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February 23, 2026

A warm AUA welcome to the Nation's Capital! We're so glad you're here!

Thank you for participating in the American Urological Association's 9th Annual Urology Advocacy (AUA) Summit. We are honored that you have taken the time away from your other commitments to be here over the next few days. Together, we are about to embark on AUA advocacy's annual "main event." We hope that you will feel inspired and empowered as we advocate together for our specialty and our patients.

This year's Summit is both timely and significant as we navigate a transforming political landscape alongside persistent challenges in healthcare. Amidst our community facing a complex backdrop of evolving policies and ongoing challenges with access to care for all who need our services, our AUA members continue to embody hope and serve our patients with dedication and compassion. The Summit represents an invaluable opportunity for all of us to come together, united in our mission to improve healthcare for our patients and to advance the field of urology.

At the 2026 AUA Summit, we are proud to welcome over 350 participants from all facets of the urologic community – physicians, patient advocates, researchers, advanced practice providers, and more. We are particularly excited that roughly 100 trainees will be attending the Summit, bringing new voices and perspectives to our field. Together, we represent 47 different states as well as the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico, and we will participate in about 250 meetings with lawmakers and their staff on Capitol Hill. A group of urologic researchers also will participate in twenty meetings with House and Senate Appropriators to discuss the importance of funding line items for specific urologic research in fiscal year 2027 without dramatic reduction to administrative costs.

At the AUA, we are committed to leading advocacy efforts for the profession of urology and our patients. Among the messages we will be delivering in person to Congressional Offices are: the desperate need to reform the Medicare payment process; addressing the suffocating burden of prior authorization; and working to establish a federal Office of Men's Health. All are critical initiatives to protect and expand the outstanding care that AUA members deliver to urology patients across the nation every day. Your insights are vital as we collectively work to engage and educate lawmakers on how urology is an integral part of our healthcare system, ensuring that the voices of our community are heard during this pivotal time.

Welcome to Washington, DC – we are grateful that you are here!

Mark Edney, MD, MBA
Chair, AUA Public Policy Council

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9th Annual Urology Advocacy Summit Schedule At-a-Glance

Monday, February 23

**All events are in the Capitol Ballroom unless otherwise noted.*

| Monday, February 23, 2026 | |
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| 7:00 a.m. – 5:15 p.m. | Packet Pick Up and Registration (Capitol Foyer) |
| 7:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. | Insurance Roundtable (Registered Participants Only) (Penn Ave Terrace) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kay Moyer, MS, CPC CRD Consultants - Moderator |
| 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. | Research Advocacy Symposium <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Joseph Crivelli, MD - Moderator |
| 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. | AUA FUTURE™ – Meet & Greet (Invitation Only) (State Room) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Denise Asafu-Adjei, MD, MPH |
| 10:00 a.m. – 10:40 a.m. | Advocacy Through Social Media: Combatting Misinformation, Rebuilding Trust, and Future Implications <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Maheetha Bharadwaj, MD• Gabe Canales, Patient Advocate |
| 10:40 a.m. – 10:50 a.m. | Social Media Review Travis Smith, AUA Social Media Coordinator |
| 10:50 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. | Welcome Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lane Palmer, MD, AUA President• Mark Edney, MD, MBA AUA Public Policy Council Chair |
| 11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. | Buffet Lunch Served (Capitol Foyer) |
| 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. | Opening Keynote Address <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Montell Jordan, Grammy Award Winning Songwriter, Artist, Author, Speaker, 2X Cancer Survivor |
| 12:30 p.m. – 12:45 p.m. | Networking Break (Capitol Foyer) |
| 12:45 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. | Hitting the Hill: General Session 1 - Prior Authorization Burden: One of the Barriers to Restoring Joy in Work |



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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Amanda North, MD• Andrew Harris, MD, MBA |
| 1:30 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. | Hitting the Hill: General Session 2 - Medicare Physician Payment Reform: A New Hope or the Empire Strikes Back? <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kevin Koo, MD, MPH, MPhil• Logan Galansky, MD• Joshua Broghammer, MD |
| 2:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. | Networking Break (Capitol Foyer) |
| 2:30 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. | Hitting the Hill: General Session 3 - Needs for and Benefits of a Federal Office of Men's Health <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Admiral Brian Christine, MD, Assistant Secretary of Health, U.S. Department of Health, and Human Services• Ira Sharlip, MD• Hossein Sadeghi-Nejad, MD• Jason Jameson, MD• Tobias Kohler, MD, MPH, FACS |
| 3:15 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. | General Session 4 - Balancing Innovation and Affordability in the New Frontier of Bladder Cancer Care <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ruchika Talwar, MD, MMHC• Stephanie Spence, PharmD• Matthew Mossanen, MD |
| 4:00 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. | Networking Break (Capitol Foyer) |
| 4:15 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. | General Session 5 - Aligning Incentives through Urologic Value-Based Care: the Past, the Present, and the Future <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ruchika Talwar, MD, MMHC• Avinash Maganty, MD• David Johnson, MD |
| 5:00 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. | AUAPAC – Investing in Urology <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grace Hyun, MD (Raffle) |
| 5:15 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. | Adjourn |
| 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. | Evening Grand Reception <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Planet Word Museum 925 13th Street NW, Washington, DC 20015 <p>*Heavy Hors d'oeuvres and Full Bar (Drink Tickets Required) *(Bus pick up at Pennsylvania Avenue Entrance, Level 1)</p> |
| Tuesday, February 24, 2025 | |

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| 6:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. | Packet Pick Up and Registration (Capitol Foyer) |
| 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. | Networking Breakfast (Capitol Foyer) |
| 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. | <p>Public Policy Forum</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nischal Ada, Medical Student • Gregory Mansour, MD • Kevin Parham, MD • Katie Schultis, MD |
| 9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. | <p>General Session 6 – Telemedicine in Male Reproductive Health: Policy Barriers in a Hybrid Model of Care</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Niki Parikh, MD |
| 9:45 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. | <p>Meet Your Hill Guide</p> <p>*Please remain at your delegation's assigned table until you are joined by your Hill Guide</p> |
| 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. | <p>Capitol Hill Visits</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting schedules will vary by Congressional delegation and will be available via the Advocacy Day App. If you have not done so already, please download the Advocacy Day App from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store. Your Hill meetings schedule will be posted in the Advocacy Day App in real time as meetings are confirmed by Congressional offices. <p>*Lunch will be available from 11:00am – 2:00pm in the Rayburn House Office Building, Room 2044</p> |
| 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. | <p>AUAPAC Reception (2026 AUAPAC Donors Only)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bullfeathers on the Hill 410 First Street, SE, Washington, DC 20003 <p>*Contributions will be accepted at the door</p> <p>**Please walk to the venue; buses will be available for the return trip to the JW Marriott</p> |
| Wednesday, February 25, 2026 | |
| 6:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. | Packet Pick-up and Registration (Capitol Foyer) |
| 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. | <p>AUAPAC Breakfast with Member(s) of Congress (Penn Ave Terrace)</p> <p>*2026 Silver, Gold, and Platinum Level AUAPAC Donors only</p> |
| 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. | Networking Breakfast (Capitol Foyer) |
| 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. | <p>Closing Keynote Address</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chuck Todd, Former Chief Political Analyst at NBC, Moderator of Meet the Press from 2014-2023 |



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| 9:00 a.m. – 9:25 a.m. | General Session 7 - Economic Impact of Tariffs on Healthcare Costs in Urology <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cameron Britton, MD |
| 9:25 a.m. – 9:50 a.m. | General Session 8 - Hormonal Health is Mental Health: Routine Testosterone Screening and Treatment Access for Men's Mental Wellness <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Alison Meling, Medical Student |
| 9:50 a.m. – 10:05 a.m. | Networking Break |
| 10:05 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. | General Session 9 - Bridging the Gap in PSA Screening: How Telehealth and Strategic Partnerships Drive Equity <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vikas Desai, MD• Anthony Minter, Patient Advocate |
| 10:45 a.m. – 11:25 a.m. | General Session 10 – Maximizing Meaningful Summit Attendee Engagement Advocacy Across the Career Spectrum <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nancy Quintanilla, Medical Student• Benjamin Pockros, MD, MBA• Christine Van Horn, MD• John Myrga, MD |
| 11:25 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. | General Session 11 – Bridging the Urology Gap: Expanding Access to Urology Care in Underserved and Rural Communities <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jerome Wilson, Co-Founder and CEO of First Call Urology |
| 12:00 p.m. | 2026 AUA Summit Adjourns |

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Speakers, Moderators, Invited Guests



Nischal Ada

Nischal Ada is a second-year medical student at the University of Maryland School of Medicine with research interests in urology, men's health, and surgical education. He is currently involved in projects exploring robotic surgery simulation, fertility preservation policy, and clinical outcomes in pediatric urological disease. Nischal is passionate about medical education and mentorship and is pursuing a career in academic urology.



Representative

Rick Allen

Rick W. Allen was elected to represent Georgia's 12th District in the U.S. House of Representatives in 2014. Prior to his election to Congress, Rick spent his career starting and building his own business from the ground up. At the age of 25, he founded the construction company R.W. Allen & Associates, which has enhanced economic development in Georgia and created thousands of jobs in the Augusta and Athens communities for more than 35 years.

As a conservative, small businessman, Rick

knows firsthand what it takes to live within a budget, make payroll and successfully grow a business. His extensive business background guides his commitment to promoting policies that allow the private sector to thrive and fight against regulatory burdens the federal government is placing on the backs of business owners.

Rick is a member of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce, one of the oldest standing committees of the House of Representatives with broad jurisdiction over such issues as health care, energy policy, cybersecurity, and telecommunications. Rick is also a member of the House Committee on Education and the Workforce, which focuses on strengthening our nation's schools and expanding opportunities for Americans in the modern workplace.

The son of a farmer, Rick is proud to have served on the House Committee on Agriculture for eight years, working as an advocate for farmers in Washington and shaping legislation to bolster Georgia's number one industry.

Rick graduated from Auburn University's School of Architecture and Fine Arts with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Building Construction. He and his wife, Robin, have been married for over 50 years and reside in Augusta. Together, they raised four children and are the proud grandparents of fourteen grandchildren.

In addition to being a devoted husband, father and grandfather, Rick is an active member of

**Members of Congress bios were obtained from their individual government websites.*

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Trinity on the Hill Global Methodist Church. He is also involved in a number of different business and civic organizations in his community and has earned a reputation as a principled business leader. In 2008, he received the Augusta Metro Chamber of Commerce Small Businessperson of the Year Award and took part in the first class of Leadership Augusta in 1980. In 2011, Rick was also inducted into the CSRA Business Hall of Fame.



Denise Asafu-Adjei, MD, MPH

Dr. Denise Asafu-Adjei is a trailblazing Board-certified urologist, researcher, and health policy champion. She is an Assistant Professor of

Urology at University of Chicago, where she serves as the Director of Men's Health and Male Reproductive Medicine.

Dr. Asafu-Adjei completed an Andrology Fellowship at University of California Los Angeles (UCLA) from 2020-2021. She completed her Urology residency at Columbia University Irving Medical Center. She received her M.D. from the University of Michigan Medical School. During medical school, she obtained an MPH in Health Policy and Management from the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health. She is a proud alumnus of Carnegie Mellon University and is on the University's Alumni Board.

Dr. Asafu-Adjei is actively involved in her professional societies, having served on

several regional and national committees with the American Urological Association, National Medical Association, American Society for Reproductive Medicine, Sexual Medicine Society of North America, and International Society for Sexual Medicine. She is the current AUA Health Advancement and Impact Committee Chair. She was the 2023 AUA Health Policy Scholar. She is also on AUA's Legislative Affairs Committee and the DEI Committee. She has had a longstanding commitment to community service and is an active member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and The Links, Inc, service-focused organizations. Her hobbies include leisure travel (38 countries and counting), live musicals, watching documentaries, golf, and cooking.



Representative Ami Bera, MD

Representative Ami Bera has represented Sacramento County in the U.S. House of Representatives since 2013. The 6th Congressional District is located just east and north of California's capitol city, Sacramento, and lies entirely within Sacramento County.

Congressman Bera currently serves on the House Foreign Affairs Committee as the Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on East Asia and the Pacific, and on the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. He is also a member of New Democrat



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Coalition, a group of over 110 forward-thinking Democrats who are committed to pro-economic growth, pro-innovation, and fiscally responsible policies.

A lifelong Californian and son of Indian immigrants, Congressman Bera grew up believing America was a land of opportunity, where if you worked hard and played by the rules, you could reach your full potential. He attended California's public schools from grammar school through medical school, earning both his B.S. and M.D. from the University of California, Irvine. With help from his family, scholarships, and working part-time, he put himself through medical school while taking advantage of federally funded student loans and graduating with less than \$10,000 in debt. He credits much of his success to his country's investment in him, and he's working to ensure that we continue to invest in hard working Americans to keep the American Dream alive for the next generation.

During Congressman Bera's twenty-year medical career, he worked to improve the availability, quality, and affordability of healthcare. After graduating from medical school in 1991, he did his residency in internal medicine at California Pacific Medical Center, eventually becoming chief resident. He went on to practice medicine in the Sacramento area, serving in various leadership roles for MedClinic Medical Group. Chief among his contributions was improving the clinical efficiency of the practice. He then served as medical director of care management for Mercy Healthcare, where he developed and

implemented a comprehensive care management strategy for the seven-hospital system.

Congressman Bera went on to put his medical experience to work for his community, serving Sacramento County as Chief Medical Officer. In that role, he fought to reduce the cost of health care, create jobs, and deliver care to tens of thousands of Sacramento residents. He then moved into education, working as clinical professor of medicine and associate dean for admissions and outreach at University of California, Davis, where he taught the next generation of doctors. He also helped the University's student-run clinics find innovative ways to engage with the community and deliver care to those who needed it most.

In Congress, Bera uses the skills he learned as a doctor to listen to the people of Sacramento County and put people ahead of politics to move our country forward. His priority is to work alongside people in both parties to address our nation's most pressing challenges and make government work. Bera believes Congress should be a place for service, not for politicians who only look out to protect their own careers, pay, and perks.

Congressman Bera has also made it a priority for his office to make government work for Sacramento County. His office has now helped return more than \$21 million to local taxpayers – everything from backlogged veterans' benefits to Social Security savings. His office also has helped more than 33,000 Sacramento County residents since 2013.

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Congressman Bera is the longest-serving Indian American serving in Congress. He has lived in Sacramento County for over 20 years with his wife Janine, who is also a medical doctor. They are proud parents to their daughter, Sydra.



Maheetha Bharadwaj, MD

Dr. Maheetha Bharadwaj grew up in St. Louis, Missouri, and graduated with a Bachelor of Science with Honors in Biology and a Master of Science in biomedical informatics from

Stanford University. She obtained a Master of Philosophy in Genomic Medicine from the University of Cambridge as a Gates Scholarship recipient. Afterwards, she worked in a hematology oncology lab at Memorial Sloan Kettering prior to commencing her medical degree at Harvard Medical School. Currently, Dr. Bharadwaj is a 4th year Urology resident at the University of Washington. Her journey sits at the intersection of medicine, art, and advocacy. Her path to urology was inspired by seeing the kinds of vulnerable issues addressed by urologists. Dr. Bharadwaj's research interests include finding the intersection between genomics and equity research particularly in bladder and prostate cancer. During residency, Dr. Bharadwaj built a social media following. Through artistic humorous skits and educational videos, she hopes to fight misinformation, inspire the next generation, and help restore trust in medicine. Outside the OR, you'll find her building bridges

between medicine and the arts, always reminding us that healing comes in many forms.



Representative Sheri Biggs

Representative Sheri Biggs was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 2024 and is currently serving her first term of public office. She becomes just the third female from South Carolina elected to the House, the first to represent South Carolina's Third District.

In Congress, she serves on the Homeland Security; Foreign Affairs; and Science, Space, and Technology Committees.

A Lieutenant Colonel in the Air National Guard, recent graduate of Air War College, Board Certified Family Nurse Practitioner, Board Certified Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner, a Wife and Mother, Sheri uses her unique, diverse background and lifetime of experiences in service.

With over three decades in health care - from an Intensive Care Unit Nurse to a licensed nursing home administrator and health services consultant to volunteer service of veterans' and first responders' mental health needs, Sheri cares passionately about helping others heal. Now, with our nation suffering from mental, fiscal, and spiritual problems, Sheri is focused on treating Washington's health



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problems with truth-seeking, servant leadership.

In addition to her healthcare career, Sheri has served with distinction in the Air National Guard. The recipient of the Aerial Achievement Medal, Sheri has served as medical crew director of five combat missions and three combat support missions while operating in hostile environments in support of Operation FREEDOM'S SENTINEL.

Sheri's unique educational background includes earning a Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) from Samford University and a bachelor's degree from Carolina Bible College in Christian Ministries and has completed advanced education curriculum at Air War College.

A dedicated wife and mother, Sheri is a member of the Temple Baptist Church in Anderson, where she provides counseling. Active in the community, Sheri also volunteers at the Dream Center and other community and veterans organizations.



Cameron Britton, MD

Dr. Cameron Britton is a five-year resident at Mayo Clinic, Department of Urology, Rochester, MN. Originally from Oklahoma City, OK and attended the University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa for undergraduate studies. Dr. Britton is also pursuing a fellowship in urologic oncology at Vanderbilt beginning July 2024.

Hobbies include sports (football, basketball, golf, soccer), running, and spending time with his wife and kids.



Joshua Broghammer, MD

Dr. Joshua Broghammer is an Associate Professor of Urology at the University of Kansas Medical Center. Born and raised in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Dr.

Broghammer earned both his undergraduate and medical degrees from the University of Iowa. He then completed his urology residency from Wayne State University at the Detroit Medical Center in Detroit, Michigan. Prior to joining the faculty at the University of Kansas, he completed a fellowship in trauma and genitourinary reconstructive surgery at the University of Washington's Harborview Medical Center in Seattle, Washington.

Dr. Broghammer is a member of the American Urological Association (AUA) and Fellow of the American College of Surgeons (ACS). Dr. Broghammer serves as a member of the American College of Surgeons Health Policy and Advocacy Group.

Dr. Broghammer has published several peer-reviewed articles on urologic trauma and is currently actively involved in research. He has completed numerous presentations at both regional and national levels in the field of urological trauma and genital reconstructive surgery. As a founding member of the Trauma

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and Urologic Reconstructive Network, Dr. Broghammer is participating in cutting-edge, collaborative research with multiple hospitals across the country to help improve patient care.

Dr. Broghammer specializes in the treatment of injuries related to trauma including urethral stricture disease, renal injuries, ureteral strictures, genital injuries, and bladder injuries. He performs prosthetic surgery for prostate cancer related complications including penile prosthesis for erectile dysfunction, artificial urinary sphincter (AUS), and male sling for incontinence in addition to the treatment of male voiding dysfunction. Dr. Broghammer also performs surgical correction of Peyronie's disease and treatment of buried penis.



Gabe Canales, Patient Advocate

Gabe Canales was diagnosed with prostate cancer at age 35, despite having no symptoms or family history of the disease. Confronted with an early

diagnosis and limited clarity, he sought multiple expert opinions, consulting urologists across several leading medical institutions to better understand his risk and treatment options.

Rather than immediately pursuing treatment, Gabe chose active surveillance in close partnership with his medical team. He has now lived with prostate cancer for more than 15 years while remaining on active surveillance, with no evidence of disease progression—an experience that shaped his understanding of

how early detection can expand options and support individualized decision-making when guided by knowledgeable clinicians. Diagnosed at a young age, he also recognized how little awareness existed among men in their 20s, 30s, and 40s, which led him to prioritize earlier education, risk awareness, and proactive engagement well before traditional screening conversations begin.

During this process, a urologist introduced Gabe to the idea that significant lifestyle changes, alongside active surveillance, might help slow the progression of low-risk prostate cancer and reduce the risk of other chronic diseases common among men in his family. When a second physician independently reinforced that guidance, Gabe recognized how rarely this perspective was being emphasized for patients at the time. That moment became a turning point and a catalyst for action.

Motivated by the confusion, stigma, and lack of patient-centered resources he encountered, and drawing on his background in marketing, public relations, media, and strategic communications, Gabe founded Blue Cure, a nonprofit organization dedicated to educating and empowering men to take charge of their health through prevention, early detection, informed decision-making, and sustainable lifestyle habits in partnership with their care teams.

Drawing from firsthand experience observing cultural attitudes toward health and care-

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seeking within his own family and community, including a longstanding “tough it out” mindset among men, Gabe has focused on addressing stigma, delayed screening, and resistance to preventive health conversations. His workplaces particular emphasis on reaching Hispanic men and other underserved populations, while recognizing that these barriers affect men across many backgrounds.

For more than a decade, as someone who has lived with prostate cancer for 15 years, Gabe has spoken with men and families on a near-daily basis, helping patients navigate the emotional and practical realities of a diagnosis and the decisions that follow.

Gabe has authored a book, delivered a TEDx Talk, written columns and articles on men’s health and prevention, appeared in national and local media, and spoken to a wide range of audiences, including patient groups, medical professionals, public health organizations, and community leaders. He has traveled to more than 40 cities leading the Blue Cure Men’s Health Tour, working alongside urologists, public health officials, elected leaders, and community organizations. Through the Blue Cure Men’s Health Podcast, he interviews leading urologists, researchers, and patient advocates to elevate evidence-based education and strengthen communication between patients and clinicians, particularly in underserved communities.



Representative Earl L. Carter

Representative Earl L. “Buddy” Carter is an experienced businessman, health care professional, and faithful public servant. For over 32 years Buddy owned Carter’s Pharmacy, Inc. where South Georgians

trusted him with their most valuable assets: their health, lives, and families. While running his business, he learned how to balance a budget and create jobs. He also saw firsthand the devastating impacts of government overregulation which drives his commitment to ensuring that the federal government creates policies to empower business instead of increasing burdens on America’s job creators.

A committed public servant, Buddy previously served as the Mayor of Pooler, Georgia and in the Georgia General Assembly where he used his business experience to make government more efficient and responsive to the people. Buddy is serving his sixth term in the United States House of Representatives and is a member of the House Energy and Commerce (E&C) Committee and the House Budget Committee. As a pharmacist serving in Congress, Buddy is dedicated to working towards a health care system that provides more choices, less costs and better services.

A lifelong resident of the First District, Buddy was born and raised in Port Wentworth, Georgia and is a proud graduate of Young

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Harris College and the University of Georgia where he earned his Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy. Buddy married his college sweetheart, Amy. Buddy and Amy have three sons, three daughters-in-law and eight grandchildren.



Admiral Brian Christine, MD

Admiral Brian Christine serves as the 18th Assistant Secretary for Health at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

In this role, he provides leadership on the nation's public health priorities, including chronic disease prevention and efforts to strengthen the nation's overall health. ADM Christine also leads the U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps, one of the nation's eight uniformed services, composed of more than 5,000 public health professionals dedicated to protecting, promoting, and advancing the health and safety of the nation. President Donald Trump nominated ADM Christine for this position, and he was subsequently confirmed by the U.S. Senate.

As Assistant Secretary for Health, ADM Christine is focused on restoring trust in public health, radical transparency, and tackling the epidemic. His leadership emphasizes putting patients first, strengthening the integrity of public health institutions, and ensuring that every American has the opportunity to live a healthier, more fulfilling life. ADM Christine earned his Doctor of Medicine degree from Emory University and completed his residency

in Urology at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. An internationally recognized leader in Men's Health, he established a practice regarded as a global Center of Excellence, treating patients from across the United States and abroad. ADM Christine has published peer-reviewed research, lectured extensively, and trained surgeons around the world. He is a member of several leading professional organizations, including the American Urologic Association, the Sexual Medicine Society of North America, the International Society for Sexual Medicine, and the International Continence Society. As a "Mainstreet Physician" treating the men, the women, and children of our republic, ADM Christine has demonstrated a deep commitment to service, innovation, and improving the health and well-being of all Americans.



Joseph Crivelli, MD

Dr. Joseph Crivelli's practice at UAB focuses on surgical treatment of kidney stones, as well as dietary and medical approaches to prevent kidney stones. He has advanced training in minimally invasive treatment of kidney stones, including endoscopic and percutaneous procedures. Dr. Crivelli also provides urologic care at the Birmingham Veterans Affairs Medical Center, where he is Residency Site Director. He is committed to advancing the urology and kidney stone fields, both through biomedical research and training the next generation of urologists.



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Representative Diana DeGette

Representative Diana DeGette is a fourth-generation Coloradoan who has dedicated her life to serving the people of Colorado's First

Congressional District.

DeGette is recognized as a leading voice in the nation's health care debate. As the top Democrat on the House Energy and Commerce Health Subcommittee, DeGette has played a leading role in overseeing the nation's health care agencies and the nation's overall response to the COVID-19 pandemic. She's also led numerous efforts to ensure the nation's environmental laws are being properly enforced, lower the cost of insulin for millions of Americans and take on the climate crisis.

DeGette is committed to taking on the climate crisis and empowering our nation's clean energy policies. She has led numerous efforts to hold the nation's oil and gas producers accountable, reduce America's overall emissions and expedite our transition to cleaner forms of renewable energy. In fact, one of the first bills President Biden signed into law after taking office was legislation DeGette authored to drastically reduce methane emissions from drilling sites across – a move climate scientists praised as critical to combatting the climate crisis.

Representative DeGette believes Congress has a responsibility to make health care more accessible and affordable for all Americans. Among her Congressional colleagues, DeGette is seen as a leading expert on cutting-edge scientific research, including the use of human embryonic stem cells.

In 2005, DeGette authored the Stem Cell Research Enhancement Act to overturn the restrictions President George W. Bush put in place to prohibit the use of embryonic stem cells for research purposes. While Congress voted twice to approve DeGette's legislation, President Bush vetoed it both times. In March 2009, President Obama included the language from DeGette's bill in an executive order he signed to reverse the restrictions.

In addition to expanding the use of stem cell research, DeGette has been instrumental in expanding the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP), which provides health insurance to low-income children. She also played a key role in drafting the Affordable Care Act, which President Obama signed into law in 2010.

Despite her many accomplishments, the one piece of legislation DeGette is best known for championing the 21st Century Cures Act, which has modernized the nation's medical research system. The bill, known simply as the Cures Act, has been widely hailed as one of the most important pieces of legislation that Congress has passed in recent years. From cancer research to precision medicine, it has enabled more labs to make more breakthrough

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discoveries that could soon lead to new cures and treatments for patients around the world.



Vikas Desai, MD

Dr. Vikas Desai is a board-certified urologist, health policy advocate, and co-founder of First Call Urology, a national platform focused on expanding equitable access to urologic care. His organization has

initiated a partnership to advance PSA screening for underserved and rural populations. Dr. Desai's clinical expertise includes prosthetic urology, male sexual health, and prostate cancer survivorship, as well as benign prostatic hyperplasia (BPH) and urinary incontinence. His work centers on bridging gaps in prostate cancer screening and specialty care through telehealth and community-based partnerships. By integrating virtual triage, hybrid care models, and strategic collaborations, he aims to improve early PSA screening, reduce delays in diagnosis, and connect patients to high-quality, patient-centered urologic care. Actively involved with the American Urological Association's advocacy efforts, Dr. Desai was an AUAPAC Champion and has participated in Capitol Hill visits, bringing a frontline clinical perspective to policy discussions around telehealth, access, and health equity. He is passionate about using digital innovation and collaborative strategies to ensure timely, equitable prostate cancer screening and specialty care for

patients who historically face barriers to access.



Representative

Maxine Dexter, MD

Congresswoman Maxine Dexter is committed to using her experience as a mother, physician, organizer, and elected official to help ensure every Oregonian has the opportunity to live a

healthy, productive life in the community of their choice.

She grew up in the Pacific Northwest in a working-class family. At 16, she was proud to get a union job at Albertsons, which helped her pursue higher education and become the first in her family to graduate from college. She earned a bachelor's degree in political science and communications from the University of Washington and went on to attend the university's school of medicine.

After completing her medical training, Dexter moved to Portland, Oregon, with her husband and two children. She practiced for over 15 years as a lung and critical care physician at Kaiser Permanente where she was elected to serve her physician group and became the first woman to be Chair of the Board of Directors at Northwest Permanente. Her experience as a physician and business leader are foundational to her dedication to making data-driven decisions that center people, health, and economic opportunity for all.



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In 2020, Dexter was appointed to serve Oregon's 33rd District in the Oregon House of Representatives. Focused on healthcare and meeting the basic needs of Oregonians, she was honored to become Chair of the House Housing and Homelessness Committee where she led the effort to pass a groundbreaking, multi-billion-dollar bill to address the housing and homelessness crisis. She also championed critical legislation to protect abortion access, expand addiction treatment services, protect our public lands, and combat gun violence.

In 2024, Dexter was honored to be elected to the U.S. House of Representatives. She represents Oregon's 3rd Congressional District, which includes most of Multnomah County, Northeastern Clackamas County, and all of Hood River County.

In Congress, Dexter serves on the House Veterans' Affairs Committee and the House Natural Resources Committee where she is the Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations. She is committed to making sure every Oregonian has the same opportunity she had growing up in the Northwest—to achieve the American dream, building a better future for themselves and their families than their parents had been able to do.

To make such opportunity possible, she is focused on improving the air we breathe, the climate, housing, our healthcare system, and the safety of our communities for every person, regardless of immigration status. At every level of public service, Dexter has worked to ensure

the people she serves have the opportunity not just to get by, but to thrive.



Representative Jefferson Van Drew, D.M.D.

A lifelong advocate for South Jersey, Representative Jeff Van Drew is delivering results for veterans, seniors, consumers, and children.

On November 5th, 2024, constituents in New Jersey's Second Congressional District elected Jeff Van Drew to represent them in the United States House of Representatives for his fourth term. He was sworn in on January 3rd, 2025.

Before getting elected to Congress, Congressman Van Drew previously served three terms in the New Jersey General Assembly and four terms in the New Jersey State Senate. Congressman Van Drew received his B.S. degree from Rutgers University and his D.M.D. degree from Fairleigh Dickinson University. He recently retired after owning and operating a dentistry practice for 30 years in South Jersey. He and his wife have two children and two grandchildren and reside in Dennis Township.

Congressman Van Drew is a member of the House Judiciary Committee and the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee.

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Mark Edney, MD, MBA

Dr. Mark Edney grew up in Penacook, NH and graduated with a BA in Biochemistry from St. Anselm College in Manchester, NH. He graduated from Dartmouth Medical School in 1994 and

completed his Urology Residency at Dartmouth in 2004. He has been in private practice in Salisbury, MD for 16 years. Dr. Edney has extensive experience in urology health policy and advocacy. He is past president of Maryland's state urology coalition. He has served as Health Policy Chair for the Mid-Atlantic Section of the AUA and also as the section's representative to the AUA's Public Policy Council. He is a Gallagher Health Policy Scholar (2012-13) and is Past-President of the American Association of Clinical Urologists. Dr. Edney served in the Medical Corps of the United States Army Reserve from 1999 to 2015. During that time, he served on the Urology staffs of Walter Reed Army Medical Center (2004) and Tripler Army Medical Center (2009). He was also deployed to Mosul, Iraq in 2006 with the 399th Combat Support Hospital. Dr. Edney earned his MBA from Brandeis University in 2017. His is a former Chief of Surgery at Tidal Health Peninsula Regional and is the current President of the Medical Staff. He lives in Salisbury, MD with his wife of 20 years, Ashley (Shurtleff) Edney, and their three children. Outside interests include hunting, fishing, and shooting sports.



Logan Galansky, MD

Dr. Logan Galansky is a 6th year urology resident at the Johns Hopkins Brady Urological Institute in Baltimore Maryland. She will be pursuing a fellowship in pediatric urology at Boston Children's Hospital after

graduating residency. She is a member of the AUA's State Advocacy Committee, AUAPAC Champions Program, and the FAC Regulatory Workgroup. She served as the 2023-2024 AUA Holtgrewe Legislative Fellow and the 2021-2022 Chair of the AUA Policy & Advocacy Recruitment (PAR) Work Group. Her clinical and research interests include pediatric urology, congenitalism / transitional care, reconstructive urology, minimally invasive robotic techniques, and the health services research, particularly clinical quality measurement and value-based care models. She received her medical degree from the University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine and holds a bachelor's degree in public policy Analysis and Science, Technology and Society from Pomona College. Prior to pursuing medicine, she worked as a Senior Research Analyst for the Federal Health and Human Services Division at the Lewing Group, a policy research analytics and health care firm.



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Andrew Harris, MD, MBA

Dr. Andrew Harris is an Associate Professor of Urology at the University of Kentucky and Chair of the AUA Workforce Workgroup. He completed medical school at the University of

Kentucky in 2007 and residency at the University of Pennsylvania in 2012 and then entered private practice. He decided to get back into academics and did a Robotics and Endourology Fellowship at the University of Kentucky. During this time, he also completed a graduate certificate in Improving Health Care Value with an emphasis in Quality Improvement and Patient Safety. He subsequently completed a master's in business administration in 2024. He is currently the Chair of the AUA's Quality Improvement and Patient Safety Committee and serves as a social media editor the AUA Journals.

Dr. Harris' research and administrative interests revolve around quality improvement, lean operations, burnout, and patient safety education and implementation. He began in 2013 as the Patient Safety Champion of a private hospital for 4 years. He directs the Chief Resident in Quality and Safety, Gap Year Surgical program. He is a Veterans Health Administration National Shark Tank winner for his work on OR setup standardization and intraoperative communication. Clinically, his main interests involve robotic surgery and complex stone disease. He has over 50

publications and has presented over 100 abstracts.



Senator John W. Hickenlooper

John started his career in Colorado as a geologist. After being laid off in the long recession of the mid-80's, he opened the state's

first brewpub in a neglected warehouse district in Lower Downtown (LoDo) Denver. He and his partners started multiple businesses, renovating nearly a full block of LoDo warehouses in mixed-use developments that included 90 units of affordable housing. His company led the renovation efforts of more than a dozen historic buildings in cities across the Midwest. In 2003, John was elected Mayor of Denver. As Mayor, he focused on bringing people together to get things done, just as he'd done as an entrepreneur. He unified all 34 metro mayors to fund and build FasTracks, the most ambitious U.S. transit initiative in modern American history with 119 miles of new track. John made Denver the first large city to provide quality early childhood education for every 4-year-old, initiated the most significant police reforms in the City's history, and opened one of the first offices of sustainability in the country. John served as Governor of Colorado from 2011 to 2019. During his tenure, Colorado's economy recovered from ranking 40th in job creation during the Great Recession to become the number one economy in the country (U.S. News & World Report). As Governor, he expanded health care to half a million Coloradans, established climate pollution limits



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that served as a national model, and enacted commonsense gun safety measures. He also oversaw the creation of the first regulatory framework in the U.S. for the legalization of recreational marijuana, which has become the gold standard. John is honored to serve the people of Colorado in the U.S. Senate. From traveling to the state to sit down with farmers and small business owners to chairing committee hearings in Washington, John serves in the Senate with the appreciation that when he casts a vote, he represents all of Colorado. Senator Hickenlooper serves on the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation, the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP), the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, and the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship. Senator Hickenlooper is also the Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on Employment & Workplace Safety, and a member of the HELP Subcommittee on Primary Health & Retirement Security.



Representative Erin Houchin

Congresswoman Erin Houchin proudly represents the 9th Congressional District of Indiana. As a mother, community leader, and small business owner, Erin is dedicated to serving the 9th district to better the lives of all Hoosiers who call it home.

Erin currently serves on the House Rules Committee, the Budget Committee, and the

Energy & Commerce Committee. Previously, Erin represented the 47th District in the Indiana Senate for eight years and served as a member on several committees with jurisdiction over issues important to Hoosiers, including: Commerce and Technology; Elections; Family and Children Services; Utilities; Veterans Affairs and the Military; Homeland Security and Transportation; Energy, Utilities, Telecommunications; and Ranking Member of the Tax and Fiscal Policy.

Along with her service in the State Senate, Erin was a small business owner operating a communications firm focused on helping law enforcement communicate the good work they do. In addition to her private sector work, Erin held several leadership positions in her community. These positions included 9th District Chairwoman of the Indiana Republican Party, 9th District Chairman of the Indiana Federation of Republican Women, Vice Chairwoman of the Washington County Republican Party, and the Governor's appointee to the Indiana Commission of Women. In 2011, Erin also served as Southeast Indiana Regional Director for U.S. Senator Dan Coats which covered most of Indiana's 9th Congressional District.

Erin graduated from Indiana University with her bachelor's degree and proceeded to earn her master's degree in political management from the George Washington University.

Erin was born in Southern Indiana and is a native to the 9th District. She married her

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husband Dustin in 2002, and they currently live in Washington County with their three children.



Grace Hyun, MD

Dr. Grace Hyun is the Chief of Urology at Jacobi Medical Center in New York City. Her interest in advocacy began after attending the Joint Advocacy Conference as part of the AUA Young Leadership Program. She is

a member of the Federal Advocacy Committee, the Public Policy Council and the Chair of the AUAPAC. Regionally, she is a board member of New York section of the AUA. Her clinical work has been recognized with the Gold Humanism and Teacher of the Year Awards.

Dr. Hyun received her BA in History from Columbia and her medical degree from Cornell University Medical College. She returned to Columbia for urology residency during the tenure of Dr. Carl Olsson and completed a pediatric urology fellowship at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia led by Drs. Howard Snyder and Doug Canning. She is currently enrolled in the MBA program at Brandeis Class of 2026.



Jason Jameson, MD

Dr. Jason Jameson is an Instructor of Urology at the Mayo Clinic in Arizona. He is the urology lead for the Men's Health Program at Mayo Clinic Arizona and has spoken at local and national conferences

and patient support groups on Men's Health issues. He currently serves on the Board of Directors of the American Society of Men's Health and is the chair of the SMSNA Men's Health Committee. He received a BS in Biology at Nebraska Wesleyan University, his medical degree at the University of Iowa, and he completed urologic residency at the University of Utah. He is the immediate past president of the Arizona Urologic Society and serves on AUA committees at both the Western Section and National level, including the AUA Legislative Affairs Committee. He was the 2018 AUA Gallagher Health Policy Scholar.



David Johnson, MD

Dr. David Johnson is a practicing urologic oncologist at UNC-Chapel Hill and physician executive. With a background in economics, public health, and health services research, he entered the world of alternative payment models and value-based care out of fellowship in 2019. As Medical Director for Value Transformation at Blue Cross NC, he led the design and implementation of several specialty care-

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focused value-based payment models. In 2022, he joined Rubicon Founders, an entrepreneurial investment firm, as a Clinical Operating Partner where he supported investment teams on several new company designs and investments, including standing up a value-based business unit within a national cardiology platform (US Heart and Vascular) and co-founding an oncology value-based enablement company, Atlas Oncology Partners. He joined Atlas as Chief Physician Executive, working across functions including payer and provider growth, product design, and clinical operations.



Montell Jordan

The Billboard Top Ten songs chart for 1995 contains the following names: Coolio, TLC, Seal, Boyz II Men, Mariah Carey, Madonna, and a man named Montell Jordan. This

Is How We Do It was a breakout new jack-swing song that topped the Hot 100 for seven weeks and R&B charts for eight. Jordan, tall and handsome with a silky-smooth voice, established himself as a powerful presence in music, brimming with talent, savvy, and charm. Over his nearly twenty-year career in music, Jordan has released seven studio albums, fourteen singles, and is a Grammy Award winning artist selling more than 10 million records worldwide.

From South Central Los Angeles to Pepperdine University in Malibu, Montell was on course to attend law school when a

professor said one of his biggest regrets was missing the chance to pursue music. In a flash, Montell recognized that if he was ever going to take a shot at music he needed to do it then. He put together a demo, which eventually landed in the hands of Def Jam Records and Russell Simmons. This Is How We Do It took off and his first of many number one singles was born.

Following years of awards, achievements and accolades that never seemed to satisfy, Montell learned that without music he's a husband, a dad, and a friend. He stepped away from the music business for many years in search of significance over success. "I had to learn who Montell was outside of music to determine that I make music and music doesn't make me." During that time, Montell was able to reevaluate his priorities and ultimately find his passion. This was found as he connected with his childhood faith.

Montell began to realize the difference between gifting and calling. He was gifted to do music, but he was called to minister. Speaking, teaching, mentoring, counseling, and writing are some of the many ways Jordan is fulfilling his purpose in ministry today. After serving as an executive pastor for Victory Church in Norcross GA for nearly a decade, he now has a marriage ministry with his wife Kristin where they assist public marriages to heal in private. Marriage Masterpeace is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

Montell has authored 2 books: "Becoming Unfamous" (his autobiography) and "This Is



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How We Do It! Making Your Marriage A Masterpeace" co-authored with his wife Kristin. In his musical past, Montell had already shown an ability to stretch boundaries of genre and style and uses this same ability to influence, impact and inspire today. Montell brings the word of God and personal experience from the music business to provide a practical and applicable understanding of music and worship to light. He still performs on world tours and loves to bring the love of Christ outside the four walls of the church to concert venues all over the world. Montell is a Champion Ambassador for Special Olympics North America.

Montell was diagnosed with early stage one prostate cancer in February of 2024 and had a radical prostatectomy surgery in November of 2024. Nine months later, cancer was again found in the prostate bed and in a pelvic lymph node and proton therapy was administered at Emory in Atlanta. Montell was declared "undetectable" Christmas Day, 2025 and is cancer free. His music, ministry, marriage, and medical experiences have made Montell a sought-after voice of wisdom and leadership across all four areas.

Montell's Faith is the reason he desires to share the good news of his journey with all who are willing to listen, be encouraged, and possibly transformed as he was. He and Kristin have been married for over 30 years to each other, and they are the parents to Christopher, Catharine, Sydney, Steven, Skyler, Elijah, and Samantha. They are "Mimi and Big Poppa" to five grandchildren, Karden, Cruz, Cash, Kainen, and Koa.



Representative John Joyce, MD

Congressman John Joyce has represented Pennsylvania's 13th Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives since January 2019.

In Congress, Representative Joyce served as the Vice-Chair of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce before being named the Chairman of the Energy and Commerce Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee.

Congressman Joyce also serves as Co-Chair of the House GOP Doctors' Caucus. Since arriving on Capitol Hill, Congressman Joyce has prioritized and championed legislation and initiatives focused on delivering affordable, quality healthcare in rural communities, lowering energy prices, and expanding access to high-speed internet across South Central Pennsylvania.

Congressman John Joyce is the second generation of the Joyce family to be born and raised in Pennsylvania. After graduating from Penn State Altoona, Congressman Joyce received his undergraduate degree from Pennsylvania State University and his Doctor of Medicine from Temple University. He received his postgraduate medical training at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore and is board-certified in both internal medicine and dermatology. Subsequent to his six years at Hopkins, Dr. Joyce served in the United States

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Navy during Desert Storm at Portsmouth Naval Hospital in Virginia.

A fellow in the American College of Physicians and the American Academy of Dermatology. Congressman Joyce and his wife, Dr. Alice Plummer Joyce, established Altoona Dermatology Associates in 1991, and for over 25 years, the Joyces have cared for families across Central Pennsylvania, serving patients from all ten counties in the 13th Congressional District.

Congressman Joyce has given back to his hometown through volunteer service at the St. Vincent DePaul Soup Kitchen and service on the Advisory Boards of Penn State Altoona, the American Cancer Society, and the United Way.



Representative Tom Kean, Jr.

Representative Tom Kean, Jr. is serving his second term in Congress representing New Jersey's 7th Congressional District. In the 119th Congress, Tom serves

on the Energy and Commerce Committee and the House Foreign Affairs Committee. As the representative for more than 775,000 New Jersey residents, Tom is focused on keeping costs low for families, improving access to care, supporting a robust and reliable infrastructure, boosting innovation at home, and helping students reach their top potential.

From a young age, Tom understood and recognized the importance of civic

engagement. He started volunteering and taught Sunday school at his church. Tom embarked on his career in public service when he received an appointment from President George H.W. Bush to work in the Environmental Protection Agency, where he met his wife, Rhonda. Following the Bush administration, Tom served as a legislative staffer in New Jersey Congressman Bob Franks' Washington, D.C. office, where he advised the Congressman on commerce, energy resources, environmental issues, and foreign affairs. In addition to his professional duties in Washington, DC, he was the vice president of a fire department where he volunteered as a firefighter and an emergency medical technician.

In 2001, Tom was elected to the New Jersey General Assembly, where he quickly developed a reputation as a leader in bipartisan consensus. Two years later, Tom was named to the New Jersey Senate where he served 14 years as Republican Leader. In that time, he led the caucus to pass property tax relief, invest in quality education for students, and fight for policies that create new jobs and economic opportunity.

In addition to serving as Leader, during his legislative tenure, Tom also served on some of the most important Standing Legislative Committees including Budget & Appropriations, Commerce, Judiciary, Legislative Oversight, Higher Education and Health & Human Services. His committee work enabled him to see firsthand how innovation could pave the way toward meaningful and common-sense

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solutions on policy issues ranging from the economy to education to the environment.

Tom's work laid the groundwork for the creation of new industries, including a thriving Brewpub industry, and the transformation of existing ones by spearheading the State's investment in technological advancement in order to spur economic development, job creation, and government efficiency.

Tom's academic training and work experience reflect his lifelong concern for responsive and appropriate actions and policies that advance the preservation of the environment without imposing undue burdens on taxpayers and businesses. As a legislator, he took a measured approach to supporting clean energy, recognizing that the State required a realistic, cost-effective way to create a renewable energy portfolio that embraced ALL available resources and emergent technologies, including nuclear, solar, and natural gas.

His responsive, student-focused approach to education initiatives such as expanding school choice, and as a strong defender of children and families earned him accolades as a healthcare "Champion for Children" and as a NJ Coalition Against Human Trafficking's Legislative Champion. He was previously named Legislator of the Year by the Firefighters Mutual Benevolent Association, received the Legislative Leader Award from the New Jersey Conference of Mayors, and received a 100% voting rating from the National Federation of Independent Business.

Tom served on the Senate Higher Education, Senate Commerce and Legislative Oversight committees. In addition to his standing committee work, the congressman also served as a senate liaison to several key state commissions including almost two decades on the State Council on the Arts. He was also the Senate appointee to the New Jersey Israel Commission and the New Jersey Amistad Commission.

Tom is a graduate of Dartmouth College and attended the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University. There, he received a master's degree in law and diplomacy and was also employed as a graduate school instructor. Tom completed his doctoral studies ABD at Fletcher.

Tom and his wife, Rhonda and their two daughters reside in Westfield, New Jersey.



Representative Mike Kelly

Representative Mike Kelly was born in Pittsburgh and raised in Butler, Pennsylvania, where he has lived for more than 50 years. After graduating from Butler

High School in 1966, Mike attended the University of Notre Dame on a football and academic scholarship. After college, Mike moved back to Butler to work at Kelly Chevrolet-Cadillac, Inc., a company founded by his father in the early 1950s. Mike took ownership of the dealership in the mid-1990s



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and expanded its operations to include Hyundai and KIA franchises.

As ***The Washington Post*** put it:

Kelly first got the itch to run for Congress in 2009, after the federal government took over General Motors. Kelly Motors has been in his family since his father started the business in 1953. In spring 2009, Kelly said GM managers reviewed his Chevrolet-and-Cadillac dealership and concluded it was "perfect." "Then they went to Washington and they got fired," Kelly said.

Under the government restructuring, he could sell Chevrolets but not Cadillacs.

"Wait, wait, wait!" Kelly said he told a GM representative. "This is America. You can't come in and take my business away from me. . . Every penny we have is wrapped up in here. I've got 110 people that rely on me every two weeks to be paid. . . And you call me up and in five minutes try to wipe out 56 years of a business?" "This is a new General Motors," Kelly recalled the man telling him. "That's just the way it is."

Kelly went to arbitration and eventually won.

Fueled by his victory, Mike successfully ran for Congress the following year to take the fight to Washington and the rest, as the saying goes, is history.

Back in Butler, Mike's auto dealerships currently employ more than 100 people from the region and are leaders in the local and national automotive industry. Mike has served

as Chairman of the Hyundai Eastern Region Dealer Council, Vice Chairman of the Hyundai National Dealer Council, and has sat on the boards of the Chevrolet Dealers Advertising Association of Pittsburgh and the Cadillac Consultants of Western Pennsylvania.

Additionally, Mike is a former Secretary and Treasurer of the Hyundai "Hope on Wheels" initiative, which has donated more than \$145 million to childhood cancer research institutions nationwide. He continues to work with the organization as a lawmaker.

Prior to entering Congress, Mike served on the Butler City Council and sat on the boards of several local and civic organizations, including the Housing Authority of Butler County, the Redevelopment Authority of Butler County, and the Moraine Trails Council of Boys Scouts of America. In recognition of Mike's extensive volunteer and charitable work, Catholic Charities awarded him its Mary DeMucci Award. The Mayor of Butler designated October 26, 2001, as "Mike Kelly Day" for his commitment to his hometown.

Dedicated to improving education, Mike founded the Butler Quarterback Club and The Golden Tornado Scholastic Foundation, each of which provides unique and innovative educational programs for students in the Butler Area School District. Mike and his wife, Victoria, a former elementary school teacher, also established the Mary McTighe Kelly Creative Teaching Grant for elementary educators and the Lighthouse Foundation's One Warm Coat Program, which has helped collect hundreds of winter coats for students in need in the Butler community.

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Mike and Victoria have four children and are the proud grandparents of ten wonderful grandchildren. Mike's family and friends were with him on January 5, 2011, when he was sworn into office as the U.S. Representative of the Third Congressional District of Pennsylvania. Since January 3, 2019, Rep. Kelly has proudly represented Pennsylvania's 16th Congressional District.

Mike is constantly honored and humbled to represent the values, interests, and concerns of the 16th District, especially as they relate to his work on the House Ways and Means Committee and his role as Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on Oversight. He is proud to be considered a leader among his colleagues as he serves as the Republican chairman of the Congressional Korea Caucus, the House Automotive Caucus, the Childhood Cancer Caucus, the House Retirement Security Caucus, the Health Care Innovation Caucus, and the House Small Brewers Caucus. He is also an appointed member on the President's Export Council.

The *Pittsburgh Tribune-Review* refers to Mike as a "no-nonsense, straight-talking Republican" and "a true man of the people." According to *CQ Roll Call*, "Any encounter with Kelly has the potential to erupt into a pep rally" thanks to his "gift for enthusiastic – and rapid-fire – communication."

Mike's rousing speeches on the floor of the House and at Ways and Means committee hearings together earned more than 3 million

views on YouTube. When he delivered the weekly Republican address to the nation right before Christmas 2014 (in which he offered President Obama a lump of coal for Christmas), it quickly became the most watched GOP weekly address of all time.

During his time in the House, Mike has appeared on numerous national television programs, including ABC's *This Week*, CBS's *Face the Nation*, CNN's *The Situation Room*, and Fox News' *Hannity*, *The Kelly File*, *Tucker Carlson Tonight*, *Fox & Friends*, and many others. Opinion features written by Mike have been published by *The Wall Street Journal*, *TIME*, *USA TODAY*, *The Washington Times*, the *Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*, the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, *Erie Times-News*, *RealClearPolitics*, *National Review Online*, *The Huffington Post*, *CNN.com*, *FoxNews.com* and many other newspapers and websites.



Representative Robin Kelly

Congresswoman Robin Kelly has dedicated her career to public service as an advocate for Illinois families. Since being elected to serve the 2nd Congressional District in 2013, she has worked to expand economic opportunity, community wellness, and public safety across the state, championing numerous initiatives to generate job growth, reduce health disparities, and end gun violence.

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Congresswoman Kelly is a member of the House Energy and Commerce Committee (the main policy-writing body of the House) and serves on the Health, Communications and Technology, and Innovation, Data, and Commerce subcommittees. Her Energy and Commerce work is focused on expanding access to healthcare, consumer protection for American families, and economic development. She is also a member of the House Democratic Steering and Policy Committee, which sets the policy direction of the Democratic Caucus.

A staunch champion of common-sense gun reforms and responsible community policing, Representative Kelly is a Co-Chair of the Congressional Gun Violence Prevention Taskforce and is the author of The 2014 Kelly Report on Gun Violence in America, the first-ever Congressional analysis of the nation's gun violence epidemic that offers a blueprint for ending the crisis.

Committed to improving the health and wellness of vulnerable communities across the country, the Congresswoman serves as Chair of the Congressional Black Caucus Health Braintrust, and Co-Chairs the Congressional Caucus on Black Women and Girls. She also Co-Chairs the House Democratic Policy Group and House Tech Accountability Caucus.

Prior to her election to Congress, Kelly was a member of the Illinois House of Representatives, served as Chief Administrative Officer of Cook County (the second largest county in the United States) and was Chief of Staff to Illinois State

Treasurer Alexi Giannoulias - becoming the first African American woman to serve as Chief of Staff to an elected constitutional statewide officeholder.

The daughter of a small business owner and postal worker, Congresswoman Kelly moved to Illinois to attend Bradley University in Peoria, where she earned her B.A. in psychology and an M.A. in counseling. She later received a Ph.D. in political science from Northern Illinois University. She is also an active member of Sigma Gamma Rho, a historically Black sorority. She lives in the south suburbs of Chicago and has two adult children.



Representative Mike Kennedy, MD

Congressman Mike Kennedy was raised by a single mother alongside his six siblings in the great state of Michigan. From a young age, Mike learned the value of hard work, starting his first job at just 12 years old—a foundation that would shape his adult life.

Dr. Kennedy served a two-year mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, and upon his return, he earned his Bachelor of Science degree from Brigham Young University. He then pursued his medical degree at Michigan State University, becoming a dedicated family physician. His passion for helping others led him back to Brigham Young University to pursue a law degree, driven by a

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desire to better advocate for his patients and ensure they received the best care possible.

Throughout his 33-year marriage to his wife, Katrina, Dr. Kennedy has raised eight children and now delights in his role as a grandfather to 10.

With a lifelong commitment to service, Congressman Kennedy has served in both the Utah House and Senate while maintaining his family medicine practice. He was sworn into the United States House of Representatives in January 2025, where he is focused on restoring fiscal responsibility, securing America's borders, and pushing back against federal overreach.



Tobias Kohler, MD, MPH, FACS

Dr. Tobias S. Kohler is a Professor of Urology at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN. He completed a fellowship in Andrology at Northwestern University in Chicago, IL. His Residency,

MPH in epidemiology and undergraduate degree were all completed at the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities. Dr. Kohler's chief interests include sexual dysfunction, BPH and resident education. Dr. Kohler is an active member of the NCS and AUA and is the current AUA Board Representative for the North Central Section and President of the Sexual Medicine Society of North America. He has published more than 400 peer-reviewed articles and scientific abstracts and received

numerous awards for research and teaching excellence. Dr. Kohler is the co-director for the Mayo Clinic Andrology Fellowship, which began in 2019.



Kevin Koo, MD, MPH, MPhil

Dr. Kevin Koo is a Professor of Urology at Mayo Clinic. He specializes in the medical and surgical management of urinary stone disease. His research focuses on kidney stone pathophysiology, technology development, and surgical quality improvement. A former AUA Holtgrewe Legislative Fellow, Dr. Koo is Chair of the AUA Federal Advocacy Committee and a member of the AUA Public Policy Council and State Advocacy Committee. He previously served on the AUA Political Action Committee board of directors. He is also Chair of the AUA North Central Section Health Policy Council and Advocacy Chair of the American College of Surgeons Young Fellows Association. Dr. Koo is a graduate of Yale School of Medicine and completed residency at Dartmouth and fellowship at Johns Hopkins.



Avinash Maganty, MD

Dr. Avinash Maganty will be pursuing urologic oncology at the University of Michigan after residency. In his free time, he enjoys exercising, playing guitar, and being outdoors playing tennis and basketball. Dr Maganty has a Bachelor of

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Science and a Master of Science from the University of Pennsylvania, as well as a medical degree from Weill Cornell Medical College.



Gregory Mansour, MD
Dr. Gregory Mansour is a five-year Resident at Eastern Virginia Medical School. He has participated in the AUA Advocacy Summit for the past three years and has enjoyed advocating for patients. His

advocacy interests include improving access to care. Dr. Mansour will be starting an SUO fellowship next year at UT San Antonio.



Representative Marianette Miller-Meeks, MD

Representative Miller-Meeks's father was a Master Sergeant in the United States Air Force who was forced to take up extra work, sometimes two or three

jobs, to support their family. Her mother, who did not have a high school education, also worked multiple jobs.

Mariannette originally dreamed of becoming a teacher because she loved school and wanted to share her passion for learning with others. However, in 10th grade, she was severely burned in a kitchen fire. While at the hospital, Mariannette was treated by a physical therapist who went out of her way to make sure she got

better. This woman's kindness and selflessness inspired her to become a doctor so she could help others.

Mariannette was the fourth of eight children and since her parents did not have the means to pay for college, she left home at 16 and enrolled in community college. She later enlisted in the United States Army at 18, where she served for 24 years as a private, nurse, and doctor (ophthalmologist or eye diseases/surgery).

Mariannette has two grown children, Jonathon and Taylor. In 2010, Governor Terry Branstad appointed her as the Director of the Iowa Department of Public Health where she served until 2014.

In 2018, the voters of Senate District 41 elected Mariannette to fight for them in the Iowa State Senate. She resigned from the state senate on January 2, 2021 to take her seat in the United States House of Representatives.

Mariannette is a member of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce, where she sits on the Subcommittee on Health and the Subcommittees on Environment, and Manufacturing. She's also a member of the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs, where she serves as Chairwoman of the Subcommittee on Health.

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Representative Rich McCormick, MD

Representative Rich McCormick is a decorated veteran and Emergency Room physician who proudly serves Georgia's

7th Congressional District in the United States House of Representatives.

Raised by a single mother, Rich was a paperboy in middle school and eventually worked his way through college, earning a degree from Oregon State University. A firm believer in service before self, McCormick joined the Marine Corps and became a helicopter pilot.

During his two decades of service, Rich deployed to combat zones in Africa, the Persian Gulf, and Afghanistan. As a Marine, he flew helicopters, was Airborne and attached to Army and foreign forces, and taught at Georgia Tech and Morehouse College as the Marine Officer Instructor. In the Navy, Rich earned the rank of Commander and served as Department Head for the Emergency Medicine Department in Kandahar, Afghanistan.

Between deployments, Rich earned his Master of Business Administration from National University and medical degree from Morehouse School of Medicine in Atlanta, where he was honored to serve as student body president. He completed residency in Emergency Medicine through Emory while training at Grady Hospital in Atlanta. Most

recently, Dr. McCormick served as an Emergency Room physician at Northside Hospital.

In Congress, Rich serves on the House Armed Services, House Foreign Affairs, and Science, Space, and Technology Committees.

Rich lives in Alpharetta, Georgia.



Allison Meling

Allison Shevtsov Meling is a third-year medical student at the Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine in Fort Worth, Texas. She is a first-generation Russian/Ukrainian American who grew up in the San

Francisco Bay Area and attended UCLA, where she first discovered her passion for medicine. Early in medical school, she developed a deep interest in surgery and soon after found her passion in urology. Allison hopes to pursue a career in urology with a focus on sexual health, reconstructive surgery, quality improvement, and the overlap between psychological and urological conditions. She has spoken at national surgical and urological meetings and is committed to advancing evidence-based, inclusive, and patient-centered care. Through research, education, and advocacy, she strives to contribute to a

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future in which innovation and equity guide urologic practice and training.



Anthony Minter

Anthony "Tony" Minter is a Retired U.S. Army Flight Paramedic; having served 20 years. He has been involved with Prostate Cancer Advocacy since 2012. As a Survivor, he made it his mission to

provide support, education, and awareness within his community and throughout the nation. Tony is the President and CEO of the Prostate Cancer Life Enrichment Network for Survivors & Caregivers, and a Consumer Advocate and Mentor for ZERO Cancer. He is also a past member of the Board of Directors of the South Carolina Cancer Alliance. He serves on the Executive Board of the National Alliance of State Prostate Cancer Coalitions (NASPCC) and is the current treasurer. He has participated in numerous health fairs and information sessions concerning prostate cancer and has been a link between the patients, their families, and their physician. He is a Certified Professional Executive Coach, specializing in Relationships, Leadership, Career and Life. Tony was also selected to be a Consumer Reviewer for the Congressionally Directed Medical Research Program (CDMRP), responsible for screening applications for research grants aimed at finding new treatment therapies, creating better detection tools, and decreasing the Prostate Cancer health disparity in men of African descent. He has retired and now works

tirelessly to educate men on the importance of screening and early detection. He is married to Tammie Minter and has four daughters.



Kay Moyer, MS, CPC

Kay Moyer, Director of Regulatory Affairs at CRD Associates, leads the team in analyzing regulations promulgated by the Centers for Medicaid & Medicaid Services, including the

Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (MPFS), the Outpatient Prospective Payment System and other Medicare payment programs. Kay has extensive experience with physician payment policy that includes a keen understanding of the MPFS, the AMA CPT code process and the AMA Relative Value System Update Committee (the RUC) process. Kay is a certified professional coder by the American Academy Professional Coders.

Prior to joining CRD Associates, Kay honed her skills on payment policy issues working at the Infectious Diseases Society of America (IDSA) and at Faegre BD working on clinical trial reimbursement. Before her work in health policy, Kay spent time working as a surgical assistant for oral surgery and was a dental assistant. This clinical work provides her with a unique perspective into health policy, understanding both the patient and provider perspective.

When not at work, Kay spends time with her two young adult boys traveling and attending hockey games. She is an avid fan of the

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Washington Capitals and the Penn State Men's hockey team. Kay also enjoys hiking and backpacking.



Matthew Mossanen, MD, MPH

Dr. Matthew Mossanen is a graduate of the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) in Los Angeles, CA and received his medical degree from the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA. He also holds a Master of Public Health from the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health in Boston, MA. Dr. Mossanen completed a residency in Urology from the University of Washington in Seattle, WA followed by a fellowship in Urologic Oncology in the Combined Harvard Urologic Oncology Fellowship at Massachusetts General Hospital and Brigham and Women's Hospital. Dr. Mossanen has been board certified by the American Board of Urology since 2020.

His research and clinical interests include: bladder cancer, kidney cancer, kidney masses/cysts, laparoscopic surgery, penile cancer, prostate cancer, robotic surgery, testicular cancer



Representative Greg Murphy, MD

Representative Greg Murphy has dedicated his life to serving others, from patients across Eastern North Carolina to mission trips around the world.

Growing up in Raleigh, he graduated *magna cum laude* from Davidson College in 1985. He then attended UNC School of Medicine graduating with Honors and a member of Alpha Omega Alpha. After completing his surgical residency in Urology and Renal Transplantation at the University of Kentucky in Lexington, he settled in Greenville, NC to begin his practice. He has been active in his community working with his church and other groups doing outreach and helping those in need.

Dr. Murphy was formerly President of Eastern Urological Associates in Greenville and Affiliate Professor of Surgery and Chief of the Division of Urology at the ECU School of Medicine. He recently served as Davidson College's Alumni President and was on its Board of Trustees. Outside of work he has demonstrated a desire to help those less fortunate. He has traveled extensively for the last 35 years to Third World Countries including India, several parts of Africa, Nicaragua, and Haiti as a Medical Missionary.

Prior to entering politics, Dr. Murphy's professional career had been primarily one of clinical practice and administrative leadership positions. He served for three years as Chief of

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Staff of Vidant Medical Center, a Level 1 Trauma Center, serving 29 counties in Eastern North Carolina. He is a member of the North Carolina Institute of Medicine and received the Distinguished Medical Alumni Award at the UNC School of Medicine. He is the only actively practicing physician in Congress, still seeing patients a few days a month.

Dr. Murphy was recruited to serve in the North Carolina House of Representatives and did so from 2015 to 2019. During his second term in the General Assembly, he was asked to serve as Senior Chair of Health Policy and Chair of Health and Human Services Appropriations. His greatest focus was helping reduce the tragic impacts of the Opioid Epidemic. Dr. Murphy built strong bipartisan support and was the primary author of both the STOP Act and the HOPE Act, North Carolina's two main legislative initiatives to combat the Opioid Crisis.

Dr. Murphy ran in a special election for North Carolina's Third Congressional District in 2019 to replace the late Congressman Walter B. Jones, Jr. Dr. Murphy was officially sworn into the U.S. House of Representatives again on September 15, 2019. He serves on the House Ways and Means Committee and is a member of the Health and Trade Subcommittees. Dr. Murphy also serves on the House Veterans' Affairs Committee, where he is a member of the Health Subcommittee, and the Committee on House Administration, where he is a member of the Oversight Subcommittee. As the only practicing surgeon in Congress, Murphy is also a Co-Chair of the House

Republican Doctors Caucus and Co-Chair of the Academic Medicine Caucus.



John Myrga, MD

Dr. John Myrga is the Trauma and Reconstructive Urology Fellow at UCSF for 2025-2026. He recently completed his residency at UPMC in Pittsburgh where he will be returning on faculty in Fall 2026. He also completed his undergraduate coursework at Pitt where he received degrees in both economics and neuroscience. His research interests are opioid use within urology, outcomes in reconstructive urology with a focus on transitional urology. This is his fourth time attending the AUA Advocacy Summit.



Amanda North, MD

Dr. Amanda North is a Professor of Urology and Chief of Pediatric Urology at the Children's Hospital at Montefiore Medical Center. Dr. North graduated from Princeton University with an AB in religion and received her MD from Albert Einstein College of Medicine. After finishing her Residency in urology at Montefiore Medical Center, she completed a fellowship in pediatric urology at the Johns Hopkins Hospital. She is a graduate of the AUA leadership Program and served as the AUA Data Committee Chair. Dr. North also serves on the Executive Board of Directors of the New York Section of the AUA. Her research focuses on workforce issues in

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urology, including physician burnout and gender equity.



Representative Robert Onder, MD

Congressman Onder is a respected physician, attorney, and dedicated public servant who has used his background to lead on issues impacting Missourians in both

Jefferson City and Washington, D.C.

Dr. Onder received his MD from Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis and his JD from Saint Louis University Law School. In 1992, he opened a private practice specializing in allergy, asthma, and clinical immunology, where he served Missourians for over 30 years.

In 2006, Dr. Onder was elected to the Missouri State Legislature as the Representative for District 13. In 2014, he was elected to the Missouri State Senate, where he served as Assistant Majority Floor Leader. He completed two terms in the Missouri State Senate before being term-limited in 2022.

Dr. Onder was elected to represent Missouri's Third Congressional District in 2024 and was sworn into the 119th Congress on January 3, 2025. He currently serves on the House Committee on the Judiciary, the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and the House Committee on Education and the Workforce.

Congressman Onder and his wife, Allison, reside in St. Charles County, Missouri, where he enjoys hunting and spending time with his family. They have six adult children.



Lane S. Palmer, MD

Dr. Lane Palmer is the President of the American Urological Association and Chief and Professor of Urology and Pediatrics at Cohen Children's Medical Center of New York/ Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra Northwell School of Medicine in Long Island.

Dr. Palmer earned his medical degree from the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York followed by his urology training at Montefiore Medical Center in New York. He completed pediatric urology fellowship training at Children's Memorial Medical Center (now Lurie Children's) in Chicago under Dr. Casimir Firlit. His areas of interest include voiding dysfunction, on which he has published and lectured extensively and has among the largest experience in biofeedback in the world, urologic imaging, minimally invasive and robotic surgery, as well as congenital reconstruction. As Pediatric Urology Fellowship Program Director, Dr. Palmer has trained 20 fellows and has influenced 15 residents to pursue pediatric fellowship training. He has twice been named Outstanding Teacher by the Northwell Health System. He served as President of the

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Societies for Pediatric Urology, President of the Council of Pediatric Urology Fellowship Program Directors, Chair Pediatric Section of both the AUA Core Curriculum and AUA National Urology Ultrasound Faculty and has been a judge for the AUA National Chief Resident Debate since its inception. Dr. Palmer has well over 150 contributions to literature, including editing "Pediatric and Adolescent Urologic Imaging" and has served on the editorial board and/or reviewer for over 20 journals.



Representative Gary Palmer

Representative Gary Palmer, who grew up in Hackleburg, a small town in Northwest Alabama, now represents Alabama's 6th Congressional District. Mr.

Palmer attended the University of Alabama and was the first person on either side of his family to attend college. In addition, he was a walk-on member of the football team under legendary football coach Paul 'Bear' Bryant. After earning a B.S. in Operations Management, he worked in the private sector for 12 years; including nine with two major engineering construction companies, before involvement with Focus on the Family led him to start the Alabama Family Alliance which later became the Alabama Policy Institute.

Palmer served as President of the Alabama Policy Institute for 24 years. During his tenure, the Alabama Policy Institute became a full-spectrum public policy research organization

that engaged in virtually all policy issues that affected Alabamians. It is considered the premier conservative think-tank in Alabama.

Palmer was also a founding member of the board of directors of the State Policy Network, an umbrella organization for various state-based think-tanks. He served on the State Policy Network board for six years, the last two as chairman. Leading this broad coalition of policy thinkers gave Palmer exposure and knowledge of policy problems that confront all 50 states.

Palmer served on four different state commissions on behalf of three different Governors. He was appointed to the Welfare Reform Commission by Governor Fob James. He also served as an advisor to Governor James' Aerospace, Science and Technology Task Force. He was appointed to the Task Force to Strengthen Alabama Families by Governor Bob Riley, and the Alabama Commission on Improving State Government by Governor Robert Bentley.

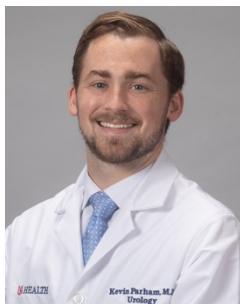
In 2014, he was elected to the 114th Congress, having never served in office before. In Congress, Palmer is focused on securing our borders; combatting inflation to reduce the cost of living; regulatory reform by reducing the number and expense of federal regulations; lowering energy costs and spurring economic growth and job creation by accessing America's vast energy resources; developing a new health care plan that puts people back in charge of their health care decisions and that will truly make health care affordable and

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accessible; paying down the national debt by cutting spending; and protecting life in all its forms.

Palmer serves on the House Energy and Commerce Committee and the Subcommittees on Energy; Oversight and Investigations; as well as the Chairman of the Subcommittee on Environment. Palmer also serves on the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee and on the Subcommittee on Government Operations and the Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Energy Policy, and Regulatory Affairs. Palmer previously served as the Chairman of the House Republican Policy Committee for three terms.

In addition to his B.S. degree, Palmer also received an Honorary Doctorate from the University of Mobile.



Kevin Parham, MD

Dr. Kevin Parham is from Durham, North Carolina and graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 2018 with a double major in Health Policy & Management and Asian Studies. He worked

as a technical solutions engineer at Epic before moving to Richmond, Virginia, for medical school, where he was a representative for his class on the curriculum council and helped pioneer a program for students to engage in global health work called ACCESS. He is a

third-year resident at the University of South Alabama and is currently interested in pursuing a career in reconstructive urology.



Niki Parikh, MD

Dr. Niki Parikh is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Urology at UT Southwestern Medical Center. She specializes in andrology, male infertility, prosthetic urology, and reproductive and sexual health, with expertise in microsurgery, fertility preservation, fertility care, quality-improvement initiatives, and general urology. Dr. Parikh earned a Bachelor of Science (summa cum laude) from Texas Tech University. She then completed a Master of Business Administration and Master of Science in Business Administration specializing in Health Organization Management at the Rawls College of Business. She obtained her medical degree from Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Medicine, followed by a urology residency at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota. She then completed a fellowship in andrology and infertility at Baylor College of Medicine before joining the UT Southwestern faculty in 2025. Dr. Parikh is an active member of numerous professional societies, including the American Urological Association, Sexual Medicine Society of North America, Society for the Study of Male Reproduction, and the American Society for Reproductive Medicine. She has served on various committees for the SMSNA and SSMR, co-edited a special issue of Urology (Gold

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Journal) on global trends in male infertility, and reviews manuscripts for several leading journals. Dr. Parikh has received multiple honors, including Alpha Omega Alpha membership, Mayo Clinic's "Surgeon of the Month," and the SSMR/SMSNA Men's Health Traveling Fellowship. She has presented her work nationally and internationally—from the American Urological Association and SMSNA to the European Society for Sexual Medicine—and is widely published on topics ranging from male reproductive surgery to fertility preservation and prosthetic outcomes. Her interests include translational research in male infertility, innovation in prosthetic and reconstructive urology, access to fertility care, health services and economics, quality improvement, and teaching/mentoring the next generation of urologists.



Benjamin Pockros, MD, MBA

Dr. Benjamin Pockros is a fourth year Urology resident at the University of Michigan. He is interested in oncology and health policy. His research focus is on health policy and its

implications for urologic care, including financial toxicity and access to care. He obtained his MBA prior to residency in healthcare management and policy.



Nancy Quintanilla, MPH

Nancy Quintanilla (she/her) is a medical student at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA, and she currently serves as an Executive Committee Member of the AUA's Policy, Advocacy, and Recruitment (PAR) Workgroup. In this role, she contributes to national efforts aimed at expanding trainee engagement in advocacy.

Ms. Quintanilla holds a Master of Public Health (MPH) in Health Policy from the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health and a Master of Legal Studies (MLS) in Health Law from the UCLA Law School, providing her with a multidisciplinary foundation in healthcare delivery, legislation, and regulatory frameworks. Her academic and professional interests lie at the intersection of urology, health policy, and health equity, with a particular focus on improving access to care (especially gender-affirming care) and ensuring that policy solutions reflect the needs of both patients and the future physician workforce.



Representative Deborah Ross

Congresswoman Deborah Ross is a civil rights advocate, a clean energy champion, a lawyer, and a proud North Carolinian. She was sworn into the House of



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Representatives on January 3, 2025, for her third term representing North Carolina's Second Congressional District, which includes most of Wake County.

In Congress, Deborah is fighting for equality, justice, and progress. She serves on the House Judiciary Committee and the House Committee on Space, Science, and Technology. She is also a member of House Democrats' leadership team, serving as a Chief Deputy Whip and on the Steering and Policy Committee.

In her first two terms, Deborah became a leading voice on issues ranging from women's health and health care access to immigration reform and clean energy technology. Since taking office, 13 pieces of Deborah's legislation have been signed into law, including bills to increase funding for sexual assault nurse examiners, hold perpetrators of child sexual abuse accountable, enhance judicial ethics and transparency, and bolster North Carolina's offshore wind energy potential. She also secured crucial federal funding for affordable housing, public safety, and water systems throughout Wake County.

This Congress, Deborah continues to fight for legislation to advance real solutions for North Carolinians and people across the country. She is the lead sponsor of comprehensive legislation to help end sexual abuse and violence in sports by strengthening the U.S. Center for SafeSport. She is also spearheading critical legislation to protect legal immigration options that are under attack by the Trump

administration. She proudly introduced a bill to protect Documented Dreamers, the children of long-term visa holders who come to the United States legally and live in many North Carolina communities.

Deborah grew up in a small town. The proud daughter of an Air Force veteran and an early childhood education teacher, her parents instilled in her the belief that with opportunity comes responsibility and that through public service she could help others and make a difference.

She graduated from law school at UNC-Chapel Hill and entered public service in 2002, when she ran for and won a seat representing Wake County in the North Carolina House of Representatives, where she went on to serve for more than a decade. As a Representative in the General Assembly, Deborah worked to protect voting rights, fund transit and transportation projects, increase access to affordable housing, and protect and expand healthcare. Deborah was named as one of Wake County's most effective legislators for her ability to work across the aisle to deliver results for the people of North Carolina.

Prior to serving in public office, Deborah worked as a civil rights lawyer, helping to pass the South's first anti-racial profiling law and reforms to the state's juvenile justice laws. Later, in private practice, she worked to build North Carolina's clean energy future, helping to create thousands of jobs in the renewable energy sector.

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Deborah and her husband Steve live in Raleigh with their dog Wylie.



Hossein Sadeghi-Nejad, MD

Dr. Hossein Sadeghi-Nejad graduated *magna cum laude* from Bowdoin College in Brunswick, Maine where he was the recipient of the Goodwin Commencement Prize. He received his

medical doctorate from the McGill University School of Medicine in Montreal, Canada and served as an Intern and Resident in General Surgery at the University of California in San Francisco. Dr. Sadeghi-Nejad completed his urological residency and fellowship training in Male Reproductive Medicine and microsurgery at the Boston University Medical Center under the auspices of Drs. Robert Krane, Irwin Goldstein, and Robert Oates. Dr. Sadeghi-Nejad is the Director of Men's Health and Professor of Urology and Obstetrics & Gynecology at NYU Langone Grossman School of Medicine in Manhattan, New York. Dr. Sadeghi-Nejad has served on the global AUA task force and is a member of numerous professional organizations including the American Urological Association (AUA), The Sexual Medicine Society of North America (SMSNA), Society for Study of Male Reproduction (SSMR), and the American Society of Reproductive Medicine. A Past President of SMSNA, he is a founding member of the SMSNA Foundation and received the Distinguished Service Award in 2015. Dr. Sadeghi-Nejad is a co-author on the AUA

Peyronie's Disease and Erectile Dysfunction Guidelines. Having served as of 16 members of the Examination Committee of the American Board of Urology (ABU), he is an oral boards examiner for the ABU. Currently serving as the NY Section President Elect, he has been a member of the Board of Directors of the NY Section of the AUA and will be the Section President in April 2026.



Representative Kim Schrier, MD

Congresswoman Kim Schrier represents Washington's 8th Congressional District, which includes much of King, Pierce, Kittitas, Chelan, and Snohomish Counties, and a small portion of Douglas County.

Prior to being elected to Congress on November 6, 2018, Kim spent her career as a pediatrician in Issaquah, working with children across the Puget Sound region and helping families navigate the health care system. In Congress, Kim uses this expertise to inform her work on issues that improve the lives, health, and wellbeing of children.

As the first pediatrician in Congress, Kim brings a critical voice to issues related to health care. Through her own experience as a patient living with Type 1 diabetes, Kim understands the very real fear of health care costs and access for people living with pre-existing conditions. And as a physician who has worked

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in a broken health care system, Kim understands what changes need to be made to make it work better for both patients and providers.

Kim grew up the daughter of a public-school teacher and an engineer. Her father, an engineer, instilled in Kim a love for science, a passion that led Kim to a degree in Astrophysics at U.C. Berkeley and then to medical school. Her mother taught her the value of education and teachers, and the importance of unions and collective bargaining. As a child, Kim watched her mother's union successfully negotiate for increased school funding, smaller class size, and improved benefits.

The product of public education from elementary through medical school, Kim is passionate about helping every child thrive in school. After graduating from University of California Berkeley Phi Beta Kappa, Kim spent a year working at the EPA before attending medical school at U.C. Davis School of Medicine. She completed her residency at the Lucile Packard Children's Hospital at Stanford University. In 2013, Kim was named Best Pediatrician in the Greater Seattle Area by Parents Map Magazine.

Kim's experience as a pediatrician gives her a unique understanding of the needs and struggles facing 8th District families. She lives in Sammamish with her husband, David, and son, Sam.



Katie Schultis, MD

Dr. Katie Schultis is a second-year urology resident at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN. Growing up in a rural farming community, she developed a passion for improving access to healthcare in underserved areas, a commitment further shaped by her family's experiences with chronic illness in rural America. Dr. Schultis has been actively engaged in healthcare advocacy for years, serving in leadership roles throughout college and medical school and continuing that work in residency. She has attended the AUA Advocacy Summit for the past two years, where she has shared her story with legislators and worked to highlight the critical need for improved access to urologic care for all.



Ira Sharlip, MD

Dr. Ira D. Sharlip is Clinical Professor of Urology at the University of California at San Francisco. He received his medical degree at the University of Pennsylvania and his urological training at the University of California at San Francisco and the Middlesex Hospital in London, England. Dr. Sharlip is certified by the American Board of Urology and the American Board of Internal Medicine. Dr. Sharlip's academic interests are in prostate diseases, sexual medicine, and reproductive urology. He is Past-President of the International Society

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for Sexual Medicine and Past-President of the Sexual Medicine Society of North America. A member of the American Urological Association (AUA) for over 40 years, Dr. Sharlip has chaired many AUA committees.



Travis Smith

Travis Smith is AUA's Social Media Coordinator. Born and raised in the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area, Travis is a seasoned Social Media Strategist and Content

Creator with a decade of experience in digital marketing, brand storytelling, and audience engagement. With a passion for visual storytelling, Travis's creative journey began with photography, which evolved into a dynamic career in helping brands amplify their presence through compelling content and strategic social media campaigns.

Currently, Travis manages AUA's social media strategy, content creation, and community engagement. His approach to social media is guided by his motto, "Never Perfect, Always Authentic," emphasizing the power of authenticity in an increasingly digital world.

Beyond his professional achievements, Travis is a dedicated father to two daughters, who inspires him to approach both life and work with creativity, passion, and purpose. Whether speaking on content strategy, branding, or overcoming imposter syndrome, Travis brings a wealth of experience, actionable insights,

and an engaging presence to every stage he steps on.



Stephanie Spence, PharmD

Stephanie Spence is a highly accomplished Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) and Certified Specialty Pharmacist (CSP). She possesses 20 years of experience in medical and

pharmacy management within payer organizations and specialty pharmacy. Stephanie was previously Director, Specialty Pharmacy at CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield where she served as the primary Specialty Drug Subject Matter Expert (SME) for commercial, Medicare, Medicaid, and Health Exchange lines of business. Prior to that she held numerous roles at AcariaHealth/Envolve Pharmacy Solutions/Centene Corporation. Stephanie has proven expertise in developing and implementing strategies to manage specialty drug costs, leading payer strategy initiatives, and driving market access solutions for high-cost therapies, including gene and cell therapies, Oncolytics, and rare disease drugs. She is adept at P&T committee leadership, formulary management, and providing actionable insights on evolving market trends. Stephanie has expertise in healthcare strategy and population health, managed care, chronic disease management, and pharmacy regulations. She was also previously Chair of Continuing Education Committee for the National Pharmaceutical Association. Stephanie earned her Doctor of Pharmacy

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from the University of Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy.

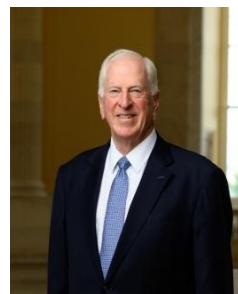


Ruchika Talwar, MD, MMHC

Dr. Ruchika Talwar is a urologic oncologist at Vanderbilt University Medical Center and Medical Director in the Episodes of Care Office, where she leads and operationalizes

VUMC's specialty value-based care programs, including Medicare models and the innovative MyHealth Bundles program. She is a residency graduate from the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, PA, where she was affiliated with the Leonard Davis Institute of Health Economics at the Wharton School. She completed a Society of Urologic Oncology (SUO) fellowship and Master of Management in Healthcare at Vanderbilt University. Dr. Talwar has served in several national leadership roles within organized medicine, including Chair of the American Urological Association's residents and fellows committee, the Health Policy, Young Urologic Oncologists, and Women in Urologic Oncology Committees of the SUO, and Fundraising Chair for the AUAPAC. She held the AUA's H. Logan Holtgrewe Legislative Fellowship in 2022, when she spent time working on Capitol Hill in the office of Congressman Darren Soto (FL-09). Dr. Talwar's clinical practice includes both robotic and open approaches to urologic cancer surgery, with a focus on patient-centered care. Her academic work in health policy, value transformation, drug pricing, and

costs of care has been published in several JAMA journals and the Journal of Clinical Oncology. She makes several trips a year to Washington, DC, meeting with Congressional representatives as a passionate advocate for improving the quality of care provided to patients in the United States.



Representative Mike Thompson

Representative Mike Thompson represents California's 4th Congressional District. The district includes all or parts of Lake, Napa, Solano, Sonoma, and Yolo

Counties. He was first elected in 1998. Prior to serving in Congress, Thompson represented California's 2nd District in the California State Senate, where he chaired the powerful Budget Committee.

Thompson is a member of the House Committee on Ways and Means where he serves as Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on Tax and serves as a senior member of the Health Subcommittee.

Thompson is the co-founder and co-chair of the bipartisan Congressional Wine Caucus, which consists of over 215 U.S. Senators and Representatives. He is a member and was twice co-chair of the Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus. He is also a member of the Blue Dog Coalition, which is composed of Democrats committed to bipartisan problem solving and fiscal responsibility.



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In 1990, Thompson was the first Vietnam veteran elected to the California State Senate. He served in combat with the U.S. Army as a staff sergeant/platoon leader with the 173rd Airborne Brigade where he was wounded and received a Purple Heart. He was also an instructor at the Army's Airborne School.

Thompson is recognized in Congress and throughout his district as a strong leader for Democratic principles who has built a solid reputation for bipartisan problem solving.

Thompson's number one priority in Congress is to create jobs and grow our economy. He has co-authored numerous pieces of legislation to improve our nation's infrastructure, boost our renewable energy economy, and better our education system.

As Co-Chair of the bipartisan Military Veterans Caucus, he led the effort to improve treatment options for servicemembers suffering from Post-Traumatic Stress and Traumatic Brain Injury. He has authored bills to help veterans find work as they make the transition back to civilian life. And, as someone who went to college on the GI Bill himself, he helped lead the effort in Congress to pass the 21st Century GI Bill.

With a national debt of more than \$30 trillion, Thompson is working on a balanced approach to getting our fiscal house in order that includes creating jobs, cutting spending, asking everyone to pay their fair share, and requiring Congress to pay for the bills it passes.

In the wake of the school shooting in Newtown, Connecticut, Thompson was named Chair of the House Gun Violence Prevention Task Force. Thompson is a hunter, gun owner and strong supporter of the Second Amendment. He also believes that Congress should do more to reduce gun violence. In February of 2013, Thompson's task force released a comprehensive set of policy principles that will reduce gun violence and respect the Second Amendment, including expanding the criminal background check system to all commercial firearm sales.

Thompson is the husband of a family nurse practitioner. He knows firsthand of the challenges that exist in our health care system. That is why he voted to pass the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and is working to build on the reforms made in the ACA to further improve everyone's access to affordable, quality health care.

As an avid outdoorsman, Thompson is committed to preserving our district's beautiful lands. Thompson was awarded the Sierra Club's Edgar Wayburn Award for passing legislation that permanently protects 273,000 acres of wilderness in Northern California. The award is given in recognition of service to the environment by a person in government. Thompson was joined by other Sierra Club award winners, including former Vice President Al Gore and author and New York Times columnist Thomas Friedman.



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Thompson is the co-author of comprehensive immigration reform. He also has worked to ensure equal rights for same sex couples and has co-authored legislation that gives state and local law enforcement the tools to prosecute hate crimes based on sexual orientation. As a combat veteran, Thompson worked to end the discriminatory policy of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell."

Thompson is a small vineyard owner and was the maintenance supervisor for the Beringer Winery. He has taught Public Administration and State Government at San Francisco State University and California State University, Chico. He received his Master of Public Administration from California State University, Chico.

He is married to Janet Thompson. They have two sons, a firefighter and a deputy sheriff, and three wonderful granddaughters.



Chuck Todd

Fifty years from now, one journalist will be the voice and face of our political era — and that journalist is Chuck Todd. A self-described political junkie, he has earned a reputation as one of the most passionate journalists and sharpest

analysts in American media. He was the former NBC News chief political analyst and, from 2014-2023, served as the revered moderator of *Meet the Press* — the flagship Sunday morning public affairs program, the longest-running broadcast in television history, and the number

one-rated Sunday public affairs program for several consecutive years. Todd also hosted the daily NBC News Now show, *Meet the Press NOW*, which builds on the success of its previous iteration, *Meet the Press Daily*, which Todd anchored for eight seasons.

Influencers and competitors praise him as "a tireless reporter" with "an encyclopedic knowledge of politics" and the ability to "break down barriers and get people off of their talking points." With what *Washingtonian* calls a "savant-like knowledge of politics," he has become a fixture in the White House press room, a steady and constant presence on television, and a tireless voice on the campaign trail. His up-to-the-minute poll analysis and insightful commentary have made him one of the most sought-after voices in American political coverage.

Previously, Todd served as NBC News chief White House correspondent (2008–2014), as well as the host of NBC News' *The Daily Rundown* (2010–2014), featuring interviews with members of Congress and other newsmakers. As the network's former chief political analyst, he played a key role in shaping the editorial for all aspects of NBC's political coverage. Exclusively represented by Leading Authorities speakers' bureau, Chuck Todd has the unique ability to deliver an all-consuming passion for politics with razor-sharp analysis. As the political news of today becomes tomorrow's American history, he offers a comprehensive picture of the current political landscape and serves as the voice of America in the early 21st century.

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A Star in Political Journalism. Todd was among the media's most-trusted voices in the run up to the 2020 elections, during which he co-moderated two of NBC's presidential primary debates. The first, in June 2019, set records as the most-watched Democratic presidential debate in history — a record that was broken by the second debate in 2020. During the 2008 presidential election, Todd became a frequent contributor to several television news outlets, and during the 2004 elections, he had the rare privilege of moderating one of the few presidential candidate forums in Iowa.

Todd also hosts *The Chuck ToddCast* and teaches a graduate-level political communications course at Johns Hopkins University. In 2012, GQ named Todd "The Most Powerful Journalist in Washington." That same year, he also won the *Jeopardy!* Power Players match. In 2005, *Washingtonian* featured him in its "Best of" issue in the journalism section, and in 2009, the magazine named him one of the top 50 journalists covering Washington. In 2001, *George* magazine named Todd one of the 50 most influential people in politics.

Todd was one of the founders of *Sports Business Daily* (now known as *Sports Business Journal*) in 1994, serving as the publication's managing editor before returning to politics in 1995.

Covering Campaigns, Candidates, and Everything in Between. Todd loves to follow races, issues, and campaigns, and when he

isn't following politics, he's writing about them. He contributes to publications like the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, and the *Atlantic Monthly*, where he is a contributing editor. In 2009, Todd co-authored the definitive election analysis book *How Barack Obama Won*. His second book, *The Stranger: Barack Obama in the White House*, was released in 2014.

In 2007, Tim Russert, then-Washington bureau chief and *Meet the Press* moderator recruited Todd to join NBC as the network's political director. Before that, he was the editor-in-chief of *National Journal's The Hotline*, Washington's premier daily briefing on American politics. In his 15 years working at the *Hotline* or one of its affiliates, Todd became one of Washington's foremost experts on political campaigns of all levels. He helped to grow the publication from a single daily political exposition into an elite paper at the epicenter of politics.



Christine VanHorn, MD, MS

Dr. Christine M Van Horn is a practicing endourologist and the 2025-2026 AUA Holtgrewe Legislative Fellow. She graduated from the University of California, Berkeley in 2008 with a degree in Molecular and Cell Biology. She then earned a Masters in Biological Chemistry from UCLA in 2013 and graduated from the Keck School of Medicine of USC in 2018 with her MD. She graduated from the UMass Chan School of Medicine Urology Residency

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Program in 2023 and completed an Endourology and Laparoscopic Robotic Surgery Fellowship at Loyola University Medical Center in 2024. Her interests include benign prostatic disease, complex stone disease, robotic surgery, medical education, and the urologic workforce and related policy issues. She is the current AUAPAC Fundraising Chair and a member of the Urology Care Foundation Kidney and Adrenal Health Committee. She is also a mentor in the AUA FUTURE program and actively engaged in research on gender equity and the urology workforce. She previously served on task forces for the Society of Women in Urology, the AUA Policy and Advocacy Resident and Fellow Work Group, and the AUAPAC Champions program.



Jerome Wilson

Jerome Wilson is Co-Founder and CEO of First Call Urology, a urology platform designed to expand access, drive innovation, and support value-based specialty care. With more than 20 years of experience

as a practicing Physician Assistant in general surgery and over the last 6 years in Urology, Jerome has built a career at the intersection of clinical excellence and team-based leadership. He has cared for patients across major healthcare systems, including Endeavor Health (formerly NorthShore University HealthSystem) and Franciscan Alliance, serving diverse populations, and experiencing firsthand the challenges of specialty access. Beyond clinical

practice, Jerome has held academic appointments as an Adjunct Professor at the City Colleges of Chicago, where he contributed to the education and mentorship of future healthcare professionals. His leadership at First Call Urology reflects a commitment to modernizing urologic care through digital health and integrated care models. At the AUA Advocacy Summit on Capitol Hill, Jerome brings the dual perspective of a frontline clinician and healthcare entrepreneur, advocating for policies that expand specialty access, support underserved populations, and accelerate innovation in urologic care delivery. Jerome is a member of the American Urological Association and the R. Frank Jones Urological Society.



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Policy Forum

Nischal Ada

Nischal Ada is a second-year medical student at the University of Maryland School of Medicine with research interests in urology, men's health, and surgical education. He is currently involved in projects exploring robotic surgery simulation, fertility preservation policy, and clinical outcomes in pediatric urological disease. Nischal is passionate about medical education and mentorship and is pursuing a career in academic urology.

Poster:

From Survival to Survivorship: Advancing Fertility Preservation for Male Cancer Patients

This poster highlights the critical gap in fertility preservation for male cancer patients, despite clear guidelines from ASCO and AAP recommending counseling and referral prior to treatment. We show that a large proportion of men with cancer, especially testicular cancer, lose the opportunity to preserve fertility due to lack of referral pathways, time pressure, and provider hesitancy. Financial and policy barriers further exacerbate inequities, with inconsistent state coverage and high out-of-pocket costs limiting access. Attendees will take away a clear framework for addressing these gaps through mandated provider counseling/referral, insurance coverage for sperm banking, and standardized state legislation to ensure equitable survivorship care.

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Kevin Parham, MD

Dr. Parham is from Durham, North Carolina, and graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 2018 with a double major in Health Policy & Management and Asian Studies. He worked as a technical solutions engineer at Epic before moving to Richmond, Virginia, for medical school, where he was a representative for the class of the curriculum council and helped pioneer a program for students to engage in global health work called ACCESS. Dr. Parham is a third-year resident at the University of South Alabama and currently interested in pursuing a career in reconstructive urology.

**Members of Congress bios were obtained from their individual government websites.*



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Poster:

When the Supply Runs Dry: Mapping the Belladonna-Opium Suppository Shortage to Policy Solutions in Urologic Care

Belladonna and opium (B&O) suppositories are a longstanding, effective therapy for postoperative bladder spasm and ureteral stent discomfort. From 2018–2024, clinicians across the United States faced prolonged unavailability due to recurrent manufacturing and regulatory disruptions. Despite their essential role in urologic practice, little attention has been given to understanding the structural factors behind these shortages.

Objective:

To characterize the chronology and root causes of the B&O shortage using publicly available data and to identify policy mechanisms to prevent recurrence of essential urologic drug shortages.

Methods:

Data were compiled from the FDA Drug Shortages Database, ASHP Drug Shortage Bulletins, and DEA annual production quota reports from 2018–2024. Shortage drivers were categorized by supply chain domain—raw ingredient availability, manufacturer concentration, regulatory lag, controlled-substance production limits, and low market incentive—and mapped to actionable federal policy levers.

Results:

Five major “points of fragility” were identified: (1) raw ingredient scarcity, (2) sole-supplier dependency, (3) regulatory delays in manufacturer transition, (4) DEA quota rigidity, and (5) weak economic incentives for small-volume drugs. Timeline analysis showed cyclical shortages culminating in recovery only after supplier consolidation stabilized in 2024.

Conclusions / Policy Implications:

Targeted interventions—DEA quota flexibility, redundancy requirements for essential-use drugs, tax incentives for low-volume manufacturing, and enhanced shortage transparency—could mitigate future crises. Establishing an AUA-endorsed “Essential Medications List” would position the specialty to advocate proactively for drug-supply resilience across urology.

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Gregory Mansour, MD

Dr. Gregory Mansour is a PGY-5 Resident at Eastern Virginia Medical School. He has participated in the AUA Advocacy Summit for the past 3 years and has enjoyed advocating for our patients. His advocacy interests include improving access to care. I will be starting an SUO fellowship next year at UT San Antonio

Poster:

Financial Toxicity Associated with Common Urologic Conditions

Financial toxicity refers to the economic burden that a medical diagnosis imposes on individuals, encompassing both direct and indirect costs associated with treatment. While originally coined in the context of cancer care, the term has increasingly gained attention in urology, particularly in relation to prostate cancer. Research has shown that financial toxicity can significantly impact treatment adherence, highlighting the importance of understanding its contributing factors. We aim to report on the financial toxicity associated with various urologic conditions. Identifying at risk populations is the initial step in supporting and shaping policy and practicing changes to improve access for these patients.

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Katie Schultis, MD

Katie Schultis is a second-year urology resident at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN. Growing up in a rural farming community, she developed a passion for improving access to healthcare in underserved areas, a commitment further shaped by her family's experiences with chronic illness in rural America. Dr. Schultis has been actively engaged in healthcare advocacy for years, serving in leadership roles throughout college and medical school and continuing that work in residency. She has attended the AUA Advocacy Summit for the past two years, where she has shared her story with legislators and worked to highlight the critical need for improved access to urologic care for all.



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Poster:

Federal Legislative Priorities and Public Policy Impact Among U.S. Urologists

Introduction: Federal health policy directly impacts the practice of urology. Understanding urologists' legislative priorities and policy needs is vital to effective advocacy that protects urology patients and practices. We aimed to identify the federal legislative priorities of U.S. urologists.

Methods: We analyzed the 2025 AUA Federal Legislative Priorities Survey, which assessed AUA members' legislative priorities and perceived impact on their practices. We compare responses by practice type and ownership.

Results: A total of 518 AUA members completed the survey. Among 6 top federal policy issues, Medicare payment reform was the most important concern for 50% of respondents. Administrative barriers including prior authorization were the second most cited concern (18%). There was no significant difference in how respondents ranked these issues based on practice type or ownership. Due to declining Medicare reimbursement, 40% of respondents indicated they were "very likely" or "somewhat likely" to stop seeing traditional Medicare patients within the next 2 years. By practice type, urologists in solo and small-group practices were most likely to report limiting Medicare patients (55%), compared to urologists in large-group (40%), hospital-employed (38%), or private equity-backed (50%) practices.

Conclusions: Medicare payment reform is the most important public policy issue facing U.S. urologists. The impact of declining reimbursements is immediate, with 40% of urologists considering limits on seeing Medicare patients. Identifying urologists' legislative priorities can strengthen advocacy efforts, align the needs of clinicians and patients, and lead to more impactful and relevant reforms.

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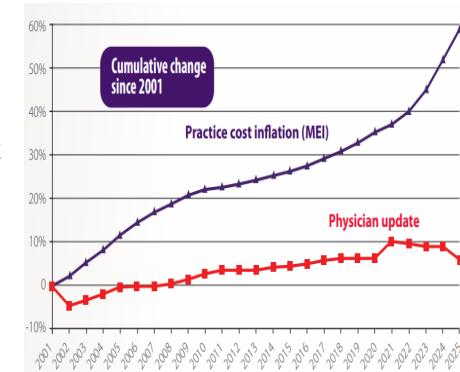
Protect Medicare – Pay Doctors Fairly

ISSUE

Medicare payments to physician offices have declined 33% from 2001 to 2025 when adjusted for inflation. Also, CMS made arbitrary cuts for 2026 that unfairly target specialty providers.

BACKGROUND

Unlike hospital reimbursements, payments to physician offices are not adjusted for inflation, despite rapidly increasing costs. Doctors struggle to keep their doors open, and when they close, patients must scramble to find new providers. If they turn to hospitals, costs increase for patients and payers. Only about 30% of urology practices remain independently owned. Studies show that industry consolidation increases prices.¹ Even worse, CMS recently cut payments to specialty physicians by 2.5% based on the faulty assumption that procedures are taking less time. In fact, a recent study showed that virtually all surgeries are taking longer due to patient complexity.²



THE ASKS

AUA requests that members of Congress:

- **Cosponsor *The Strengthening Medicare for Patients and Providers Act (H.R. 6160)***, which would adjust fees by inflation for practice costs.
- **Cosponsor *The Efficiency Adjustment Delay Act (draft bill)***, which would delay the efficiency adjustment until 2030 and require CMS to produce a study on the issue.

CONTACT

To cosponsor H.R. 6160, please contact Jamie.Truax@mail.house.gov with Rep. Raul Ruiz (D-CA-25). To cosponsor *The Efficiency Adjustment Delay Act*, please contact Elizabeth.Young@mail.house.gov with Rep. Rob Estes (R-KS-4).

¹ Government Accounting Office *Healthcare Consolidation: Published Estimates of the Extent and Effects of Physician Consolidation* GAO-25-107450

² Childers, et. al. *Longitudinal Trends in Efficiency and Complexity of Surgical Procedures: Analysis of 1.7 Million Operations Between 2019 and 2023*. *Journal of the American College of Surgeons* [241\(5\):p 741-744, November 2025](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jacs.2025.09.012).



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Establish an Office of Men's Health at HHS

ISSUE

The status of men's health in the United States is alarming and getting worse. Men face unique health challenges, including shorter lifespans, higher rates of disease, and higher suicide rates. The Department of Health and Human Services should establish an Office of Men's Health to promote better health outcomes for men across the country.

BACKGROUND

The health challenges men face often go unaddressed due to stigma, reluctance to seek care, lack of awareness, or inaccessibility. A 2019 Cleveland Clinic Men's Health Survey found that 65% of men avoid going to the doctor as long as possible. Avoiding annual check-ups and screenings, or ignoring early symptoms, can lead to late diagnoses, more invasive treatments, or death. In fact, men are more likely than women to die from treatable conditions such as cancer, diabetes, heart attacks, strokes, and suicide. As a result, life expectancy for men is 5.3 years shorter than women's. These disturbing trends call for targeted approaches that encourage men to prioritize their health and seek early and regular care. A dedicated Office of Men's Health would establish a single, coordinated effort within the federal government to develop and implement national strategies that aim to improve men's health. The Office of Men's Health could coordinate research, raise public awareness, advance policies, and support innovative programs that advance men's health.

Direct and indirect costs for the five leading causes of premature death among men total \$420.6 billion annually

THE ASKS

AUA requests that members of Congress

- **Cosponsor *The State of Men's Health Act* (draft bill), which would establish an Office of Men's Health under the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health.**

CONTACT

To become an original co-sponsor of *The State of Men's Health Act*, please contact Elizabeth.Beltran@mail.house.gov with Rep. Troy Carter (D-LA-2) or McLean.Piner@mail.house.gov with Rep. Greg Murphy, MD (R-NC-3).

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REFORM PRIOR AUTHORIZATION

ISSUE

Prior authorization is a health insurance utilization management tool that requires health care professionals to obtain advance approval from the plan before a prescription medication or medical service qualifies for payment and can be delivered to the patient. The process of obtaining approval from insurance companies is often lengthy and can lead to significant delays in providing necessary care. Physicians typically spend two or more days a week negotiating with insurance companies for prior authorizations, which can exacerbate administrative burdens and physician burnout. Prior authorization protocols are particularly common in Medicare Advantage (MA) and while they may be appropriate in some situations, evidence suggests they've been overly deployed and indiscriminately applied. In 2022, the HHS Office of Inspector General found that MA plans use prior authorizations to deny medically necessary care that meets coverage requirements under traditional Medicare and is supported by the enrollee's medical records.

23%
of physicians
report that PA has
led to a patient's
hospitalization

Alarmingly, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) recently introduced prior authorization requirements to traditional Medicare for the first time ever with the launch of the Wasteful and Inappropriate Service Reduction – or WISER – model. The program went into effect earlier this year in six states – Arizona, New Jersey, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas, and Washington – and applies to several services, including those to treat common urological conditions like urinary incontinence and erectile dysfunction. Concerningly, CMS plans to contract with private firms to use artificial intelligence to assess whether patients qualify for coverage for applicable services and procedures. Notably, comparable algorithms already in use by insurers have drawn legal challenges, with lawsuits alleging that the technology enabled companies to rapidly deny large numbers of claims, restricting patient access to the care they need and negatively impacting patient outcomes.

THE ASKS

- **Cosponsor The Improving Seniors' Timely Access to Care Act (S. 1816/H.R. 3514)**, which imposes new transparency requirements to shore up prior authorization practices in Medicare Advantage plans. The bill codifies regulatory changes previously enacted in 2024 and reflects similar legislation that passed the House of Representatives unanimously by voice vote during the 117th Congress. The AUA, along with more than 230 national and state organizations from across the medical community, supports the legislation.
- **Cosponsor The Seniors Deserve SMARTER (Streamlined Medical Approvals for Timely, Efficient Recovery) Care Act (S.3484/ H.R.5940)**, which prohibits CMS from implementing the



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WISER model or any similar model in traditional Medicare, thereby preserving and protecting timely access to care for enrollees.

CONTACT

To cosponsor ***The Improving Seniors' Timely Access to Care Act***, please contact Alex.Sells@mail.house.gov with Rep. Mike Kelly (R-PA-16) and Max_Seltzer@marshall.senate.gov with Sen. Roger Marshall, MD (R-KS).

To cosponsor ***The SMARTER Act***, please contact Mariah.Baker@mail.house.gov with Rep. Suzan Delbene (D-WA-1) and Shauna.Rust@murray.senate.gov with Sen. Patty Murray (D-WA).