

Urology News



From the chair

Christopher E. Keel, D.O., FACS

Summer always feels like a milestone season for our department, and this year is no exception. As I look back over the past several months, I'm struck by how much our team has grown, both in clinical capability and in the depth of talent joining our ranks.

We recently welcomed Steven Saweikis, M.D., as our newest intern. A recent graduate of Louisiana State University, Dr. Saweikis joins our residency program at an exciting time, as we continue to expand our clinical footprint and training opportunities across the Gulf Coast.

We are now providing surgical care at USA Health Providence Hospital, extending University Urology's reach to another major hospital in the Mobile market. This growth allows us to bring our full range of advanced urologic services, including robotic surgery, sexual medicine and advanced minimally invasive endourology, to even more patients across the region.

We are also pleased to welcome Nick Deebel, M.D., and Troy Sofinowski, M.D., to our faculty. Their arrival represents a significant investment in subspecialty care for our patients and an expanded breadth of expertise for our residents to learn from.

None of this growth happens by accident. It reflects the continued dedication of our faculty, the resilience and curiosity of our residents, and the trust our patients and referring colleagues place in us every day. I'm proud of what this team has built and even more excited about what's ahead.

As always, thank you for being part of our journey. We look forward to sharing more in the months to come.



Achievements



Moreland matches at Brown University for fellowship

Urology resident Hannah Moreland, M.D., PGY-5, matched in male reproductive medicine and surgery at Brown University/Rhode Island Hospital.

The one-year fellowship, which admits a single fellow per year, focuses on male infertility with an on-site andrology laboratory and state-of-the-art sperm bank.

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Meet our new urology faculty members

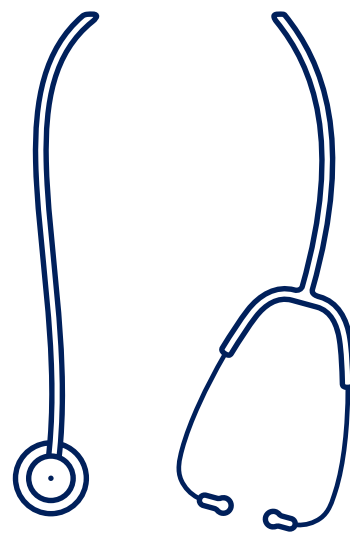
USA Health University Urology and the Department of Urology recently welcomed two faculty members, urologists Nicholas A. Deebel, M.D., and Troy M. Sofinowski, M.D.

Deebel is a fellowship-trained urologist who specializes in men's sexual health and male infertility. Sofinowski is an endourologist who specializes in treating benign prostate hyperplasia (BPH) and stone disease. Both Deebel and Sofinowski joined the department Aug. 1 as assistant professors of urology at USA's Frederick P. Whiddon College of Medicine.

"As our department continues to grow, additions like these allow us to extend access to advanced urologic care further into the communities we serve, while strengthening the academic foundation that has always set our program apart," said Urology Chair Christopher Keel, D.O.

Deebel earned his medical degree from Virginia Commonwealth University School of Medicine in Richmond, Virginia. He completed his urologic surgery residency at Wake Forest University School of Medicine in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, where he served as chief resident. He then completed a fellowship in andrology and male infertility at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine in Chicago, where he trained under world-renowned specialists in men's sexual health and male fertility.

Sofinowski earned his medical degree from the University of Maryland Baltimore School of Medicine. He completed residency training at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center in Oklahoma City and an endourology fellowship at Prisma Health/University of South Carolina Greenville School of Medicine. He is completing both a Master of Science in Clinical Research and the Harvard Catalyst Certificate in Applied Biostatistics. He holds board certification from the American Board of Urology.



Nicholas Deebel, M.D.



Troy Sofinowski, M.D.

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Photos and Highlights



Residents Hannah Moreland, M.D., and Marjorie Jones, M.D., join medical students at the Urogynecology and Male Infertility booth at the Reproductive Health Fair.



Residents and faculty members pose with Flo the Bladder at the 2026 American Urological Association annual meeting in May.



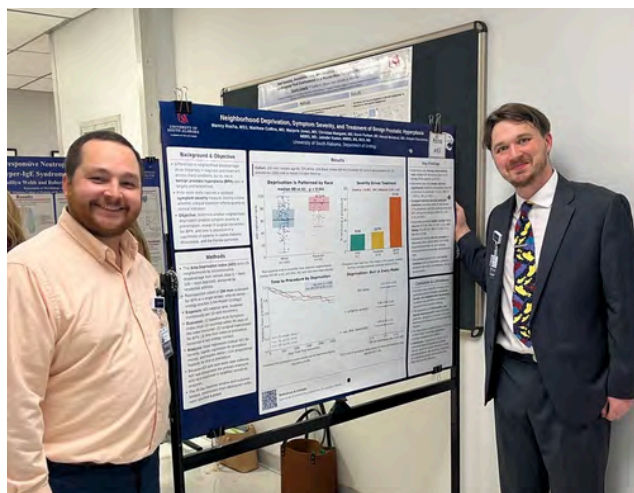
Urology residents are treated to an afternoon tea at the home of urologist Jatinder Kumar, MBBS, M.D.



Residents attend the Urology Resident Promotion Dinner to celebrate the end of the academic year.



Hannah Moreland, M.D., celebrates matching into an SSMR-accredited fellowship in male reproductive medicine and surgery at Brown University.



Research fellow Matthew Collins, D.O., left, poses with medical student Manny Rocha at the 53rd Annual Medical Student Research Day.

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Resident spotlight

Steven Saweikis, M.D., PGY-1

A first-generation college student, Steven Saweikis, M.D., completed an undergraduate degree in biological engineering from Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge with a senior design project involving the fabrication of a multi-component incubator to facilitate the use of a microfluidic device.

He earned his medical degree from LSU Health New Orleans, where he graduated with Alpha Omega Alpha honors. While in medical school, he volunteered in the Student-Run Community Clinic and served as Student Government Association class secretary. He is interested in pursuing a career in oncology or reconstruction.

Outside of medicine, Saweikis enjoys jogging, trying new restaurants/cocktail bars, board and card games (Skip-Bo), reading, and rewatching "Harry Potter" and "Gilmore Girls."

