
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello everyone!

On behalf of the Board of the Mid-Atlantic Section of the AUA, we are proud to present the following abstracts for your review. This has been a year of new and unexpected challenges, and while we are not able to come together to share research and ideas as we typically would, we are excited to showcase these works.

During the early days of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Mid-Atlantic region was particularly hard-struck by the virus. With hospital resources strained and stay-at-home orders in place, urologic care was limited by considerations of necessity and priority that were foreign to us all. Many of our residents-in-training and other members stepped in to fill gaps and reinforce the medical care for affected patients. I know of several of our colleagues that became ill with the disease during this time. This year has been remarkable for heroism, tragedy, and resilience all around us.

It is with this backdrop that much of the academic work we see in these abstracts also continued. Highlighting the work of urologists both within our section and from colleagues around the country is a critical function of our annual meeting and we honor the dedication of the authors.

On a personal note, I want to thank my family, my fellow Board members, the program committee, and our management team who have been incredibly supportive as my dreams of hosting you all in my hometown of New Orleans vanished. While the decision to shift to a virtual meeting eventually became easy, there was a lot of hard work required to make it work. Thank you all. Finally, I want to thank the CJU for the continuing relationship and support of these academic efforts.

Please enjoy, and I look forward to seeing everyone in person sometime in the future.

Sincerely,

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