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SUMMER 2021

# Division of Urologic Surgery

## Message from the Chief

We have made it through many dark days of the pandemic and our clinical activities now surpass the pre-pandemic levels. We hope to avoid another COVID-19 surge associated with the Delta variant. Despite all the challenges that we have faced in the past 18 months, our specialty services continue to grow at BIDMC and network affiliates. We offer services at four different off-site locations in the greater Boston area to better serve our community. We are excited about new clinical services that we will be offering with the expansion of our faculty members.



— **ARIA F. OLUMI, MD**

WHAT'S NEW IN PRACTICE



**Dr. Marissa Kent** has joined BIDMC as our newest faculty member. After finishing her residency training and reconstructive surgery fellowship programs at Mt. Sinai Medical Center in New York, Dr. Kent has developed expertise in urologic reconstructive surgery with special interest in gender reaffirming surgery. Her arrival will enhance and strengthen the multidisciplinary team of the transgender reaffirming program, comprised of urology, endocrinology, plastic surgery, Ob/Gyn, behavioral services and Fenway Health.

## Robotic prostatectomy is extraordinarily safe at BIDMC

How do we know? We track every outcome that occurs and constantly look for ways to make surgery safer and better.



1.24

Average Hospital Stay / Days



2.3%

Major Complications



0.0%

Conversion to Open Surgery



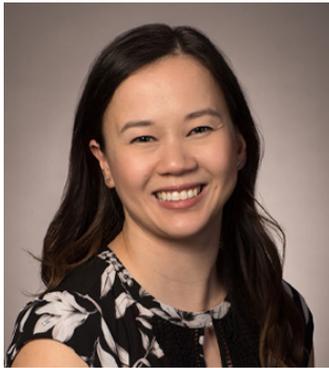
0.5%

Blood Transfusion Rate

## WHAT'S NEW IN EDUCATION

We welcome our new minimally invasive surgery fellow, **Dr. MJ Councilman**, and urology residents, **Drs. Sina Monfared and Michelle Shabo**. We are

honored to have an opportunity to play a role in their education and set them up for success in their careers.



**May Jean Councilman, MD**  
MIS Fellow - Urology  
Thomas Jefferson University



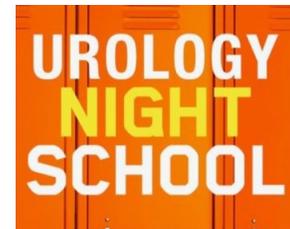
**Sina H.B. Monfared, MD**  
Urologic Surgery, PGY-1  
Boston University  
School of Medicine, 2021



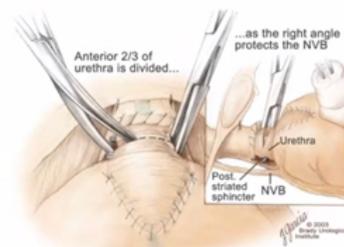
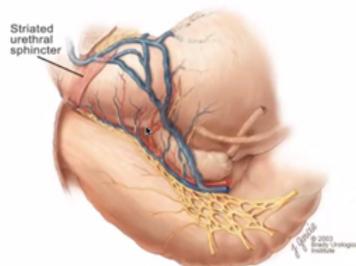
**Michelle R. Shabo, MD**  
Urologic Surgery, PGY-1  
University of Massachusetts  
Medical School, 2021

### Urology Night School

Urology faculty and residents joined forces to offer 11 sessions of a “Night School” program to educate over 60 medical students from across the globe on various urology topics – ranging from prostate cancer to male infertility and microsurgery, and advanced robotic surgery. The program received outstanding feedback from medical students, “An amazing opportunity especially for people who do not have home programs, Thank you so much for doing this for future urologists!” Thanks to all faculty and residents for their participation. Thanks to **Dr. Ruslan Korets** for leading the charge and organizing a highly valuable program for medical students.



#### Anatomy



Campbell-Walsh Urology 2016

## HONORS AND AWARDS

National Institute of Health has created a new standing study section for research grants (Kidney and Urological Systems Function and Dysfunction – KUFD). **Dr. Aria Olumi** has been named as a permanent member of the review panel and will serve a four-year term (2021-2025).

**Dr. Steven Eyre**, Chief of urology at BID-Needham, has been selected to participate in the BILH Physician Leadership Program – an institutional program that enhances leadership abilities and team-building practices.

**Dr. Kenneth Softness**, BIDMC Urology resident (PGY4), has been selected by the New England AUA to represent the New England team for the resident bowl at the annual AUA meeting – a competition between different AUA sections about the residents’ clinical urology knowledge.

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