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Introduction from the Urology Care Foundation and AUA Research Council

On behalf of the Urology Care Foundation Board of Directors and the American Urological Association (AUA) Research Council, we are proud to recognize this year's Urology Care Foundation Research Awardees. The core of the Foundation's mission is to support and improve urological care by funding research, supporting global humanitarian efforts, developing patient education and pursuing philanthropic support. The pages that follow demonstrate our strong commitment to this mission and acknowledge the outstanding investigators engaged in Foundation-supported research. We also thank our donors, industry partners, research institutions and mentors for their critical and essential support. To that end, we invite you to join us in celebrating our 2022 Awardees of Distinction, our researchers who are completing their studies this year, and our new and currently-funded investigators.



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**Harris M. Nagler, MD,
FACS**
*President, Urology Care
Foundation*



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Steven A. Kaplan, MD
Chair, Research Council



*Acceptance Notes
from the 2022
Awardees of Distinction*

JOHN W. DUCKETT, JR., MD PEDIATRIC UROLOGY RESEARCH EXCELLENCE AWARD



Christopher S. Cooper, MD, FACS, FAAP

Tyrone D. Artz Chair in Urology

Professor and Vice Chairman of Urology

Director of Pediatric Urology

Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education

University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine

I am both thrilled and honored to be the recipient of the 2022 UCF-AUA John W. Duckett, Jr., MD Pediatric Urology Research Excellence Award. To be selected by the previous recipients of this award is humbling as I know well the impact each of their research efforts have made on advancing the field of pediatric urology. I am honored to stand among this respected group who continue to advance the care of children through research. It is thrilling to receive this award which provides me an element of confirmation that my research efforts have also been impactful. The John W. Duckett, Jr. award, named after an untiring, innovative, legend in pediatric urology, motivates and challenges me to continue my research efforts. It is through these efforts that I too strive to advance the field of pediatric urology and the care of children suffering with urologic conditions.

RICHARD D. WILLIAMS, MD PROSTATE CANCER RESEARCH EXCELLENCE AWARD



Dr. Natasha Kyprianou, MBBS, PhD

Professor of Urology, Oncological Sciences and Pathology

Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai

It is incredibly humbling to receive this award honoring the legacy of my hero in Urology, Dr. Richard Williams. What a distinct privilege, not only in the knowledge that my work on understanding mechanisms of therapeutic cross-resistance between taxane chemotherapy and antiandrogens is impacting the clinical management of patients with prostate cancer, but also because of the strong connection I shared with Dr. Williams during my academic journey. He was a tremendous inspirational figure who fueled my passion for research and discovery of therapeutic strategies to overcome lethal prostate cancer. This award, is one of the most wonderful honors of my life and a remarkable reminder that we must keep on fighting for the high cause and save of lives of men suffering with prostate cancer". Thank you again the UCF and AUA for selecting me for this award (I know I am standing on the shoulders of giants who came before me like Dr. Charles Sawyers, Arul Chinnayan, William Catalone, Lawrence Klotz).

UROLOGY CARE FOUNDATION DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS AWARD



Glenn M. Preminger, MD

Duke University Medical Center

James F. Glenn Professor of Urologic Surgery

I am truly honored and humbled by the Urology Care Foundation to receive the Distinguished Alumnus Award. My two years as an “AFUD – American Foundation of Urologic Disease” Scholar served as the foundation for my clinical and basic science research career. My mentors, Charlie Pak and Ralph Clayman at UT Southwestern Medical Center provided me the tools to focus on both the clinical and basic science tools to study both medical and minimally invasive management of patients with recurrent nephrolithiasis. Moreover, multiple colleagues and mentors have been crucial to my development as a research scholar. Collaboration, dedication and commitment have been essential over the years to ultimately improve care for our patients.

UROLOGY CARE FOUNDATION DISTINGUISHED MENTOR AWARD



Alan B. Diekman, PhD

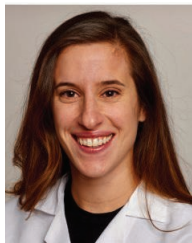
Professor of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, and Urology

College of Medicine

University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences

I am honored and humbled to receive this recognition from the Urology Care Foundation. I owe a great deal of gratitude to my own mentors, both formal and informal, who have guided and advised me during my career. Their example instilled me with a commitment to the training of the next generation of scientific investigators. I am also thankful for a wonderful group of research trainees whose intellectual curiosity and energy are an inspiration. I am extremely grateful for the support my trainees received from the Urology Care Foundation, the American Urological Association, and the Arkansas Urologic Society.

UROLOGY CARE FOUNDATION OUTSTANDING GRADUATE SCHOLAR AWARD



Zeynep G. Gul, MD

Society of Urologic Oncology Fellow

University of Pittsburgh Medical Center

I am thankful to the AUA and Urology Care Foundation for supporting this research, and I am grateful and honored to be selected as an Outstanding Graduate Scholar. This project would not have been possible without the guidance, support, and patience of my mentors Dr. Bruce Jacobs and Dr. Benjamin Davies or the invaluable insights of our collaborators Dr. Chad Ellimoottil and Dr. Kimberly Rak. I would also like to thank the many other mentors who have provided guidance and encouragement throughout my training. I am excited to continue my research and to build on the opportunities this award has provided.



Renea M. Sturm, MD

Assistant Professor of Urology

University of California Los Angeles

I am grateful and humbled to receive this award from the AUA and the Urology Care Foundation. The support provided by this program has been pivotal in supporting my development as a surgeon-scientist, and research leading to the development of highly elastic biomaterials for the urinary tract. I sincerely appreciate the mentorship of Drs. Khademhosseini, Annabi, and Garraway, and our research team's adaptability and support during these past two years of unprecedented challenges. Each team member's dedication in the face of COVID-19 related closures and changes has been truly inspiring throughout this time. I look forward to continued partnership with an ever-expanding innovative, collaborative network at UCLA and beyond.



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2022-2024 Weiping Li, PhD

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2022-2024 Firoj Alom, PhD

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2022-2024 Nirmish Singla, MD

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2021-2022 Scott Lundy, MD, PhD
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Societies for Pediatric Urology Sushil Lacy, MD Award

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2022-2024 Nathalia Amado, PhD

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2021-2023 Deborah Kaye, MD
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2021-2022 Ashley Pittman
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2022-2023 Brittany Tian
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