



# Indiana Urologic Association POST-CONVENTION NEWS

## PRESIDENT-ELECT'S REPORT

I want to extend warm congratulations to Dr. Suh and the entire IUA Board of Directors for a wonderful Annual Meeting! Our organization continues to grow in scope and engagement and our winter meeting always highlights this compounding success. 2020 was no exception. The JW Marriott served as a beautiful backdrop for an outstanding agenda this year.

I cannot emphasize enough the vital role that our corporate partners play in the overall success of the IUA. We had a great group of vendors at this year's meeting and I want to thank our members who made it to the convention hall and spent some time with them. Their involvement and financial support is vital to the future growth of our organization.

The meeting showcased a number of wonderful speakers, targeting a wide range of urologic topics. We were honored to have as our NCS visiting professor Dr. Chris Gonzalez from Loyola University. His state of the art lecture on a number of reconstructive topics was high-yield for the audience. I want to thank Dr. Peter Knapp and Dr. Ron Suh both from Urology of Indiana who had excellent discussions on health care policy and MACRA/MIPS respectively. In addition, Dr. Hal Rosenbaum from Allied Urology in Jeffersonville reviewed current compliance issues regarding coding and billing.

In the afternoon Dr. Stacey Ikert from Infectious Diseases of Indiana gave a timely discussion on a number of ID scenarios. The annual resident interesting case presentations never fail to entertain. Dr. Ethan Ferguson was this year's winner, providing an awesome case presentation as well as a thoughtful poem. I will certainly never think of crudite in the same way! Finally, the attendees enjoyed a high-yield panel discussion on the evolving role of APPs in urology practice. I want to thank Christy Krieg, MSN, FNP from IU Urology, Trent Rees, PA-C from Urology Associates and Hillary Risk, FNP at Riley Hospital for Children for leading this discussion which tackled a number of topics including credentialing, billing, and supervision.

This last discussion was highly interactive and highlights a number of different practice models throughout Indiana. The IUA affords a unique opportunity for providers across our state to interact, learn and promote high-quality urologic care. Please encourage any colleagues who may be interested to join our organization. I am looking forward to next year's meeting and hope to see you there!

Regards,  
Matthew J. Mellon, MD

## SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT

The IUA Board would like to thank all that attended the 2020 IUA Annual Meeting. Our attendance was very strong and we have had very good feedback from multiple attendees. Our industry partners continue to be an integral part of making our annual meeting possible. Many thanks to the members that engaged with the vendors in the exhibit hall. In addition, Dr. Suh really did a great job overseeing the entire process of organizing the meeting.

Our membership continues to be very good, but I would like to challenge all members to invite colleagues (both MD's and APP's) in their community to join the IUA if not already involved. The financial standing of our organization is very stable, but a larger membership can open up more opportunities for the IUA to benefit Indiana. Stay healthy during this Covid-19 crisis and we look forward to seeing everyone next year at our annual meeting.

Hal Rosenbaum  
(David H. Rosenbaum, MD)

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE IUA/NP/PA ASSOCIATION

Thank you to all who made this year's IUA conference a success, from the attendees to the vendors, from speaker and panel members, to our wonderful colleagues at WJ Weiser.

A record number of APPs attended the 2020 conference and from all of us, I would like to extend a gigantic THANKS to the IUA for supporting free registration for APPs! This annual event is a great networking opportunity for all, from those of us who've been in the specialty for decades, to those who've just joined in recent months.

It has been a privilege to work alongside the IUA Board members from around the state during my three year term. I am proud to have in succession for this role my colleague and friend Hillary Risk, FNP, who has worked in urology for many years, first as a nurse, and now as a specialty NP at Riley Department of Urology since April, 2017. Hillary is dedicated to exceptional patient care, and is also a speaker at national conferences such as SUNA and PUNS.

As I write this from a home during the COVID-19 pandemic, I sit in awe of the resiliency and courage of medical professionals, at all levels, around the globe. It's an honor to serve with all of you in our specialty, and I wish you good health!

Christy Krieg, FNP, CUNP



## MESSAGE FROM THE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE NCS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

As I reflect on my last year as the representative to the NCS spanning 2018 to 2020, I am most proud of the increase in participation at the board level and lectures by urologists outside of central Indiana, increasing our diversity. Many IUA members have been appointed to serve on AUA and NCS committees, such as Dr. Amy Krambeck, Local Arrangements Chair NCS 2020 Palm Springs, Dr. Clint Cary, Young Urologists Committee, Dr. Chandru Sundaram, NCS representative to AUA, and Christy Krieg, AUA Advanced Practice Providers Education Committee. I am pleased to announce that Dr. Ronnie Boris will succeed me as IUA representative to the NCS. I am grateful and honored to have been given the opportunity by you, the members of IUA, to serve as IUA representative to the NCS BOD. I look forward to seeing all of you at the annual North Central Section of the AUA meeting at the Westin Mission Hills Resort and Spa October 14 - 17, 2020. Two out of three meetings will now be held in-section, and looking forward, 2021 will be at the Fairmont Chicago Millennium Park, October 6 - 10, 2021.

CR Powell, MD  
Indiana Representative to the NCS Board of Directors

## GOVERNMENT RELATIONS & ADVOCACY UPDATE

### [New law contains physician non-compete requirements](#)

A new chapter to the Indiana Code applies to physician non-compete agreements originally entered into on or after July 1, 2020. It sets forth a new set of requirements for physician non-compete agreements. As of July 1, to be enforceable, a physician agreement containing a non-compete must include provisions that require the employer to provide patients with a terminated physician's last known contact information and allow the departed physician to obtain copies of the medical records of any patient they've treated in the previous two years. The physician whose employment has terminated or whose contract has expired must also be given an option to purchase a release from the terms of the non-compete agreement at a reasonable price. (Ice Miller LLP, April 16, 2020) Also see: [Policymakers consider changes to non-compete rules](#) (Urology Times, February 27, 2020)

### [Governor signs health care billing transparency laws](#)

Gov. Eric Holcomb signed 84 bills March 18, including some that aimed to tackle health care costs. State law now requires medical providers to get consent from patients five days before a procedure in order to charge them an out-of-network rate and requires non-compete agreements between hospitals and physicians to include an option for a physician to be released from the terms if employment has been terminated or if the contract has expired. Before the final passage of this bill, lawmakers removed language that would have addressed site-of-service billing, which would have regulated how hospitals charge for care that occurs at an office not on the main campus (House Bill 1004). Another new law instructs the Department of Insurance to establish an all-payer claims database and requires hospitals, outpatient surgery centers and urgent care facilities to publish average prices of services to their websites. The database is expected to provide cost information for specific procedures by facility name and allow individuals to "shop around" for the best price. (Senate Bill 5). (Indianapolis Business Journal, March 19, 2020)

### [Lawmakers remove site-of-service billing requirement from health legislation](#)

In response to widespread concern from hospitals, Indiana lawmakers tweaked a major health care bill so it no longer would regulate how hospital systems can charge for so-called "off-site" care. The deleted section would have prevented hospitals from billing as if a procedure occurred at a main campus when it took place at a smaller off-site office that might have lower overhead costs. An approved amendment instead inserted language to force hospitals to provide the address of where the service occurred when submitting bills to insurers. (Associated Press, March 2, 2020)

### [Indiana Medicaid temporarily expands telehealth coverage](#)

On March 19, 2020, the Family and Social Services Administration announced Indiana Medicaid will temporarily cover telephone and telemedicine interactions as if it was a face-to-face encounter. The FSSA says interactions must be provided within the guidelines of the provider's licensure and scope of practice, and this applies to in- and out-of-state providers. This policy will apply to both Fee-for-Service Medicaid beneficiaries, as well as enrollees in all Medicaid managed care programs. No firm end date has been provided for this policy; it will last as long as Governor Eric Holcomb's declaration of a public emergency remains in effect. (Hall Render, March 20, 2020)

Ross E. Weber



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