



Medical Student Mingle Discussion Leaders



Muhannad Alsyouf, MD

Matching for Internationals – Table 6

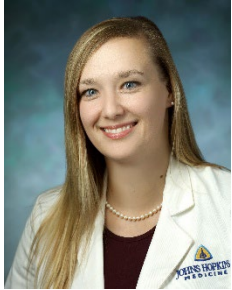
Dr. Muhannad Alsyouf is a board-certified urologist and urologic oncologist currently serving as an Assistant Professor of Urology at Loma Linda University Health. He also holds the role of Associate Program Director for the Urology Residency Program. Dr. Alsyouf leads several multi-institutional clinical trials, including the PRESERVE and MAGESTIC studies. His research primarily explores survivorship and quality-of-life outcomes for patients treated for germ cell tumors, aiming to reduce treatment-related burdens through evidence-based protocols.



Jyoti Chouhan, DO, PharmD, MBA, FACS

Women in Urology – Table 16

Jyoti D. Chouhan, DO, PharmD, MBA, FACS is an Associate Professor Urology at Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU) in Portland, Oregon. She is also OHSU's Medical Director of Clinical Documentation & Integrity (CDI) and Director of Coding & Documentation for the Department of Urology. She completed a GURS fellowship at Wake Forest Medical Center in 2019 after residency training at SUNY Downstate Medical Center. In her clinical practice, she specializes in lower urinary tract and genital reconstruction for cisgender men as well as gender affirming surgeries.



Marisa Clifton MD, FACS

Women in Urology – Table 14

Marisa M. Clifton MD, FACS is an Associate Professor and Chief Medical Officer at Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center in Baltimore, Maryland and previously served as the Urology Residency Program Director. She is active in the Mid-Atlantic Section of the AUA and has served on the board and is currently the Secretary of the Section. She remains active in the national AUA and is the Chair of the Medical Student Education Committee, as well as an Associate Editor of *JU Open Plus*, and previously served on the AUA Young Urologists Committee. Recently, Dr. Clifton was awarded the 2026 Young Urologist of the Year award for her exceptional leadership and sustained commitment to the professional development of medical students, residents, and early-career urologists. Her recent research has focused on female sexual function, safety and quality, as well as education.



Nellie Fisher

Urology Interest Groups – Table 18

Nellie Fisher is a third-year medical student at Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine (BCOM) with a strong interest in urology. Before entering medical school, she trained and worked in physical therapy, where she developed an early appreciation for helping individuals regain physical independence and confidence. This experience continues to shape her approach to patient care. She has remained actively engaged in leadership and mentorship throughout medical school. Nellie has held multiple roles within the Student Government Association and served as President of the Urology Interest Group at BCOM. She has also been a



mentee of the FUTURE in Urology program for the last three years, where she has benefited from the mentorship and camaraderie it fosters. She is a member of Sigma Sigma Phi and the Gold Humanism Honor Society, reflecting her commitment to service, professionalism, and compassionate care.

Nellie's interests extend to global health and collaborative care, including participation in an international surgical mission focused on expanding access to specialty services in resource-limited settings. She values thoughtful communication, teamwork, and creating supportive environments for both patients and peers.

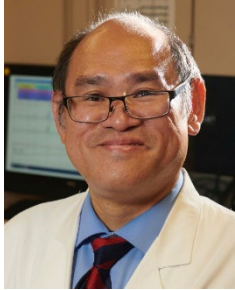
Outside of medicine, Nellie enjoys hiking and exploring trails across the United States with her family. As a discussion leader at the AUA Medical Student Mingle, she looks forward to connecting with attendees and sharing her perspective on finding a path in urology.



Andrew Kehm

Perspectives From a Matched Applicant – Table 5

Andrew Kehm is a recent graduate of the Frank H. Netter School of Medicine at Quinnipiac University and matched urology at Maine Medical Center. He started his journey into medicine as a Hospital Corpsman for the U.S. Navy where he achieved the rank of Hospital Corpsman Second Class. After his time in the military, he completed his undergraduate degree in microbiology at the University of Wisconsin. His professional interests include men's health, rural medicine, and reconstructive urology. In his free time, Andrew enjoys cooking, cycling, and travel.



H. Henry Lai, MD

Building Your Research Portfolio – Table 13

Dr. H. Henry Lai is the Urology Department Chair and Rubin H. Flocks Chair in Urology at the University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine. He is a practicing urologist, and a clinician-scientist with clinical, translational, and basic research focus on interstitial cystitis and urinary incontinence. He has been continuously funded by the NIH. Dr. Lai is the PI and Chair of the NIDDK LURN (Symptoms of Lower Urinary Tract Dysfunction Research Network), PI of the NIDDK MAPP (Multi-disciplinary Approach to the Study of Chronic Pelvic Pain) Research Network, and PI of the NIDDK USDRN (Urinary Stone Disease Research Network). He has served on the Examination Committee of the American Board of Urology. He has also served on the AUA Guideline Panel on interstitial cystitis and has chaired the AUA Guideline Panel on male chronic pelvic pain. He is the Section Editor of the AUA Core Curriculum and Associate Editor of Neurourology and Urodynamics. Dr. Lai has a solid track record of publication and has authored over 200 papers. He was a recipient of the Rising Stars in Urology Research Award from the American Urological Association, and the Paul Zimskind Award from The Society of Urodynamics, Female Pelvic Medicine & Urogenital Reconstruction.



Costas D. Lallas, MD, FACS

SAU/Urology Residency Match – Table 2

Dr. Costas Lallas is the Nathan Lewis Hatfield Professor and Vice Chair of Education in the Department of Urology at the Sidney Kimmel Medical College of Thomas Jefferson University. He completed medical school at Sidney Kimmel (Jefferson) Medical College before completing general surgery and urology training at the Duke University Medical Center in Durham, NC. He next completed a one-year fellowship in minimally invasive urologic



oncology at the Mayo Clinic in Phoenix, Arizona before coming back to Jefferson in 2005.

Dr. Lallas has dedicated much of his career at Jefferson toward education, and is heavily involved in UME, GME and CME for his institution, and at regional and national levels, holding multiple leadership positions. He has served as the Secretary and President of the Philadelphia Urological Society (PUS) and still sits on the board, is a past President and board member of the Mid-Atlantic Section of the AUA, and currently is a member-at-large of the Society of Academic Urologists, chairing the subcommittee on medical student engagement. He has been the Program Director for the Jefferson Einstein Urology residency for the last 5 years. Clinically, he has focused his career on the minimally invasive surgical management of urologic malignancies, and has been the Director of Robotic Surgery for TJUH since helping to start the program in 2005. Over the last 2 decades, Dr. Lallas has mentored countless students who have been interested in Urology regarding their application for residency. He is passionate about mentorship, and will continue to dedicate his career toward this endeavor over the *next* 2 decades.



Yeonsoo Sara Lee, MD

Social Media and Personal Brand – Table 11

Yeonsoo Sara Lee is a urology resident at Mayo Clinic Florida whose work centers on health equity, advocacy, and the integration of medical humanities into surgical practice. She earned her medical degree from the Mayo Clinic Alix School of Medicine and holds a Bachelor of Science in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology from Yale College, where she was a four-year varsity Academic All-American on the women's rowing team. Prior to medicine, she worked as a field ecologist and research assistant.



Her interest in health equity began during disease ecology fieldwork in Brazil as a Parker Huang Fellow. She later conducted research at Brigham and Women's Hospital in the Division of Women's Health, examining HIV care delivery in sub-Saharan Africa and breast cancer screening for at-risk populations in the U.S. and Rwanda. In urology, her scholarship focuses on disparities in access to urologic care, patient engagement, and advocacy-driven health policy. She has authored calls to action in the *Journal of Women's Health*, *Cleveland Clinic Journal of Medicine*, and *Health Affairs*. She previously served as National Advocacy Chair for the American Medical Women's Association (AMWA) Student Division and currently serves on the American Urological Association's Policy and Advocacy Resident Executive Committee.

Lee is also a medical illustrator and author of *The ABC's of Anatomy* (2022), an Amazon Top New Release. Her urologic illustrations have been featured in peer-reviewed journals—including the cover of *The Journal of Urology*®—as well as in *Urologic Clinics*, conferences, and national collaborations. She was part of Mayo Clinic's inaugural cohort receiving Distinction in Applied Medical and Health Humanities and aims to integrate visual communication and advocacy into her career as a urologic surgeon-researcher.



Morgan Leff

Perspectives From a Matched Applicant – Table 3

Morgan Leff is a fourth-year medical student at the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania. She grew up in Columbus, Ohio and completed her bachelor's degree in

Anthropology at Washington University in St. Louis in 2022. Her primary research interests include social determinants of health and financial toxicity in urologic oncology. Morgan currently serves as the Mid-Atlantic Section representative to the AUA Medical



Student Membership Workgroup. She will begin her first year of urology residency this summer at Penn Medicine.



Dan Luca

Perspectives From a Matched Applicant – Table 4

Dan Luca is a fourth-year medical student at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA and an incoming PGY-1 resident in urologic surgery at Yale School of Medicine. He completed his undergraduate education at the University of California, Berkeley.

He is passionate about medical education and earned a Master's degree in Education from the UCLA School of Education and Information Studies, with a focus on effective teaching and curriculum development. During medical school, he served as a USMLE Step 1 and Step 2 tutor and as a Surgery Clerkship Clinical Mentor.

His research in urology focuses on prostate cancer detection using micro-ultrasound technology, with an emphasis on improving diagnostic accuracy. He also held leadership roles within the Urology Interest Group and the Medical Spanish and Language Justice Group, promoting language-concordant care and health equity.

He is excited to begin residency at Yale School of Medicine and to continue his work in urologic research, medical education, and mentorship.



Joanna Orzel, MD

Women in Urology – Table 15

Dr. Joanna Orzel is a urology resident physician at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, where she is completing her training in 2026. After completion of residency training, she will be starting her urogynecology and reconstructive pelvic surgery fellowship at the University of Michigan. Her clinical and research interests encompass pediatric and reconstructive



urology, female pelvic medicine, and health equity within surgical education and workforce development. Dr. Orzel currently serves as a resident representative to the Board of Directors for the Society of Women in Urology. A graduate of Georgetown University School of Medicine, she earned her Doctor of Medicine degree magna cum laude and was inducted into the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society. She previously earned dual Bachelor of Arts degrees in Chemistry and Spanish, with a minor in Medical Sociology from Miami University, where she was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. Outside of medicine, she is an avid marathon runner, ice cream enthusiast, and movie score aficionado.



Pablo Eduardo Puente

Urology Interest Groups – Table 17

Pablo Eduardo Puente is a third-year medical student at the University of Illinois-Chicago (UIC) College of Medicine. He serves as the president of the Urology Interest Group at UIC and as the LMSA National Urology Specialty Section Leader. Additionally, he is part of the Urban Medicine (UMed) scholar program. Originally from Venezuela, Pablo proudly earned his bachelor's degree from Florida International University in Miami, FL, becoming a first-generation graduate. His dedication to addressing health disparities has been shaped by his experiences as a CaRE2 Postbac Trainee at the University of Southern California, where he focused on researching health disparities among Black Americans and Hispanics/Latinos in California and Florida. Furthermore, he was a research assistant in the Savaraj Lab, a translational lab at the Miami VA and Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center, where his work aimed to enhance understanding of checkpoint inhibitor resistance in melanoma. As a Venezuelan pursuing medicine, Pablo is deeply committed to building connections with his patients, delivering high-



quality care to underserved communities, and addressing social determinants of health to reduce cancer disparities among minority populations within the healthcare system.



Amit Reddy, MD

Getting Involved With the AUA – Table 8

Amit Reddy, MD is currently a Male Reproductive Medicine and Microsurgery Fellow at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) Department of Urology. He completed his medical degree at Tulane University School of Medicine and his urology residency at Baylor College of Medicine, where he also served as chief resident. Dr. Reddy is affiliated with Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center and UCLA Santa Monica Medical Center.



Maria Veronica Rodriguez, MD

Matching for Internationals – Table 7

Maria Veronica Rodriguez is a Pediatric Urology Fellow at Emory University | Children's Healthcare of Atlanta. Originally from Maracaibo, Venezuela, she earned her medical degree from Universidad del Zulia, where she first discovered her passion for pediatric urology. She subsequently moved to the United States to further her training, completing a Postdoctoral Research Fellowship in Pediatric Urology at The University of Chicago. She then pursued general surgery training at UT Health San Antonio and Lincoln Medical Center in New York City. Dr. Rodriguez went on to complete her urology residency at Doctors Hospital at Renaissance in McAllen, Texas, where she was honored with the GME Legacy Resident of the Year Award for her exceptional dedication, leadership, and commitment to patient-centered care and medical education.



Her research and academic interests focus on advancing open and minimally invasive surgical techniques for pediatric patients. Outside the operating room, Dr. Rodriguez can often be found rounding the hospital in her signature Texan boots, traveling with her dog Eve, enjoying Zumba, or spending time outdoors.



Sonam Saxena

AUA Advocacy – Table 12

Sonam Saxena is a current fourth-year medical student at Drexel University College of Medicine in Philadelphia, PA. She was first introduced to urology through a pediatric urology research internship in college and continued to build interest in medical school. In between her third and fourth years of medical school, she completed a research year at Hackensack University Medical Center, which increased her exposure to the field of robotics in adult urology. Outside of research, she has contributed to the field of urology through the Policy and Advocacy Resident Work Group, which is a group committed to improving access to information and opportunities regarding health policy. She first joined the group as a general member and is now on the Executive Committee.



Brett Teplitz, MD

Getting Involved With the AUA – Table 9

Brett Teplitz, MD is a current chief resident at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center in Pittsburgh, PA and incoming pediatric urology fellow at the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia. He has served as the Northeastern Section representative to the AUA Residents and Fellows Committee (RFC) since 2022 and is also the RFC liaison to the AUA Medical Student Membership Workgroup. Dr. Teplitz has conducted research in simulation-based training, pediatric urology, and reconstructive urology. He is interested in transitional



urology, helping pediatric patients seamlessly move from the pediatric to adult care worlds.



Adam B. Weiner, MD

Social Media and Personal Brand – Table 10

Adam B. Weiner, MD is a urologist at Cedars Sinai Medical Center and Adjunct Assistant Clinical Professor at UCLA. He obtained his bachelor's degree from Yale and medical degree from the University of Chicago. He then completed his urology residency at Northwestern Medicine in Chicago and fellowship in urologic oncology at UCLA. Dr. Weiner's urology practice focuses on patients with prostate cancer and his lab investigates translational genomics. He has co-authored over 80 peer-reviewed publications and has received research funding from the Prostate Cancer Foundation and the United States Department of Defense.



Jennifer Yates, MD

SAU/Urology Residency Match – Table 1

Jennifer K. Yates, MD is an Associate Professor and Vice Chair of Academic Affairs at the University of Massachusetts Chan Medical School, where she serves as Residency Program Director. Her practice focuses primarily on renal and bladder cancer. She completed medical school at the Saint Louis University School of Medicine in St. Louis, MO, followed by residency at Brown University - Rhode Island Hospital, and a fellowship at Hackensack University Medical Center. Growing up, Dr. Yates moved frequently as the child of a military family, but she considers New England home and was excited to return to live and practice in Massachusetts. Dr. Yates is heavily involved in both the regional and national AUA. She currently serves on the AUA Public Policy Council, AUA Medical Student Education

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Committee (MSEC), and as the MSEC liaison to the AUA Medical Student Membership Workgroup. Dr. Yates is also President-Elect of the New England Section of the AUA and a former graduate of the AUA Leadership Program (2018-2019).