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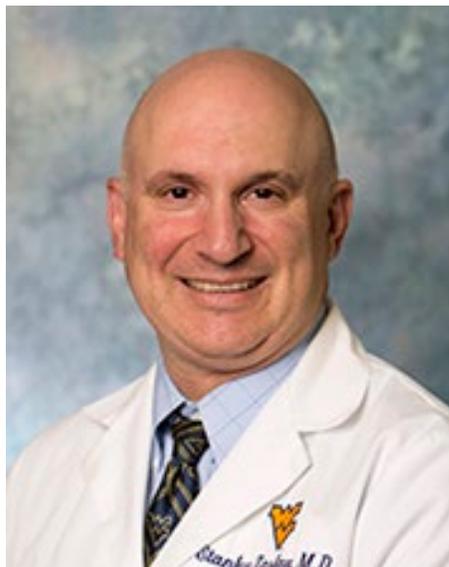
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MESSAGE FROM the CHAIR & VICE CHAIR

Welcome to another exciting edition of the Pediatric Urology's E-Newsletter -- WVU Urology E-News. Our news blast is meant to keep our urology family around the country updated with the progress of our nationally ranked department. It is with the utmost pleasure to serve as the chairman and vice chairman of this growing and productive department. We continue to employ outstanding faculty, residents, advanced practice providers, nurses, and support staff. Our mission is to provide the highest quality healthcare for the people of West Virginia and its neighboring states. We offer state of the art care across all urologic sub-specialties.



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To our former students, alumni, employees, and patrons - please let us know of the important events in your life and where you are currently working and or living. We want you to continue to be a part of our lives. Please email us anytime at szaslau@hsc.wvu.edu and osalomar@hsc.wvu.edu.

Certainly, this was another very difficult year with challenges imposed by the Covid-19 pandemic as well as staffing difficulties and shortages. We have all followed appropriate guidelines throughout these difficult times. We continue to work hard to meet the needs of our patients and support the needs of our providers. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all health care workers, their families, and the rest of the world.

It has been another great year with momentous achievements. The Department has achieved national ranking in the 2022-23 US News and World Report in pediatric (#41) urology, its fifth-consecutive national ranking and high performing in adult urology.

Voting on Doximity will begin soon for the 2023-2024 US News and World Report Best Hospitals. Please log into www.doximity.com to cast your votes as a show of continued support. Voting will be available until March 20, 2023.

For those of you who wish to contribute to Department of Urology Endowed donor funds, all pertinent information is provided below.

Please enjoy our timely articles and departmental updates. Have a safe, healthy, and happy spring!

Warmest Regards,

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Professor and Chairman

Osama Al-Omar, MD, MBA, FACS
Professor and Vice Chair; Chief of Pediatric Urology

WVU Pediatric Urology Welcomes New Faculty



Ahmed Ali, MD

Dr. Ahmed Ali is a fellowship trained pediatric urologist. He received his medical degree from Mansoura University in Egypt, where he also completed his urology residency. Dr. Ali completed his pediatric urology fellowship at Children's Hospital of Orange County. He currently sees patients at the Physician Office Center in Morgantown, WV. Dr. Ali is an Assistant Professor and Associate Program Director of Pediatric Urologic Education.

New research from WVU Medicine shows telemedicine can improve patient access to pediatric urology care

June 3, 2022 [Urology News](#)

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. – Researchers from [WVU Medicine](#) have found that pediatric urology consultations performed by highly trained advanced practice providers (APPs) in a telemedicine setting are a clinically reliable, cost-effective option for West Virginia families.

These findings led [WVU Medicine Children's](#) to increase its urology telemedicine clinics from three to four locations across the state — with a fifth location scheduled to launch later this year.

The team's study was published in the American Urological Association's March 2022 issue of Urology Practice®. It's the first study to demonstrate that children with various urological conditions (including undescended testes, penile anomalies, voiding issues, and recurrent urinary tract infections) can be accurately diagnosed and treated — and, when necessary, scheduled for surgery — without seeing a pediatric urologist in person.

"Because 90 percent of our country's urologists practice in metropolitan areas, the use of telemedicine among urology specialists is on the rise, especially in rural areas," [Osama Al-Omar, M.D., M.B.A.](#), chief of [Pediatric Urology](#) at WVU Medicine Children's and the study's primary investigator, said. "However, telemedicine is usually used to conduct routine follow-up visits, with patients and their caregivers primarily logging in from home. I wanted to see if we could use telemedicine in a different way."

Dr. Al-Omar partnered with seven WVU Medicine providers, researchers, and epidemiologists to test an approach to address the state's shortage of urology providers while reducing travel time and expenses for families needing care.

First, APPs with an interest in urology took part in an intensive, hands-on training program that let them work with children in both inpatient and outpatient settings. Then, they began seeing urology patients at two existing WVU Medicine satellite clinics equipped with telemedicine technology.

At the end of each examination, the APP initiated a video call with their supervising pediatric urologist, allowing the providers and family members to discuss the patient's care plan. Patients needing surgical treatment were then scheduled for surgery at the main WVU Medicine Children's campus in Morgantown.

"With this model of care, families still need to drive or find transportation to their appointment at their local communities, but they don't have to travel nearly as far," Al-Omar said. "Not only do they see a well-trained APP in person, but they also can speak to a physician."

Al-Omar and his colleagues analyzed data gathered from 92 telemedicine visits between August 2018 and April 2020. They found that families saved an average driving time of four hours and 46 minutes, or the equivalent of 299.8 miles, by seeing a provider at the nearest satellite clinic instead of in Morgantown. Families also saved an average of \$173.88 in fuel costs, based on gas prices during that period.

"Our study also confirmed that our use of APPs to evaluate and diagnose patients is safe and effective," Al-Omar said. "The data showed that when our APPs recommended surgery, the urologist agreed with them more than 90 percent of the time."

Today, WVU Medicine Children's offers urology telemedicine at its satellite clinics in Martinsburg, Parkersburg, Princeton, and Wheeling. Each location is staffed by two urology-trained APPs.

Al-Omar said the team's research illustrates how much of an impact healthcare providers can make when they use existing resources in creative ways.

"By taking advantage of the staff and technology we already had, we've helped more children receive the pediatric urology care they need without leaving the state," Al-Omar said. "We can also replicate our results with other medical and surgical specialties. Even if West Virginia and the nation continue to face shortages of certain pediatric specialists, telemedicine technology is here to stay."

Hudson's Story

Hudson Gamino was at a well-baby visit when his pediatrician noticed he had a testicle that hadn't descended. This condition is common for babies like Hudson and his twin Easton, who were born at 36 weeks and two days. In some cases, this condition resolves as the child grows, but at the age of 4, his pediatrician determined that Hudson required intervention by a pediatric urologist to prevent future complications.

Jennifer Gamino, Hudson's mother, was able to schedule a telemedicine consultation with Al-Omar.

"One of the things that really appealed to me, living here in Martinsburg and being aware of pediatric telemedicine, was the fact that I wouldn't need to make that drive all the way to Morgantown just for a consultation," she said. "I think that's a really great choice for everyone here locally, and it's a really big help to everyone in the state to have those resources because otherwise folks in our area typically tend to go to Washington, D.C. I'm really happy that we have that available."

Gamino brought Hudson to WVU Medicine Children's in February 2022 for surgery to correct the testicle that hadn't descended and repair an inguinal hernia. During the surgery, Al-Omar also corrected a narrowing of the end of the urethra, which can lead to difficulty urinating and bladder infections if not treated.

Hudson was discharged the same day as his surgery with minimal pain that was easily controlled with over-the-counter medications.

"He was back to himself the next day and didn't really require anything outside of Tylenol and Advil at that point," Gamino said. "We had a great recovery."

Gamino and Hudson have been able to continue using telemedicine for follow-up care.

"I couldn't be more grateful for Dr. Al-Omar and his staff. I appreciate the fact that he was extremely thorough, kind, and caring. He has a very calm demeanor, and that's very reassuring to parents who are basically handing over their child and putting their child's life in his hands. I love that he not only fixed the initial problem that we were there for but noticed that Hudson had an additional issue that needed to be taken care of, so he didn't have to have another procedure in the future," she said.

"I just can't thank him enough for his expertise and his thoughtfulness. His compassion was really important to us when he came out to let us know how Hudson was doing after the procedure. He's really great with parents, and that's super important in pediatrics. You just can't be a pediatric surgeon or a pediatric provider and not realize that not only treating the child is your job, but also taking care of our parents is very, very important."

For more information on WVU Medicine Children's, visit WVUKids.com.

WVU Medicine Children's again named top hospital in West Virginia, Pediatric Urology nationally ranked by U.S. News & World Report

June 14, 2022 [Connect News](#)

For the second consecutive year, [WVU Medicine Children's](#) has been named the top children's hospital in West Virginia by U.S. News & World Report. The Hospital's [Pediatric Urology Program](#) received its fifth-consecutive national ranking, taking the 41st spot in the country.

"It is an honor to be named the top children's hospital in West Virginia as well as to receive national recognition for our Pediatric Urology program," Michael Grace, president of West Virginia University Hospitals, said. "I am extremely proud of all of the physicians, providers, and care team members at WVU Medicine Children's, especially as we prepare to move into our [new Children's Hospital](#) this fall."

The annual Best Children's Hospitals rankings and ratings, now in their 16th year, are designed to assist families and their doctors in making informed decisions about where to receive care for challenging health conditions.

WVU Medicine Children's has the only comprehensive pediatric urology service with fellowship-trained physicians in the state. The pediatric urologists at WVU Medicine Children's have special expertise in the management of all congenital anomalies of the genitourinary system, kidney stones, neurogenic bladder, and dysfunctional voiding. It is also the state's only pediatric urology practice offering robotic surgery.

"No longer are parents from West Virginia and the surrounding region traveling great distances out of the area to find the specialized care their children need, but we have families from other states coming here to Morgantown to get care they cannot find close to their homes," [Osama Al-Omar, MD, MBA](#), chief of Pediatric Urology at WVU Medicine Children's, said. "This national recognition from U.S. News & World Report proves that we are among the premier institutions in the country – a fact that is made possible by the dedicated team of physicians, nurses, and staff who care for our patients every day."

For 2022-23, U.S. News ranked the top 50 centers in each of these 10 pediatric specialties: cancer; cardiology and heart surgery; diabetes and endocrinology; gastroenterology and gastrointestinal surgery; neonatology; nephrology; neurology and neurosurgery; orthopaedics; pulmonology and lung surgery; and urology. For the second year, the Best Children's Hospitals rankings featured expanded offerings that include state rankings and multi-state regional rankings.

"Choosing the right hospital for a sick child is a critical decision for many parents," Ben Harder, chief of health analysis and managing editor at U.S. News, said. "The Best Children's Hospitals rankings spotlight hospitals that excel in specialized care."

The Best Children's Hospitals [methodology](#) factors objective measures such as patient outcomes, including mortality and infection rates, as well as health equity and available clinical resources and compliance with best practices. To calculate the Best Children's Hospitals rankings, U.S. News gathered relevant data from children's hospitals in early 2022 and from pediatric physicians and other healthcare organizations as well as available clinical resources, compliance with best practices, and efforts to promote diversity, equity, and inclusion among patients and staff in 2022.

RTI International, a North Carolina-based research and consulting firm, collected and analyzed data from 119 children's hospitals and surveyed thousands of pediatric specialists. More than 100 pediatric specialists and other experts provided input through methodology working groups.

For more information on WVU Medicine Children's Hospital, visit [WVUKids.com](#).



New WVU Medicine Children's Hospital celebrated with ribbon-cutting ceremony

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Attention editors and news directors: Photos of the new WVU Medicine Children's Hospital can be found [here](#). An a-roll and b-roll reel can be found [here](#).

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. – Leaders from [WVU Medicine](#) and the State of West Virginia gathered today (Sept. 24) on the campus of [J.W. Ruby Memorial Hospital](#) to cut the ribbon on the new 150-bed, \$215 million [WVU Medicine Children's Hospital](#), marking an historic moment that will revolutionize healthcare for the children and women of the state and region.



Baylee Millett, 2022 Children's Miracle Network Champion Child for West Virginia and WVU Medicine Children's patient (front and center, with scissors) cuts the ribbon on the new WVU Medicine Children's Hospital while her fellow Miracle Children and WVU Medicine Children's leadership look on.

"'Indescribable.' That is the word that best captures our collective feelings as we open the doors of the new Children's Hospital," [Albert L. Wright, Jr.](#), president and CEO of the WVU Health System, said. "This is a pivotal time for our organization and for pediatric care in West Virginia, and we are absolutely thrilled to present this new, state-of-the-art Hospital to the people we serve."

Plans to build the new Children's Hospital were first announced in 2017 in response to the increasing demand for [primary](#) and [specialty](#) services for children and women. With more than 17,500 admission and observation cases annually, Children's four care units were operating at an average daily capacity above 70 percent. At times, only one or two beds available were available. The ongoing escalation of cases required Children's to grow to care for those in need.

"What excites us most is what our patients will find inside the new Hospital: a significantly larger care team that includes dozens of new pediatric specialists and subspecialists in a variety of disciplines from [pediatric cardiothoracic surgery](#) to [pediatric neurosurgery](#); a best-in-class [pediatric emergency department](#); the state's only [Level IV neonatal intensive care unit](#); and a world-class [Birthing Center](#) supported by an exceptionally talented team of providers who can handle the most routine and the most complex pregnancies," Wright said. "Of course, there are many more services, but they will all share a common purpose: to care for our children and to make them healthy and whole."

WVU Medicine Children's Hospital is one of just 25 pediatric hospitals in the United States that is attached to a larger academic medical center. It was built on the premise of evidence-based design to create the ultimate healing environment with areas for the patient, the family, and the care team in each room. Noise control and pass throughs in the rooms limit disruptions to allow patients to get the rest they need.

The spa-like Birthing Center was designed to create a calming environment for expectant mothers. Of its 30 obstetrics rooms, seven have a labor tub. The Center includes its own operating rooms for cesarean sections, with large enough rooms to allow babies to stay in the same room as their mothers. It also includes an infant evaluation area and newborn nursery.

In addition to the Birthing Center, the new WVU Children's Hospital features four other Centers of Excellence:

- the [Blood Disorders and Cancer Center](#);
- the [Critical Care and Trauma Center](#), home to the state's only Level II pediatric trauma center with a Level I adult trauma center;
- the [Heart Center](#), which houses West Virginia's only cardiac surgery program and ECMO (extracorporeal membrane oxygenation) program for patients with life-threatening heart and/or lung conditions; and
- the [Neuroscience Center](#), home to the state's only [Pediatric Epilepsy Monitoring Unit](#) and Pediatric Neuroimmunology Clinic.

Other features of the Hospital include:

- 17-bed [Pediatric Intensive Care Unit](#) with four beds for epilepsy monitoring
- Six-bed Cardiac Intensive Care Unit
- 50-bed [Neonatal Intensive Care Unit](#) with four rooms for twins
- Operating rooms
- [Advanced pediatric imaging](#)
- Labs for cardiac catheterization, endoscopy, and interventional radiology
- On-site cafeteria, gift shop, medical office building, and pharmacy

“WVU Medicine Children’s Hospital is the culmination of many people’s dreams, aspirations, hard-work, and generosity,” Wright said. “From the countless doctors, nurses, and other medical professionals who helped design it and guide its construction, to the talented and devoted trades people and technicians who put it together so magnificently, WVU Medicine Children’s Hospital is the collective effort of thousands, including an army of generous donors who helped breathe life into our dream. Never in my career have I seen a project galvanize and unite so many people.”

In addition to Wright, speakers at the ribbon-cutting ceremony included: [Gordon Gee](#), president of [WVU](#) and chair of the WVU Health System and WVU Hospitals Boards of Directors; [Michael A. Grace, Ed.D., M.B.A., F.A.C.H.E.](#), president of WVU Hospitals; [Amy L. Bush, B.S.N., M.B.A., R.N., C.N.O.R.](#), chief administrative officer of WVU Medicine Children’s; [Clay B. Marsh, M.D.](#), chancellor and executive dean of [WVU Health Sciences](#); Gov. Jim Justice; Sen. Joe Manchin; and Congressman David McKinley.

For more information on WVU Medicine Children’s Hospital, visit [WVUKids.com](#).

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First patients officially welcomed into new WVU Medicine’s Children’s Hospital; Hospital also sees its first surgery performed

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Attention editors and news directors: A multimedia press kit, including photos, videos, and articles about the various units and services offered at WVU Medicine Children’s Hospital can be accessed [here](#).

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. – Today (Sept. 29) was a day of firsts for the new [WVU Medicine Children’s Hospital](#) with the first patients moved into the facility and first surgery performed all in the same day.



Clockwise from top left: The first patients moved into WVU Medicine Children’s Hospital were Adilynn “Addi Jo” Goodnight, Kenadie Barclay, Salvatore Coneway, and Maverick Davis.

“Opening the doors to our new Children’s Hospital is a day our team will never forget,” [Amy L. Bush, B.S.N., M.B.A., R.N., C.N.O.R.](#), chief administrative officer for WVU Medicine Children’s, said. “A very special thank you to our patients, families, community, and the entire healthcare team. We look forward to furthering our mission of building healthier futures for our children and delivering the best possible outcomes for the children who need our care.”

Before the sun rose, five-week-old Adilynn “Addi Jo” Goodnight of Birch River in Nicholas County was wheeled from the sixth floor of [WVU Medicine J.W. Ruby Memorial Hospital](#) to the [Pediatric Intensive Care Unit \(PICU\)](#) on the sixth floor of the new Children’s Hospital, making her the first patient admitted to the new facility.

Little Addi Jo has been a patient of WVU Medicine Children’s since she was born on Aug. 17. She was diagnosed with a coarctation of the aorta at birth and underwent heart surgery at one-week-old.

Jessica King, Addi Jo's mother, said she was very excited that the baby was chosen to be the first patient in the new Hospital.

"It is really sweet that they picked her out of everyone because she has been through so much," King said. "She will have this experience to look back on when she gets older."

Addi Jo was followed into the new WVU Medicine Children's Hospital by Kenadie Barclay, 12, of Jane Lew in Lewis County, who was the first patient admitted to the [Pediatric Acute Care Unit](#) on the ninth floor. At 11 a.m. this morning, newborns Maverick Davis of Morgantown and Salvatore Coneway of Allison, Pennsylvania, were the first patients admitted to the [Neonatal Intensive Care Unit \(NICU\)](#) on the seventh floor.

First surgery



Top photo: Dr. Osama Al-Omar (front row, third from left) and the team that performed the first surgery at WVU Medicine Children's Hospital. Bottom photo: Dr. John Lubicky, chief of Pediatric Orthopaedics at WVU Medicine Children's, in the surgery waiting area of the new WVU Medicine Children's Hospital.

While patients and staff made the trek from Ruby Memorial Hospital to WVU Medicine Children's Hospital, surgical staff were at work on the third floor performing the first surgery in the new facility.

[Osama Al-Omar, M.D., M.B.A.](#), chief of [Pediatric Urology](#), operated on Dallas Kelly, age 1 of Fairmont in Marion County.

"As soon as we met him, we knew he was the one," Jake Kelly, Dallas' dad, said of Dr. Al-Omar. Mom Emily Kelly added, "We didn't get a second opinion because we trusted him. To find doctors who are also personable is a rare thing."

Emily said she understands how stressful it can be to have a child who needs surgery, but she wants other parents to know that she has found the staff at Children's to be knowledgeable, comforting, and accommodating.

"We have been impressed with the knowledge and proficiency of the team, but also on the way they make us feel seen as parents," she said. "There is no better place."

Al-Omar said the surgery went well without any issues or complications.

"I am very excited that we now have a dedicated WVU Medicine Children's Hospital so we can help and serve our patients in the best way," he said, adding that the success of the procedure was the result of a team effort. "It's about the entire team that worked with us on this first case and all the people who made this dream of a new Hospital come true."

[John Lubicky, M.D.](#), chief of [Pediatric Orthopaedics](#), echoed Al-Omar's excitement for the building and the bigger operating rooms housed within it.

"This is a monumental day. This is the opening of the Children's Hospital that's been planned for a very long time," Dr. Lubicky said. "The orthopaedic surgery operating room is so much better than what we had in the other building. It's bigger, brighter, and has a lot more gizmos in the room. It's pretty nice."

Lubicky, who performed the [state's first robotic pediatric spinal surgery](#) in 2018 and has introduced other new orthopaedic technologies and treatments to WVU Medicine Children's, said the opening of the Hospital will allow for even more innovation.



“We’ve recently introduced some things that we weren’t offering before,” he said, “and we will be doing more.”

Looking forward while also looking back

[Mary Fanning, D.N.P., R.N., F.R.E., N.E.A.-B.C.](#), vice president of nursing clinical services and associate chief nursing officer at WVU Medicine Children’s, was an intensive care unit nurse when Children’s opened as a hospital-within-a-hospital inside Ruby Memorial in 1988.



From top to bottom: Mary Fanning and Dr. Charles Mullett

“When I moved here from southern West Virginia to go to nursing school, this area was pretty much just a field. As a matter of fact, I think there was a golf course on this property. To see all the buildings and all the infrastructure being built up through the years for our patients and citizens of West Virginia is just truly amazing,” Fanning said. “The new Hospital is a dream come true for many, many people. I couldn’t be more proud, and I’m determined not to cry today.”



[Charles Mullett, M.D., Ph.D.](#), chair of the [WVU Department of Pediatrics](#), is the son of Martha Mullett, M.D., the state’s first neonatologist, and the stepson of the late William Neal, M.D., who was chair of the Department of Pediatrics when Ruby opened. Both were among the first physicians to practice inside the former Children’s Hospital.

“Opening the new Children’s Hospital has just been a part of the mission that I feel to the inner core of my body. It’s moving things forward for the kids of our state. I took the baton from my mom, my stepfather Bill Neal, and Dr. (Robert) Gustafson (former chief of [Pediatric Cardiothoracic Surgery](#)) and just carried it forward another lap. Of course, this is an exciting, big lap with the opening of the new building, such a big leap forward for the kids of our state,” Dr. Charles Mullett said.

When asked if there was anything else he wanted to add about move-in day or the new hospital, Mullett said, “Hey, mom, we did it.”

For more information on WVU Medicine Children’s Hospital, visit [WVUKids.com](#).

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Dr. Ahmed Ali Named as Associate Program Director of Pediatric Urologic Education

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Dr. Ahmed Ali will serve as Associate Program Director of Pediatric Urologic Education. Dr. Ali brings not only an outstanding knowledge of Pediatric Urology but truly enjoys education of students, residents, and staff. Dr. Ali will be an active participant in urology resident education in terms of didactic teaching, pediatric urology journal club article selection, pediatric urology research as well as teaching to other Departments within the Health Science Center, Region, State and World. We are excited to have Dr. Ali as a member of our department and look forward to his involvement in our training program.

West Virginia Urological Association to hold 3rd Annual Scientific Meeting

The West Virginia Urology Association is heading into its third year this summer at Stonewall Resort in Roanoke, West Virginia (one year postponed due to COVID). The mission is to further advance the care of urologic patients of West Virginia through collaboration and innovation between WVU, CAMC, community Urologists, Medical Oncologists, and Radiation Oncologists from the state and surrounding areas. The 2022 meeting featured breakout sessions for mid-level providers. Most importantly, the meeting allows an opportunity for all the Urology residents of West Virginia to come together, in an educational, fun, and relaxing atmosphere. The 2023 Meeting will be held at the Stonewall Resort in Roanoke, West Virginia, July 13-15, 2023.



WVU Urology welcomes its new resident class to begin in July 2023

The Department of Urology is pleased to welcome its incoming urology resident class to begin July 1, 2023. As always, it was a great opportunity for our department to showcase our depth and breadth across all urologic disciplines to our applicants. We welcome Dr. Elizabeth Dyer and Dr. Samuel Luketich to our Department.



Elizabeth Dyer, MD

Dr. Dyer hails from Berwick, PA. Dyer completed her undergraduate work at Saint Francis University in Loretto, PA. She will receive her MD degree from Liberty University College of Osteopathic Medicine in Lynchburg, VA. Dyer's hobbies include volunteering at animal shelters, running, cooking and spending time outdoors with her dog and fiancé, Andrew.

Dr. Luketich hails from California, PA. Luketich completed his undergraduate work at the University of Pittsburgh in Pittsburgh, PA. He will receive her MD degree from West Virginia University in Morgantown, WV. Luketich's hobbies include golfing, traveling, outdoor biking, weightlifting, fishing, hiking, and reading.



Samuel Luketich, MD

Please consider supporting the Department of Urology with a gift to support one of the funds of your choice listed below. Consistent with our Mission, Vision, and Goals, we strive for excellence. Your support will provide opportunities to be leaders for our students and residents, and most importantly, the best care providers for our patients.

Coach Stanley J. Kandzari, MD, Urology Conference Room

The Department of Urology has just completed its first Department Conference Room. This multipurpose room features high tech audiovisual equipment to assist with resident and faculty teaching conferences. The room will also be used for Department and Staff meetings. This room is named in honor of Dr. Stanley J. Kandzari, a man who has dedicated his entire career to teaching urology residents, medical students, and members of the Department of Urology. As a clinician, his career focuses on the care of West Virginians; he has personally cared for many generations of patients. The Department is asking for contributions from grateful patients, staff, former residents, and students. All contributors will have name recognition on a plaque that will be displayed in the conference room.

The Coach Stanley J. Kandzari, MD Fund for Resident Education was established to further urology resident education through their attendance at meetings, courses, seminars, and lectures. Support will also include visiting scholars and lectures. The endowed fund was established in 2013 by Dr. Stanley J. Kandzari, the inaugural Urology Residency Program Director.

The James and Emily LaRosa Urology Research Fund was established to fund urologic research in both basic and clinical sciences. The endowed fund has allowed for significant work to be completed in the study of the pathogenesis and treatment of bladder cancer. The fund provides the resources for the purchase of laboratory supplies, visiting scholars, lectures, travel and presentation of scholarly work at regional and national meetings.

The Urology Chairman's Discretionary Fund was established through a 5-year donation by the Zaslau Family in honor of Chairman Dr. Stanley Zaslau. This effort provides funds to enhance scholarly activities as well as fund annual department educational and social events such as the annual Resident Graduation weekend.

The Dr. William Fred Tarry Lectureship in Pediatric Urology was established to commemorate the contributions of West Virginia's first Pediatric Urologist. This endowed fund will perpetuate Dr. Tarry's passion and energy for Pediatric Urology. The fund will allow for an annual lectureship in Pediatric Urology as well as fund clinical, teaching, and research efforts to promote Pediatric Urologic Education in West Virginia.

To give online, please visit give.wvu.edu/Urology. You may also contact Patricia Lonsbary, Assistant Vice Senior Director of Development via email plonsbary@wvuf.org or phone at 304-293-1488.