

Meeting Faculty

Kevin J. Barlog, MD

Kevin Barlog, MD is a physician at Western New York Urology Associates after joining the practice in 1998. Prior to that time, he was a Urologist at Buffalo Medical Group where he started his career in 1987. After graduating with honors from the State University of New York at Buffalo he also completed both his General Surgery and Urology residencies there as well. Currently, he is Clinical Assistant Professor at the University of Buffalo.



As an American Board of Urology certified physician and a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons, Dr. Barlog serves on the Board of a multitude of professional organizations. Dr. Barlog currently serves on the Board of Directors of the American Association of Clinical Urologists as well as the UROPAC Board where he currently serves as Chair. Additionally, Dr. Barlog is also a member of the American College of Surgeons, the American Medical Association, the New York State Medical Society amongst many other organizations.

Dr. Barlog and his wife reside in Buffalo, New York and enjoy traveling to spend time with family including their three children and granddaughter.

Jennifer L. Bepple, MD

Dr. Jennifer Bepple is the Director for Digital Health of United Urology and a senior physician with Chesapeake Urology. She is currently studying to obtain a Master in the Management of Clinical Informatics from Duke and completed medical school in 2004 at Eastern Virginia Medical School. In 2009, she completed her urologic residency, also from Eastern Virginia Medical School. Dr. Bepple is a reviewer for the Urology Practice journal, a member of the American Telemedicine Association and completed her telehealth certification through the American Board of Telehealth.



Emily Blum, MD

Dr. Emily Blum is the Medical Director of the Global Center for Medical Innovation (GCMI), an affiliate of Georgia Institute of Technology. GCMI serves to accelerate the development, testing, training and commercialization of innovative medical products. In her role she serves to bring in new programs and innovative ideas from local physician entrepreneurs while serving as an internal knowledge resource for program development teams guiding the clinical needs discussion around product innovation. She has lectured across the country on fostering an innovative mindset in medicine and has served on the advisory board of the Medtech Women@SEMDA/Southeast life Sciences. In her role to champion commercialization of medical devices she has served as a reviewer/judge for numerous medical innovations pitch rounds. Additionally, Dr. Blum is an Adjunct Assistant Professor at Emory University School of Medicine in the Department of Urology and practices pediatric urology with Georgia Urology, PA. She is board-certified in adult and pediatric urology.



Dr. Blum graduated cum laude from Bowdoin College with special honors in Biology and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. She received her medical doctorate from Boston University where she graduated cum laude and was elected to Alpha Omega Alpha. She completed her general surgery internship and urologic residency at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak Michigan. Dr. Blum continued her training as the A. Barry Belman Pediatric Urology Fellow at Children's National Medical Center in Washington, D.C. During the research year of the 2-year fellowship program, she was also awarded the Joseph E Robert (JER), Jr. Fellowship for Pediatric Surgical Innovations. Dr. Blum's research projects focused on utilizing artificial intelligence to assist in analyzing radiographic studies.

Bill Cassidy, MD

Dr. Bill Cassidy is the United States Senator for Louisiana. Bill grew up in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and attended Louisiana State University (LSU) for undergraduate and medical school. In 1990, Bill joined LSU Medical School teaching medical students and residents at Earl K. Long Hospital, a hospital for the uninsured.



During this time, he co-founded the Greater Baton Rouge Community Clinic, a clinic providing free dental and health care to the working uninsured. Bill also created a private-public partnership to vaccinate 36,000 greater Baton Rouge area children against

Hepatitis B at no cost to the schools or parents. In the wake of Hurricane Katrina, Bill led a group of health care volunteers to convert an abandoned K-Mart building into an emergency health care facility, providing basic health care to hurricane evacuees.

In 2006, Bill was elected to the Louisiana State Senate. In 2008, he was elected to the United States House of Representatives to represent Louisiana's Sixth Congressional District. In 2014, he was elected to the U.S. Senate. He serves on the Finance Committee, the Health, Education, Labor, & Pensions Committee, the Energy and Natural Resources Committee, and the Veterans Affairs committees.

Following his successful efforts to lower the cost of health care, secure coastal restoration projects to protect Louisiana families from natural disasters, reform our nation's mental health system, and secure many other legislative accomplishments, Bill was reelected in 2020 to his second term in the U.S. Senate.

Bill is married to Dr. Laura Cassidy and they have three children. Laura is a retired general surgeon specializing in breast cancer. She helped found a public charter school to teach children with dyslexia. Bill, Laura and their family attend church at the Chapel on the Campus.

Anurag Kumar Das, MD, FACS

Dr. Das grew up in Long Island and attended Northwestern University Medical School. He did all his postgraduate training at Duke University medical Center.



He spent about 4 years on active duty as a Major and Chief of Urology at Kirtland AFB in Albuquerque, NM. He then spent 8 years on staff at Albany Medical College and Albany Medical Center Hospital. Since 2003 he has been Director of the Center for Neurourology and Continence at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston, MA. His clinical interests include voiding dysfunction, incontinence, BPH, and neurourology. His other interests include health policy, reimbursement, and efficiency.

Outside of work he enjoys squash, bicycling, skiing, and traveling.

Lisa J. Finkelstein, DO

Dr. Finkelstein is a Urologist at St. John's Health. Currently, she is the secretary/treasurer of AACU. She is the Medical Director of Telehealth at SJH. When the pandemic hit Jackson Hole, WY, Dr. Finkelstein and her team were prepared and able to get the hospital and other independent providers on board with telemedicine quickly. She is on the board of the NRTRC

(Northwest Regional Telehealth Resource Center). Her passion is Telehealth and is a member of the Wyoming Telehealth Consortium. Telehealth was her main initiative during her year as President of the Wyoming Medical Society 2018- 2019 and continues to present day.



Stanley Frencher, MD

Stanley Frencher Jr., the son of a primary care physician and nurse practitioner, likes to say he “was born to practice medicine.”

Dr. Frencher attended Albert Einstein College of Medicine in the Bronx, New York, where he was awarded the first annual Jean L. Cook, MD Memorial Award for Medical Excellence. He went on to earn a Master of Public Health degree in health management and policy at Columbia University's Mailman School of Public Health. He conducted research with the Center for Health and Urban Minorities to identify health disparities across racial groups. He also worked with the office of Senator Charles Schumer where he gained a firsthand insight into the politics of healthcare policy. Dr. Frencher completed his surgical residency at Yale New Haven Hospital. He interrupted his training to become a Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholar at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA).



Dr. Frencher is currently an Associate Professor in the Department of Urology at UCLA, Chair of Perioperative Services, and Chief of Urology at Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Health. Moreover, he is Chief Medical Officer of Wise Healthcare, as well as the Chief Executive Officer of HubMD.

He is a father, husband, surgeon activist, health services researcher, physician executive, and virtual care innovator with a focus on vulnerable and underserved populations with the goal of ameliorating healthcare inequities and health disparities. When not working or lecturing, he competes in powerlifting, enjoys standup paddleboard, and is active in his church.

David F. Friedlander, MD, MPH

David F. Friedlander, MD MPH is an Assistant Professor of urology at the University of North Carolina School of Medicine. After graduating from Bowdoin College, he spent a year working in the California state capitol as a research fellow in the office of the vice-chair of the health committee. Dr. Friedlander received his medical degree from Vanderbilt University in Nashville, TN during which time he also completed an MPH at the Harvard TH Chan School of Public Health. He subsequently completed his residency at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, MA where he stayed on for an NIH-funded research fellowship. He



He subsequently completed a clinical fellowship in endourology and minimally invasive surgery at the University of California-San Diego. He currently serves as the AUA Science and Quality Fellow and recently received a two-year research grant through the AUA Research Scholars program. His research interests include understanding how health care policy effects surgical outcomes and costs, as well as understanding both clinical and social factors that influence the quality of health care delivery.

Gerald E. Harmon, MD

Gerald E. Harmon, MD, a family medicine specialist having practiced for more than 30 years in coastal South Carolina, became 176th president of the American Medical Association in June 2021. He was first elected to the AMA Board of Trustees in June 2013 and elected board chair in 2018. In addition, Dr. Harmon also served as the secretary of the AMA in 2016.



Charles M. Jackson, MD

Dr. Mark Jackson has been in practice in a three-urologist hospital group for the entirety of his career in Fayetteville, AR. His hospital services a metro area of 500,000+ and offers most urologic services. He has served on multiple hospital committees and, most recently, as the 2018-2020 president of the Arkansas Urologic Society and a member of the AUA SouthCentral Board of Directors since 2019.



Eric Kirshenbaum, MD

Dr. Eric Kirshenbaum completed his medical education at the University of Illinois Chicago, residency in urology at Loyola University Medical Center, and fellowship in men's health and reconstructive urology at Loyola University Medical Center under the mentorship of Dr. Chris Gonzalez and Dr. Kevin McVary. He specializes in men's health and reconstructive urology with an emphasis on urethral stricture disease, erectile dysfunction, male incontinence, prosthetic surgery, benign prostatic enlargement (BPH), laser surgery, urologic cancers, telemedicine, and robotic surgery. Throughout his training, he published extensively on the topics of men's health and reconstructive urology. In 2019 he was admitted as a member of The Society of Genitourinary Reconstructive Surgeons and is an active member of the American Urologic Association (AUA). He serves as a board member of the AUA telemedicine task force and has published on the topics of telemedicine utilization and policy. He has a growing telemedicine practice and has an interest in furthering the utilization of telemedicine in urologic care.



Marc Levine

Marc Levine was first elected in 2012 to represent California's 10th Assembly District, serving the vibrant communities throughout Marin and Sonoma counties.

Levine is currently Chair of the Assembly Select Committee on Food Systems and serves on the Agriculture, Higher Education, Revenue & Taxation, Rules and Water, Parks & Wildlife committees. In this capacity, Levine has become one of California's most influential legislative leaders with a track record



of protecting the state's fragile environment, expanding access to education, combating food insecurity by enhancing access to California's rich agricultural bounty and supporting economic development and job creation throughout the Golden State.

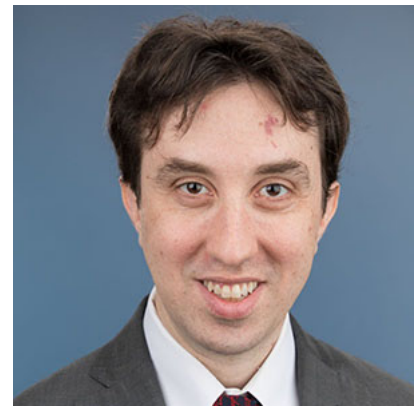
During his tenure in the Assembly, Levine has authored notable legislation and has been a respected voice on various public policy issues including: addressing the state's fiscal crisis, preventing gun violence, expanding access to healthcare, increasing investments in public education, fighting the climate crisis, investing in road, highway, bridge and transit infrastructure, criminal justice reform and developing a sustainable statewide water plan that supports farms, families, businesses and the environment.

Levine began his career of public service in 2008 when he was elected to the San Rafael City Council where he focused on smart growth, expanding access to parks and economic development.

Levine earned a BS in Political Science at CSU, Northridge and Master's Degree in National Security Affairs from the Naval Post Graduate School. Levine lives in Marin County with his wife Wendy and their two children.

Robert Lurvey, MD, JD

Dr. Lurvey is the current chair of the AACU Young Urology Committee. He obtained his law degree and medical degree at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He completed his residency in California and has experience with government, academic, and private practice environments.



Ghentry Pace, MBA FASCHE

Ghentry Pace has been in healthcare leadership for more than 20 years starting as a Respiratory Therapist in the US Army and progressing through multiple leadership opportunities in hospital administration, finance and operations for some of the largest healthcare organizations in the world. He has led teams of more than 4000 people, been responsible for the revenue cycle of more than \$12B in net patient revenue and just prior to coming to United Medical Systems was the CEO of the largest full-service Sleep Diagnostic provider in the country. Ghentry is a Fellow of the American College of Healthcare executives and still maintains his clinical license as a Respiratory Therapist. Ghentry has three sons and lives in Texas with his wife, boys, and menagerie of animals on a small ranch.



Ashish R. Parekh, MD

Dr. Parekh is a partner physician with the Southern California Permanente Medical Group. He's been in active clinical practice in Los Angeles for 14 years, sub-specializing in Robotics and minimally invasive urologic surgery. His leadership roles include acting chief of service in Kern County, and Robotic Surgery Director at Kaiser West Los Angeles Hospital. He's also involved in advocacy both with the Permanente Group and in the community. He served as a Los Angeles County Medical Association board member for 6 years, and then has served as a LACMA delegate to the yearly House of Delegates meeting for the California Medical Association. He remains devoted to his clinical practice and supporting policy to optimize urologic care in America.



Dr. Parekh is married with two children. When he's not working, he enjoys an active lifestyle including playing basketball, running, and traveling. He has traveled to several corners of the world delivering urologic care in underserved areas; he hopes to continue this charitable work for years to come.

Terrence Christopher Regan, MD

Dr. Regan is a partner with the Advanced Urology Institute and has been practicing in Palm Coast, Florida for greater than twenty-four years. Dr Regan graduated cum laude from the University of Notre Dame and received his medical degree from Georgetown University Medical Center where he also completed his urological residency. Dr Regan has been heavily involved in organized medicine serving as President of the Florida Urological Society (2011-2012) and Chief of Staff for Advent Health Palm Coast (2004-2006). He currently remains both a member of the Advent Health Palm Coast Medical Executive Committee and Physician Representative on the Board of Advent Health Palm Coast. Dr Regan continues to serve as the Florida Urological Society's representative to the Medicare Contractor Advisory Committee. Dr Regan is committed to improving patient care and serves as the Chair of the Quality Committee of the Advanced Urology institute. Nationally, Dr Regan serves as Chair of the Health Policy Committee of the Southeast Section of American Urological Association and serves as a member of the American Urological Association's Coding and Reimbursement Committee. He is also the current chair of the American Association of Clinical Urologists Health Policy Committee.



William C. Reha, MD, MBA

Dr. Reha is a board certified urologic surgeon in Woodbridge, VA who has been practicing for over 30 years. In addition to his private practice he has been an active advocate for organized medicine. He has served as speaker and president of the Medical Society of Virginia (MSV). Additionally, he has served as president of the Potomac Hospital Medical Staff, Prince William County Medical Society, and the Virginia Urological Society. On a national level he serves as Vice-Chair, the Virginia Delegation to the American Medical Association and is the State Advocacy Network Chair for the American Association of Clinical Urologists. He is a Medical Society of Virginia Foundation Claude Moore Physician Leadership Institute fellow and the recipient of the MSV 2009 Clarence A. Holland Award, which is presented annually to a Virginia Physician for outstanding contributions promoting the art and science of medicine and the betterment of public health through political service. He is a past recipient of the Ambrose-Reed Socioeconomics award from the American Urological Association and in 2020 received the Salute to Service Award, Service to the Profession, from the Medical Society of Virginia.



Dr. Reha received his bachelor's degree in Biochemistry from Binghamton University, medical degree from New York Medical College, residency in Urologic Surgery at Georgetown University, and an MBA from Strayer University, where he now serves as member of its Board of Trustees. He is also a member of the Board of Directors for Professionals Advocate Insurance Company.

Aaron Spitz, MD

Dr. Aaron Spitz earned his medical degree from Cornell Medical College and he completed his Urology residency at the University of Southern California, and then obtained fellowship training in infertility at the Baylor College of Medicine. Dr. Spitz

has expertise in the treatment of male infertility and sexual dysfunction and has engaged in clinical trials and research in the area of andrology, male sexual dysfunction, and male infertility.

Dr. Aaron Spitz served as an assistant clinical professor in the U.C. Irvine department of Urology, specializing in male reproductive medicine and surgery.

Dr. Spitz directs the Center for Male Reproductive Medicine and Surgery at Orange County Urology in Laguna Hills and Mission Viejo, California.

Dr. Spitz is the Chair of the AUA Urology Telehealth Taskforce. He also serves on the AUA Workforce Workgroup and the AUA ad hoc Workgroup on Advanced Practice Providers as well as the AUA Position Statement on Opioid Use Workgroup. He served as the lead delegate to the AMA House of Delegates representing the AUA. He has served as the President of the California Urologic Association. He is the Orange County District representative to the Western Section of the AUA. Dr Spitz served on the Board of Directors as Vice President of Finance for the Pacific Coast Reproductive Society. Dr Spitz also served as treasurer for the Society for the Study of Male Reproduction.

Dr. Spitz has been awarded several prestigious honors including Alpha Omega Alpha at the University of Southern California as well as the AUA Distinguished Service Award.

Dr. Spitz is the author of *The Penis Book: A Doctor's Complete Guide to the Penis*, from size to function and everything in between published by Rodale Books. He appeared regularly on CBS' *The Doctors* to discuss urology topics. He was also featured in the documentary *The Game Changers*. He has authored book chapters and articles in peer reviewed publications on the topic of male infertility and sexual dysfunction as well as on telemedicine.

Dr. Spitz is a member of the AUA, AMA, Society for the Study of Male Reproduction (SSMR), Society for Male Reproduction and Urology (SMRU), and ASRM.

He serves as a reviewer for the *Journal of Endourology*, the *Journal of Urology* and the *Journal of Andrology* and *Urology Practice Journal*.



Ernest M. Sussman, MD

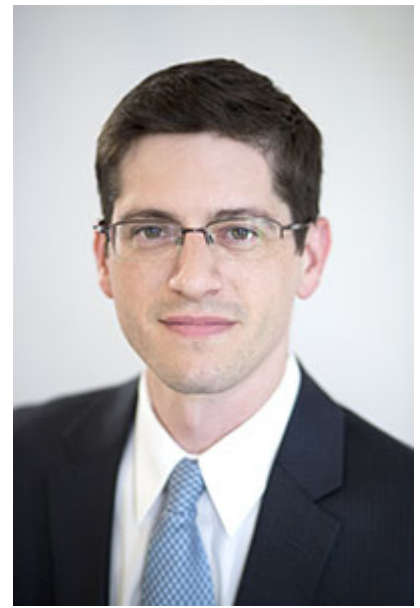
Dr. Sussman completed his Urology residency in Buffalo, New York. He is currently the director of Las Vegas Vasectomy and Male Infertility. In 2008, he co-founded SCRUBS, a Urology-only medical malpractice insurance company and is Chairman of Risk Management.



Ian M. Thompson, III, MD

Ian Thompson III is a urologist in San Antonio, Texas. He started his private practice in 2016 after a brief stint in academic medicine. In addition to his medical practice, he works as hospital Chief Medical Officer for Christus Santa Rosa. Outside of clinical medicine, he runs a couple businesses focused on urology staffing, developing sustainable care delivery

models. Additionally, he is working in the health benefits space to improve local healthcare delivery solutions for employers.



Ross E. Weber

Ross E. Weber graduated from The George Washington University with a degree in International Affairs. He broke into public policy while working at the Council of the District of Columbia; the city, county and state government of the federal district; in the office of Health Committee Chairman David A. Catania. Mr. Weber is an accomplished writer and policy advocate with diverse public, private and non-profit sector experience. He has researched and represented the interests of myriad industries including high-tech, professional sports leagues, insurance, data management firms and retailers.



Since 2010, Mr. Weber has focused his attention on matters affecting specialty physicians and the practice of medicine. He mobilizes grassroots advocates and engages policymakers on issues such as access to medically necessary health screenings and prescription drugs and medical devices, as well as liability reform, payer relations and non-physician providers' scopes of practice. His work has appeared in several publications, including *Urology Times* and *International Affairs Review*.

Mr. Weber participates in the activities of several professional organizations including the Association Forum of Chicagoland, Chicago Area State Affairs Society and International Association of Business Communicators. Ross regularly performs in community choirs and has an inbred passion for the Green Bay Packers, a professional football franchise in which he became a stockholder in 2011.