

## **INTRODUCTION**

The purpose of this Residency Handbook is to provide both residents and faculty members with a blueprint of the learning objectives for the Program in Urological Surgery at the University of Texas Health Sciences Center at San Antonio. This program has a long history of excellence in didactic, clinical, and research contributions to the field of Urologic Surgery and has trained a superb group of urologic surgeons who are now leaders in the field throughout the United States.

All faculty members and residents will be provided with an updated copy of this handbook annually. It is a living document, changing with the constantly changing field of Urologic Surgery as well as the changing needs for resident education.

The *raison d'être* of the Department of Urology at the UTHSCSA is education of residents and students, married with a dedication to the highest quality healthcare for our patients as well as a commitment to furthering the knowledge base in the field of Urologic Surgery. These three missions are inextricably linked and each enhances the other two. Our strategic goals for the Department of Urology are one and the same with these three fundamental elements of the program.

## **DEFINITION OF THE SPECIALTY OF UROLOGY**

The definition of the Specialty of Urology has been stated by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education:

*Urology is the medical and surgical specialty involving disorders of the genitourinary tract, including the adrenal gland. Specialists in this discipline must demonstrate the knowledge, skill, and understanding of the pertinent basic medical sciences. Residency programs must educate physicians in the prevention, diagnosis, and medical management & surgical treatment including reconstruction necessary due to urologic disease processes.*

## **SCOPE OF EDUCATION**

The Residency Training Program in Urology at the University of Texas Health Sciences Center at San Antonio is a five-year training program. It is a dynamic and growing residency-training program, and is designed to allow maximum development of the individual resident. The breadth of the program prepares one quite well for either the private practice of urology or the pursuit of academic interest. We offer four positions for each of the five years of training. Three of these are civilian positions and one is reserved for a designated military trainee. The PGY1 training year is a pre-specialty training year in general surgery and associated disciplines according to the Urology RC guidelines. For the civilian trainees, this year is spent at the hospitals associated with the UTHSCSA Department of Surgery program. The military trainees are usually assigned to a surgical internship through San Antonio Military Medical Center before joining the program in the PGY-2 (U-1) year. Some of these residents have finished more than one pre-urology year anticipating this residency.

The graduated responsibilities from the U-1 (PGY-2) through the U-3 (PGY-4) year prepare the chief residents very well for the responsibilities of organizing and day-to-day

operations of the large clinical services at University Hospital, Santa Rosa Health Care System and the V.A. Health Care System. As U-3s, the residents on the Pediatrics and Methodist rotations are essentially chief residents in charge of a service.

The final twelve months of the urology educational program is spent as a Chief Resident (U-4) with appropriate clinical responsibility under supervision in participating institutions of the UTHSCSA Residency Training Program in Urology. To be considered a graduate of the program, residents must complete the full length of the educational program which meets all Urology Review Committee (RC) and ACGME requirements.

There are occasions when residents may require additional time in training to complete the program. This complicates the training of the residents following and may or may not be fundable. Additional Training time for any resident must be approved by the CCC, PEC, Program Director and the Department Chair.

Non-adherence to the proscribed educational plan of the residency program may result in the completion of time in the program without being ABU certifiable.

#### **PROGRAM EVALUATION COMMITTEE (PEC):**

The PEC meets on a regular basis to assess the overall educational program. Input from the Clinical Competency Committee (CCC - see below) is also taken into account when addressing developmental issues for the program. All aspects of the program are reviewed at least annually including the curriculum, rotation schedules, goals & objectives for each rotation, performance of the graduates, research opportunities, responses to ACGME recommendations, internal review recommendations, faculty assignments, faculty & resident rotation and program evaluations, resident survey results, faculty survey results, etc. The goal of this committee is to continually improve the character and efficiency of the educational effort. We hope to turn out the best-educated, clinically competent and surgically talented group of new urologists each year.

#### **FACULTY MEMBERS - DEPARTMENT OF UROLOGY**

##### **University Teaching Faculty**

Basler, Joseph MD, PhD	Professor / Clinical <b>Residency Program Director</b> <b>Site Director - STVAHCS</b>
Hernandez, Javier MD	Associate Professor / Clinical <b>Assistant Program Director</b>
Jones, LeRoy MD	Assistant Professor / Clinical <b>Site Director - Methodist</b>
Kaushik, Dharam MD	Assistant Professor / Clinical
Kraus, Stephen MD	Professor <b>Vice-Chairman</b>
Liss, Michael MD	Assistant Professor / Clinical
Rodriguez, Ronald MD, PhD	Professor <b>Chairman</b>
Rozanski, Thomas MD	Professor / Clinical <b>Director - Clinical Operations - MARC</b>
Svatek, Robert MD	Associate Professor

	<b>Site Director - SRMC</b>
Thompson Jr., Ian MD	Professor <b>Director - Cancer Therapy and Research Center</b>
Tseng, Timothy MD	Assistant Professor / Clinical <b>Site Director - UH</b>
Crystal M. Montez	<b>Academic Program Coordinator</b>

### University Research Faculty

Robin Leach, PhD	Professor
Pratap Kumar, PhD	Professor
Rita Ghosh, PhD	Associate Professor
Susan Padalecki, PhD	Associate Professor
Dean Bacich, PhD	Associate Professor / Research
Denise O'Keefe, PhD	Associate Professor / Research
Teresa Johnson-Pais, PhD	Associate Professor / Research
Donna P. Ankerst, PhD	Professor
Mithilesh Jha, PhD	Assistant Professor
Ping Wu, PhD	Senior Research Scientist
James Nkambwe Mubiru, PhD	Assistant Professor (Adjunct)

### Adjunct/Adjoint Clinical Faculty

Cantrill, Christopher MD	Clinical Assistant Professor
Case, John MD	Clinical Instructor (Pending)
Centeno, Arthur S. MD	Clinical Assistant Professor
	Clinical Assistant Professor
Dabbous, Ash M. MD	<b>Site Director Methodist Stone Oak</b>
Furman, Jaime MD	Assistant Professor / Clinical
Harmon, William J. MD	Clinical Associate Professor
Hlavinka, Timothy C. MD	Clinical Instructor
Hudnall, Clayton MD	Clinical Instructor
Kavoussi, Parviz MD	Clinical Instructor (Pending)
	Assistant Professor / Clinical
Leslie, Jeffrey MD	<b>Site Director - Pediatric Urology (Methodist, UH, CHOSA)</b>
Peel, Jennifer PhD	Associate Professor of Anesthesiology (Pending)
Phillips, Timothy	Assistant Professor / Clinical
Prieto, Juan MD	Assistant Professor / Clinical
	Assistant Professor / Clinical
Ruiz, Henry MD	<b>Site Director - Renaissance Hospital</b>
Saltzstein, Daniel MD	Clinical Instructor
Singleton, Randall MD	Clinical Associate Professor
Spence, Ritchie MD	Clinical Professor (Retired)
Stallman, Kenneth MD	Clinical Instructor (Pending)

Vassar, George J. MD	Clinical Assistant Professor
Wolff, Hugh L. MD	Clinical Professor (Retired 2016)

### **PARTICIPATING INSTITUTIONS**

The residency training program utilizes five hospital systems to provide a varied experience. These include [University Hospital](#) (UH), the South Texas [V.A. Health Care System](#) (VA), **Santa Rosa Health Care System** (SRMC, CHOSA), St. Luke's Baptist Hospital and [Southwest Methodist Hospital](#) System (MH). The University Hospital is the full service public hospital for Bexar County including the main level-1 trauma center in San Antonio. The Audie L. Murphy VA Hospital Complex includes the inpatient surgical wards, the largest outpatient Urology clinic in the medical center, the spinal cord unit, the poly-trauma unit and extended care facilities. The Santa Rosa Health Care System includes Children's Hospital of San Antonio and the northwest medical center (SRMC) hospital. The main site for the pediatric urology rotation is the University Hospital, though there is a growing presence at the Methodist Children's Hospital. The Methodist Hospital System includes Southwest Methodist, Methodist Specialty & Transplant and Methodist Children's Hospitals all within walking distance from the medical school. A new agreement with Forest Park Medical Center may be approved soon and allow residents to participate in cases at that institution.