



# Post-Convention NEWS

## Message from the President



Chandru Sundaram, MD  
President

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The annual meeting of the Indiana Urologic Association was held at the Hyatt Regency in downtown Indianapolis on February 6 – 7, 2009. By all accounts it was a tremendous success. This was entirely due to the meticulous planning by our past president, Dr. Samuel Thompson, with the able organization of Sue O'Sullivan and the team from WJ Weiser and Associates. On the evening of Friday, February 6<sup>th</sup> the reception hosted in the exhibit hall was well attended. It allowed the members to interact with representatives from the companies whose support made the meeting possible.

On Saturday, the CME meeting from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon followed a mid-level provider's session. Speakers included Drs. Kevin McVary from Northwestern University and Wayne Hellstrom from Tulane University. Drs. Richard Rink and Mark Cain from Indiana University provided a comprehensive overview of pediatric urology. The residents' case presentation continued with the high standards set by the earlier speakers. The residents included Drs. Paula Bunde, Clint Cary, Matthew Mellon, Rahul Mehan and Rishi Mhapsekar.

After an update on EMR during lunch, Dr. Peter Knapp and Mr. Matt Swentkofske provided an update on the AACU State Society Network. With the changes in health policy that are expected, it is important that we remain organized and work together.

The meeting was well attended and the evaluations were very complimentary. I will briefly summarize the results of a survey of the participants at the meeting. 93% felt that the meeting altered their practice. The diseases that were of most interest were: prostate cancer (74%), kidney cancer and bladder cancer (67%), BPH and kidney stones (63%), urinary incontinence (52%) and ED (44%). Technology that was of most interest included laparoscopy (75%) followed by robotics and IMRT (62.5%).

As we begin planning for our meeting in 2010, we are looking forward to seeing even more participation at our meeting. We are hoping to see every region of the state represented at the meeting. I will be delighted to hear from you with suggestions for future meetings.

Sincerely,  
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## President-Elect's Report

Our organization has grown significantly. Each meeting has been better than its predecessor. The contributions of Drs. Steidle and Thompson have been inspiring, and I look forward to serving Dr. Sundaram, and our society, as president-elect. Our meeting has become a highlight on my professional schedule. With the ever-changing landscape in medicine/urology there will be a plethora of engaging topics to explore in the future. Next year's meeting will build on the momentum and the enthusiasm already set in motion. I look forward to seeing you all next year.

Mark D. Dabagia, MD  
President-Elect, IUA

## Message from the President of the IUA/NP/PA Association

Each month seems to bring forth more opportunities for Mid Level Providers (MLP) in the field of urology. The American Urological Association (AUA) has embraced the role of the MLP of the non-physician provider and acknowledges that we have a positive impact to the specialty as a true compliment to their practice of urology. Locating the MLP, determining their roles, developing competencies, pay, benefits and training the MLP in urology appears to be the biggest challenge.

During the most recent years, the AUA has begun to offer classes during their annual meeting for non-physician providers. These classes have been well attended, well received and greatly appreciated by the membership of the AUA. During the most recent annual meeting in Chicago, a presentation on the Utilization and Training of the Non-Physician Provider was given. The response to the course was overwhelmingly positive. The discussion of how to appropriately utilize a non-physician provider was able to provide many urologists and MLPs with a clearer understanding what MLPs could do, billing for the MLP and the more appropriate utilization of the role. As a result of these efforts, the group is submitting proposals to the AUA to consider developing training courses for non-physician providers to assist them to evolve and mature in the role appropriate to urology, in accordance with limits of the state and national regulatory bodies.

In a recent article published in *Urology Nursing*, Dr. Jo Ann Kleier, presented the findings of her Delphi study in "Procedures Competencies and Job Functions of the Urologic Advanced Nurse." The findings can be utilized for providing information to continuing education providers of the types of programs that would be beneficial. I am in the process of replicating a modified version of this study for the Indiana Urologic Association. I am encouraging all MLPs to participate. If you are a MLP or a physician who employs MLPs and are willing to participate, please contact me, Janet Casperson: phone: (260) 436-6667, ext 280, email [Janetneiu@hotmail.com](mailto:Janetneiu@hotmail.com), or visit the IUA website for more information.

Janet M. Casperson, ANP  
President of Mid Level Providers  
Indiana Urology Association

## Message from the Representative to the NCS Board of Directors

The North Central Section 83rd Annual Meeting will be held November 9 – 14, 2009 at the JW Marriott Camelback in Scottsdale, Arizona. It is proposed to be the last meeting done in the "resort format". Plan on joining your colleagues in sunny Arizona in mid November for a wonderful educational experience. Please visit [www.ncsuaa.org](http://www.ncsuaa.org) for more information.

Teresa D. Beam, MD  
Representative to the NCS Board of Directors

## Secretary/Treasurer's Report

### Indiana Urologic Association, Inc. Administrative Summary of Financial Results For the three months ending March 31, 2009

#### Highlights to the Balance Sheet

##### Fund Balance

The IUA fund balance, as of March 31, 2009, totals \$76,035. IUA operates on a calendar year, modified cast basis for accounting purposes. For the three months ending March 31, 2009, IUA had an income excess of \$21,306.

##### Assets

###### Cash held at Chase Bank – Checking

As of March 31, 2009, cash held in the Chase checking account totaled \$75,044.

###### Cash held at Chase Bank – Indiana Account

The account balance as of the last statement date we received was \$990.

##### Liabilities

IUA has no outstanding liabilities at this time.

#### Highlights to the Operating Statement

##### Revenue/Expense Excess

As of March 31, 2009, the year-to-date income excess is \$21,306.

##### Revenue

Year-to-date income for the period was \$41,160. This was comprised of Membership Dues of \$7,795 and Meeting Income of \$33,300.

80 members have paid their 2009 dues. 64 members remain unpaid. Please encourage your colleagues to become members and pay their annual dues.

##### Expenses

Year-to-date expenses totaled \$19,854 and can be seen in detail on the Operating Statement. See "Fund Balance" notes above.

Overall, we are in good shape!

Robert S. Williams, MD  
Secretary/Treasurer, IUA  
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## Federal Affairs Update

The 2009 congressional calendar is becoming one of the more active in recent years, especially regarding issues related to health care. Health care reform is the hot topic of 2009, with the Senate Finance Committee releasing its first of three policy option position papers on April 29<sup>th</sup>. Hearings on these issues will be held throughout the summer.

### Congress Returns to Washington

Congress returned to Washington in late April, following their spring recess, with the House beginning their first week back on Tuesday, April 21<sup>st</sup>. The Senate returned for limited debate on Monday, April 20<sup>th</sup> to discuss financial regulations and for their regular session on the next day. Discussions are expected to begin shortly on various health care issues, including health care reform and Medicare payment reform. In a joint letter to President Obama sent on Monday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, Senator Max Baucus (D-MT), chair of the Senate Finance Committee, and Senator Ted Kennedy (D-MA), chair of the Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee, stated their intention for their respective panels to complete their markup of health care legislation by June. These committees share responsibility for health care reform issues in the Senate. House leadership has stated that they intend to hold a vote before the full House on their proposal by the end of August. The Senate Finance Committee, one of the committees charged with health care reform in the Senate, released a policy option document on April 29<sup>th</sup> that outlined some options for reform.

### Congress Passes 2010 Budget

On April 29<sup>th</sup>, Congress passed the \$3.55 trillion 2010 budget to coincide with the President's 100<sup>th</sup> day in office, keeping much of his original proposal intact, although making some changes to the original. The House passed the bill by a vote of 233-193, with 17 Democrats voting against it. In the Senate, the vote was 53-43, with four Democrats voting no, including newly minted Democrat Senator Arlen Specter. No Republicans in either chamber voted for the budget. The bill does include language easing the ability of the legislature to pass healthcare reform by forestalling the possibility of a filibuster in the Senate and reducing the necessary votes from 60, if opponents had launched a filibuster, to 51. The budget allows any healthcare initiative to be paid over the next 11 years, with cost estimates predicted to potentially run as high as \$1 trillion.

### Kathleen Sebelius Confirmed as Secretary of Health and Human Services

Former Kansas Governor Kathleen Sebelius was sworn in by President Obama as his Secretary of Health and Human Services on Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. She was confirmed by the full Senate that same day, by a vote of 65-31, with nine Republicans voting to approve her nomination. Early the previous week, the Senate Finance Committee voted 15-8 to send the nomination to the full Senate. The vote was largely along party lines with two Republicans voting with the majority. The Senate Republicans had filed an objection to a vote in the full chamber later in the week, which led the chamber's Democrats to threaten a cloture vote to force a vote. Her acceptance of campaign funds from a provider of late-term abortions and tax filing concerns had led to increased scrutiny of the nominee by conservative groups, who urged Republicans to oppose Sebelius. These issues were overshadowed by the swine flu scare, however, and the vote ultimately went through regular channels.

Bonnie Shadid, JD  
Federal Affairs Manager

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### **Movement for Direct Billing in Indiana Blocked**

As reported during the 2009 Indiana Urologic Association Annual Meeting, the College of American Pathologists continued their legislative push in 2009. Indiana Senate Bill 218 requires physicians to only direct bill for pathology services personally rendered. Their aim is to restrict and in most cases remove a urologist's ability to bill for an anatomic pathology service not personally rendered. The legislation is onerous, unnecessary and unfairly prohibits all specialists from directly billing for anatomic pathology services that are not performed by the provider or under his or her supervision.

The rationale for the legislation offered by pathologists is centered on disclosure of billing practices. They contend that a urologist sends samples to a pathologist for analysis and then bill the patient for pathology services in an amount that exceeds the pathology charge without informing or disclosing a mark-up to the patient. In some cases, pathologists contend that urologists or specialist are engaging in the unethical conduct of fraudulent business practices. Pathologists argue that the physician ordering the service instructs the pathologist to bill the physician rather than the patient for the purpose of marking up the fee charged for the analysis for profit off the pathologist's work.

This type of legislation is unnecessary, as the problem being addressed is overstated or even non-existent. Legislation should not restrict billing to a specific specialty as it does here with pathologists. Urologists must be vigilant on what effect this type of legislation could have on their practice now and in the future. Indeed, this type of legislation could set a dangerous precedent by showing other specialists, like radiologists, how they can mandate direct billing for their services. Restricting a urologist's ability to bill for these services restricts their ability to properly treat patients — plain and simple.

The Indiana legislature recently passed SB 218 requiring a health care provider or clinical laboratory that sends a patient sample for anatomic pathology services to a referral laboratory to disclose to the patient if the provider or laboratory has financial interest in the referral laboratory. It also prohibits providers from directly billing for anatomic pathology services that are not performed by the provider or under his/her supervision. However, with partnership between the Indiana Urologic Association and the AACU State Society Network advocacy, the direct billing portion of the provision was removed, lessening the impact for some urologists.

Matt Swentkofske  
State Affairs Manager

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## 2009 Interesting Case Award Winners

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The winners of the 2009 Interesting Case Competition were announced and congratulated.

### **1<sup>st</sup> Place Winner \$500**

Cancer in a 21-Year-Old Male

Rahul Mehan, MD

Indiana University School of Medicine

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Place Winner \$300**

Liposarcoma

Matthew Mellon, MD

Indiana University

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Place Winner \$100**

Is There a Diamond in Here? Formation of a Stone in an Ileal Conduit

Paula Bunde, MD

Indiana University School of Medicine

## **Industry Partners**

### **Thank You to Our 2009 Corporate Members**

American Medical Systems

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## **Exhibitors**

### **Thank You to Our 2009 Exhibitors**

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# MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**It's Never Too Early to Start Planning...**

**2009 NCS Annual Meeting**

November 9 – 14, 2009  
Camelback Inn, A JW Marriott Resort & Spa  
Scottsdale, Arizona

**2010 IUA Annual Meeting**

February 5 – 6, 2010  
Hyatt Regency Indianapolis  
Indianapolis, Indiana



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