the meeting, Dr. Abaza spent two days in Hong Kong instructing surgeons on robotic prostatectomies in three patients with prostate cancer. Dr. Abaza shared his techniques and lessons learned in performing over 1,500 robotic prostate cancer surgeries.

Dr. Abaza led the Fourth Annual National Urology Resident Preceptorship this year. Each year approximately 50 residents participate in the course which includes lectures, live surgical procedures transmitted from The Ohio State operating rooms, and hands-on skills training that includes operation of the actual robotic surgical console as well as two different robotic surgery virtual reality simulators. The first Robotic Surgery Mini-fellowship at OSU was held this year. This mini-fellowship is the first of its kind. The mini-fellowship gives visiting chief residents from urology training programs in the US the opportunity to improve their exposure and training in robotic surgery. This week-long experience is offered to 15-20 visiting residents annually with maximized opportunity for individualized education. This is an extension of the Urology Preceptorship.
During the past year, Dr. Robert R. Bahnson served as the First Vice President of the American College of Surgeons. As an officer of the College, he represented the national office at Chapter meetings in Ohio, Illinois, North and South Dakota, New Jersey, and New Mexico. In January, he was selected as the new Chairman of the Board of Directors of the American College of Surgeons Professional Association Political Action Committee. Dr. Bahnson was named to America’s Best Doctors list for 2012, a distinction he has held since 1998.

At the annual meeting of the North Central Section of the American Urological Association in Palm Springs, California, Dr. Bahnson was selected as the alternate representative for the American Urological Association’s Board of Directors. Following the completion of the term of Dr. Stephen Nakada on the Board of Directors, Dr. Bahnson will then assume that position.

Dr. Bahnson completed his term on the Council as Junior Councilor for American Association of Genitourinary Surgeons. He continues to serve as the North Central Section representative to the American Urological Association nominating committee. He continues to serve on the Board of Directors of the Society of Urologic Chairpersons and Program Directors. He also serves as a trustee of the American Board of Urology.
Dr. Frank P. Begun serves as Director of Urologic Services at Ohio State’s University Hospital East. Dr. Begun enjoys the opportunity to provide excellent care to underserved and uninsured patients. Currently his practice involves general urology with a focus on kidney stones. Dr. Begun was named to America’s Best Doctors for 2012.

Dr. Begun enjoys participating in resident and medical student education. He serves as a faculty mentor in the Learning Community Program for medical students at The Ohio State University. His group is now in their final year of medical school. He has started serving as a governor to one of the six medical society “houses” around which the Learning Communities are organized. Dr. Begun enjoys working with the residents and medical students. He consistently receives great reviews from patients and residents. He is involved in a non-profit problem solving program called “Destination Imagination”. This international program is for elementary through college-aged students. Each year the youths participate on teams to solve complex challenges in their home communities. Dr. Begun serves as a judge for the competition which is showcased on a local, state and international level.

Dr. Begun continues to do medical mission work in Honduras. He, along with a team of healthcare professionals, travel to Juticalpa, Honduras to provide much needed urologic care. The team consists of two urologists, an anesthesiologist, nurses, a nurse anesthetist, a translator and at least one urologic resident.

Dr. Begun serves as a consultant to the Ohio Urologic Society and is a past president of the North Central Section of the American Urological Association.
Dr. Box leads the department’s Journal Club and has revitalized the content and format of that didactic conference. He has a growing national and international reputation in his area of expertise of laparoscopy and endoscopy. Through his effort, the department will be a participating beta site for the Basics of Laparoscopic Urologic Surgery (BLUS) curriculum sponsored through the American Urological Association study group. He has also launched a highly successful curriculum for ultrasound training for our urology residents. Dr. Box is committed to resident education. It is because of this commitment that he was recently named Vice Chair for Educational Activities within our department. It is felt that he makes a positive contribution to our educational program as well as the overall function of our department.

Dr. Box’s clinical interests include the minimally invasive treatment of genitourinary disease. In addition to sub-specialty training, he has significant experience with all areas of endourology for the endoscopic and percutaneous treatment of renal tumors, stones and stricture disease. His primary goal is to deliver exceptional patient care. Dr. Box puts great emphasis on not only trying to provide highly skilled surgical treatment but also on patient care prior to and following procedures.
It has been another busy year for the Comprehensive Kidney Stone Program at The Ohio State
University led by Dr. Bodo E. Knudsen. The highlight of the year has been the transition of many
clinical services to the Eye and Ear Institute, including beautiful new clinical and procedural space and
the state-of-the-art outpatient surgery center procedure suite. The majority of low risk patients are
now undergoing their procedures in this facility and the feedback has been universally positive.
With the worldwide incidence of kidney stones continuing to rise, it promises to remain a busy
and growing program.

Dr. Knudsen continues to focus on the dissemination of knowledge and remains an active
member of the R.O.C.K. (Research On Calculus Kinetics) Society. Along with publishing multiple
papers and textbook chapters this year, he was part of the faculty for the Ureteroscopy Hands-
On course at the AUA this year. In addition, he lectured at courses in Indianapolis and at the
Cleveland Clinic. Dr. Knudsen was invited to speak at the 12th International Symposium on
Urolithiasis in Ouro Preto, Brazil this past May. He was also invited to speak on the topic
“Is ESWL Dead?” and led a panel discussion on the management of challenges in stone
patients at the Northeastern Section of the AUA held in Niagara Falls, Ontario. At the North
Central Section meeting, he participated in a panel discussion on stone disease. Locally, he
is the Secretary of the Ohio Urological Society and represents Ohio on the Young Urologists
Committee at the North Central Section. He was named the Vice Chair of Clinical Operations
within the Department of Urology earlier this year.
This past year has been busy in regards to infertility care. Clinically, we have established a reputation for high quality care and performed microdissection testicular sperm extractions, vasectomy reversals and medically managed a large number of patients. The volume of patients presenting with low testosterone and Peyronie’s disease has dramatically increased as well. We have begun a program for penile plaque injection therapy and anticipate offering collagenase injections in the near future.

There is still much to learn within infertility and andrology research as well. We are looking into the prevalence of Peyronie’s disease and ejaculatory disorders. For fertility, we are beginning to focus on professional individuals delaying pregnancy until an older age and the effect this has on conception rates. I had the opportunity to present clinical scenarios and provide a clinical context to the second year medical students during their reproductive block. This was well received and many students contacted me to express interest in urology following the session. I hope in the next year we will see the addition of a testicular pain IRB approved study to begin to identify a better treatment algorithm for these men.
Our trauma and adult reconstructive urology practice continues to flourish at The Ohio State University Medical Center. Our volume of referrals is at an all time high. We continue to see high numbers of urethral stricture disease, complex external genital reconstruction, and trauma. The number of operative cases requiring external genital grafting continues to grow. The complexity of trauma cases with urinary tract injury has been challenging and enjoyable. This year we saw complex urinary tract injuries from pelvic fractures, blunt traumatic injuries to the kidneys, and penetrating injuries to the external genitalia. We continue to provide state-of-the-art care in these areas of urology.

We continue to see growth in the management of complications from prostate cancer treatment. We are seeing high volumes of bladder neck contractures, radiation induced prostatic strictures, rectal-urethral fistulas, and male incontinence. OSU is now the highest volume center for the treatment of post-prostatectomy male incontinence in central Ohio.

Our research in adult reconstruction is growing exponentially. We are taking part in multi-institutional studies on urethral stricture disease and male incontinence. We are getting ready to submit an IRB study looking at a randomized controlled trial of mitomycin C injection vs. placebo at the time of DVIU for bladder neck contractures. This should be underway shortly after the first of the year.

The practice of adult urologic reconstruction and trauma is now mature at Ohio State. We continue to look forward to an even brighter future.
Our research group had another successful year in 2012. Two novel findings in the laboratory moved us closer to our goal of obtaining grant funding from the National Institute of Health (NIH). We are optimistic that we are close to identifying new therapeutic targets in bladder cancer. We continued to publish in peer-reviewed journals, including the Journal of Urology, and presented our research findings at the annual meeting of the AUA, AACR and SUO in 2012. In addition, Dr. Pohar enrolled many patients on clinical trials, including a national study evaluating whether the extent of lymphadenectomy affects survival in invasive bladder cancer.

We also had a successful year in education. Two undergraduate students from our program successfully defended Senior Honors Theses and were the recipients of one year Pelotonia Research fellowships to study cancer. Both are now attending medical school. Dr. Pohar remained busy with national activities, including an invitation to present grand rounds at the Medical College of Wisconsin and University of British Columbia Cancer Agency, as well as speaking at the annual meeting of the North Central Section of the AUA and the American Society of Clinical Pathology.

Clinically, Dr. Pohar remained very busy performing nearly 50 radical cystectomies, most with continent diversions. For the sixth consecutive year he was named to America’s Best Doctors and was the recipient of the Physician Champion of Nursing Award from the James Cancer Hospital.
Dr. Ahmad Shabsigh is an assistant professor of urology at The Ohio State University Medical Center. His practice specialty is cancer related urological disorders including kidney masses, prostate cancer, elevated PSA, penile or urethral cancer, retroperitoneal sarcoma/malignancies or malignant pelvic masses, bladder cancer, and urological translational research.

After obtaining his medical degree, Dr. Shabsigh, joined the molecular urology research team at Columbia University in New York. He worked extensively on understanding the impact of androgen deprivation on angiogenesis and prostate cancer. He then continued his medical training in the department of surgery and the department of urology at the Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center in New York. Focusing on urologic cancer, he then joined the fellowship program at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York. He is board certified by the American Board of Urology.

His clinical interests emphasize a balanced and multimodality approach for the treatment and cure of genitourinary malignancies, implementing minimally invasive laparoscopic and robotic techniques in addition to standard surgical approaches.

His research interests include the development of clinical systems to improve quality of care and patient reported outcomes. In addition, he has special interest in translational research bridging the gap between bench research and clinical practice.

Dr. Shabsigh is not only committed to patient care but also to his research projects to find better ways to help improve his patients’ quality of life.
The volume and complexity of patients being referred to Ohio State Wexner University Medical Center and James Cancer Hospital continues to expand. Clinically, we have gained a reputation for exceptional care and ability to manage cases not found elsewhere in central Ohio, West Virginia, or northern Kentucky. We are able to perform kidney-sparing operations for kidney cancer that would lead to unnecessary renal loss at most other centers. Most of the time, these minimally invasive procedures are able to be performed using robotic surgery or laparoscopic techniques.

We are actively treating a high volume of kidney cancer, testicular cancer, bladder cancer, upper tract urothelial carcinoma, penile cancer, and prostate cancer. As we have moved our outpatient facilities to the Eye and Ear Institute building, patients now enjoy the ability to easily park and see us in a beautiful and efficient clinic. It has been a great resource for me to work with my urologic colleagues in this setting and share ideas and resources.

With regards to cancer care, we continue to foster a great working relationship between urology and our colleagues in medical oncology and radiation oncology for the multidisciplinary treatment of patients. With their help, we continue to successfully accrue patients to several national and institutional clinical trials. I continue to function as principal investigator in an industry-sponsored adjuvant trial of pazopanib for the management of locally-advanced renal tumors.

I also continue to focus on resident and medical student education. My goal is to have residents understand the biology and pathophysiology of the various urologic cancers and understand the various treatment options: surgical, medical, or otherwise. For the surgical management of these diseases, I wish to give residents the experience to approach a tumor with various surgical tools in hand and be able to offer robotic, laparoscopic, or open surgery. I want them to be able to offer surgical treatments dependent upon the patient and their tumor, not limited by experience in one particular technique.
Research and Scholarship

Research Project Highlights

• Robotic Surgical Simulator Based Curriculums
• Prevention of Post-operative Lymphoceles during Robotic Assisted Prostatectomies
• Vacuum Erection Device as Part of Erectile Rehabilitation Program
• Stone “Basketing” vs. Stone “Dusting” as Optimal Treatment for Kidney Stones
• Multi-Center Reconstructive Surgery Outcomes Database
• Treatment with Tivozanib in Patients with Renal Cell Carcinoma
• Open vs. Robotic-assisted Radical Cystectomy Randomized Trial
• How Surgical Variables Influence Treatment Plan and Outcomes of Bladder Cancer
• Prevalence of Sexual Symptoms in Men
• Efficacy and Safety of Pazopanib in Treatment for Renal Cell Carcinoma

Current Research Funding

- Industry 69%
- Department 18%
- Federal 8%
- Foundation 5%

Research Statistics

90 % of Faculty Engaged in Active Research Projects
80 % of Faculty Serving as PI on Currently Active Projects
45 # of Active Projects with Engaged Faculty
24 # of Active Projects with Faculty Serving as PI
20 # of Active Investigator-Initiated Projects
19 # of Active Cancer Studies
19 # of Active Multi-Disciplinary Project Collaborations
13 # of Active Clinical Trials

2011-2012 Scholarship

70 Publications by Faculty to Peer Reviewed Journals
29 Invited Speakers
24 Presentations
2 Visiting Professorship

Recognition

Tariq Khemees, MD: 2012 AUA Best Poster Award for his abstract, "Viability of Glomeruli Adjacent to Tumor in Partial Nephrectomy Specimens for Renal Cell Carcinoma". It will be presented at the 2012 Best of AUA Annual Meeting.
Visiting Professor from University of Texas - Southwestern when asked to do OH - IO.

Here is what you get when you ask a visiting professor from the University of Michigan to do OH - IO. Thanks to Dr. Peggy Pearle and Dr. Stuart Wolf for being good sports.

15th Annual Winter Visiting Professor Lectureship - Margaret Pearle, MD, Ph.D. Dr. Pearle presented two lectures entitled “Ureteroscopic Management of Renal Calculi” and “Role of Diet in Calcium Stone Formation”. The lectures were followed by case presentations. Dr. Stuart Wolf was the 16th Annual Winter Visiting Professor.

Other Visiting Professor: Dr. Colin P.N. Dinney, MD, FRCP(S) was the Sara Lee Youngs Distinguished Lecturer. Dr. Dinney is at the forefront of investigating personalized medicine in bladder cancer.
A residency in the Department of Urology at Ohio State is a challenging and rewarding experience that entails a complex interaction of learning through patient care. It requires maintenance of a balance between the educational and clinical responsibilities as well as dedication to learning and personal excellence.

Urology residents are selected by a competitive process and are chosen through the match program administered by the American Urological Association's Office of Education. All applications are internally reviewed to selectively invite candidates for the interview process. At the conclusion of the interview process, faculty members meet to discuss the strengths and weaknesses of the candidates, and the rank order is submitted to the AUA Office of Education. Candidates must be registered with the AUA Residency Match.

These programs all offer numerous clinical, surgical, research & teaching opportunities.

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**Department Goals**

**Research Goals**
- Increase funding through clinical trial involvement and grant opportunities
- Enhanced collaboration across departments in the medical center
- New industry collaborations
- Increase physician and clinical staff involvement in all aspects of research
- Promote patient awareness of clinical research

**Clinical Goals**
- Increase patient volume through website and social media outlets
- Patient satisfaction continually evaluated to maintain current high ratings
- Decrease patient wait time with more efficient procedures
- Decrease no-show rate for department

**Education Goals**
- Increase scholarship and faculty publications
- Enhance residency program with new Ultrasound curricula, equipment and technology
- Expand fellowship programs in endourology, female urology and pelvic reconstruction

**Key Challenges & Opportunities**
- Endowment for every tenured faculty member
- Develop referral network with community urologists throughout state
- Top 10% of urology programs in the nation
- Increase the amount of development dollars through the “But For Ohio State” Campaign
- Maintaining high standards of care while facing decreasing reimbursements
New Space - Clinical
New Space - Academic
The Outpatient Surgery Center (OSC) at Ohio State’s Eye and Ear Institute is proud to be providing service to the Department of Urology. The majority of same day urological surgeries can be provided at the OSC including Cystourethroscopy, Stent placement/exchange, Holmium laser lithotripsy, Neurostimulator placement, Vasectomy reversal, Sperm harvesting, and Prosthesis placement.

We are excited to have state-of-the-art technology including the Siemens UROSKOP Omnio System. This is a highly flexible built-in surgical table designed with clinical workflow in mind. The table allows the surgeon to have an exceptional HD radiologic image. The OSC also has a 100-watt Lumenis holmium laser to supply controlled energy directly to kidney stones causing them to fragment.

To date, over 300 urologic surgeries have been performed in this new setting. The goal of the OSC is to provide a convenient and comfortable environment for both our patients and their families that support them throughout the surgery process.
The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center is dedicated to improving people’s lives and gifts to our department support this ongoing mission. Private funding enables our researchers, faculty, staff and students to create a collaborative environment committed to exploring potential solutions and novel approaches to some of the most difficult urologic medical challenges. Because of our donor’s philanthropy, a difference in scholarship is being made. OSU Urology has been named one of the top programs nationally. This is a reflection of the high quality of care provided to patients by our doctors, nurses and clinical support staff. Philanthropic support to Urology helps provide support for achievement of our missions.

Creating a chair or professorship is one of the most significant ways to advance an academic medical center. The Department of Urology and the Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center are grateful for this commitment. Dr. Robert R. Bahnson holds the honor of being the Dave Longaberger Chair in Urology. He feels a profound sense of obligation in holding this honor. The Longaberger family continues to be strong supporters of the department. Chester C. Winter, MD and Henry A. Wise, II, MD, Emeritus Professors of Urology and former Division Directors continued support of the department through the Chester Winter Visiting Professor Lectureship series and the Henry A. Wise, II, MD, Professorship, shows their commitment to urologic surgery. Sara Lee Youngs’ generosity in endowing a lectureship in the disease (bladder cancer) that took her life is remembered each year when we have a distinguished speaker come in to educate our residents. Erv and Bonnie Babbert’s gifts are an indication of their overall concern for the health and welfare of mankind. Funds donated support an annual lectureship. Mr.
Philanthropy (cont.)

Babbert has been a patient in the department since 1998. George Skestos, a great friend to the Department of Urology and Ohio State created the Julius and Diana Skestos Chair in Urology to help advance medicine to improve people’s lives. Michael and Janis Bloch show their dedication to the advancement of education in urologic surgery through the creation of the Michael and Janis Bloch Professorship, which supports a visiting scholar each year. Robert and Peggy Walter made a donation to the department for the creation of The Robert C. Walter Memorial Endowment Fund, in honor of his late father. They have shown their continued support with a recent donation of $100,000.

The Department is proud to participate in the University But for Ohio State campaign. This campaign is the largest fundraising endeavor in the university’s history. The overall goal is to raise $2.5 billion to support unparalleled academic programs, faculty efforts, and the structures necessary to the success of students and faculty members. We appreciate the continued support shown to the department by our past residents, faculty and staff. This is a true testament of their dedication to our mission. For the past three years the members of the Department have participated in Pelotonia. It has not only been a financial success for Ohio State and The James, but it has brought a community together with a common goal to work to end cancer. One hundred percent of contributions go directly to cancer research.

The Department is grateful for the support given by so many.