The George W. Drach, MD, Distinguished Visiting Professorship in Urology was established to recognize the remarkable achievements of the founding Chief of Urology at the University of Arizona in recognition of 50 years of service. In 2016, Dr. Benjamin Lee was named Professor and Chair, bringing an increased focus in robotics, laparoscopy, endourology to an already strong clinical reputation in the areas of urologic oncology, female urology, pelvic floor prolapse, reconstruction and calculus disease. On July 15, 2019, Urology successfully became a Department of Urology within the UArizona College of Medicine.

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Christopher Amling, MD, FACS  
Oregon Health & Science University

2022  
Manoj Monga, MD, FACS  
University of California San Diego

2021  
Kathleen Kobashi, MD  
Virginia Mason Medical Center

2020  
Hunter Wessells, MD  
University of Washington

2019  
Christopher Kane, MD  
University of California, San Diego

2018  
Jeffrey Holzbeierlein, MD University of Kansas

2017  
Stephen Nakada, MD  
University of Wisconsin

2016  
Tom Lue, MD  
University of California, San Francisco

2015  
Alan Wein, MD  
University of Pennsylvania

2014  
Byron Joyner, MD  
University of Washington

UA Department of Urology Faculty

Benjamin R. Lee, MD, MBA - Professor & Chair of Urology, and Director, GU Cancer Strategic Planning Team

Juan Chipollini, MD - Associate Professor of Urology, Urologic Oncology

Joel T. Funk, MD - Associate Professor of Urology, Associate Director of Peri-Operative Services, BUMCT/S

Matthew B. Gretzer, MD - Professor of Urology, Director of Genitourinary Reconstructive Surgery

Sunchin Kim, MD - Assistant Professor of Urology, Reconstructive Urology

Timothy Roddy, MD - Associate Professor of Urology, General Urology

Christian O. Twiss, MD - Professor of Urology, Program Director, Female Urology, Pelvic Medicine

David Tzou, MD - Assistant Professor of Urology, Endourology

Priyanka Bearelly, MD - Assistant Professor of Urology, Andrology, General Urology

Steffan Nawrocki, PhD - Director of Research, Urology

Anirban Kundu, PhD - Research Assistant Professor, Urology

Southern AZ Veterans Administration

Rajesh Prasad, MD - Assistant Professor of Urology

Alex Jule, MD - Assistant Professor of Urology

Max Sorbellini, MD - Assistant Professor of Urology

Mark Cogburn, MD - Assistant Professor of Urology

Jonathan Walker, MD - Associate Professor of Urology

Banner Children's At Desert

Barry Chang, MD - Assistant Professor of Urology

Philip Gleason, MD - Assistant Professor of Urology

Ariella Friedman, MD - Assistant Professor of Urology

Hiep Nguyen, MD - Assistant Professor of Urology

Andrology Rotation

Peter Burrows, MD - Assistant Professor of Urology

Sheldon Marks, MD - Assistant Professor of Urology

APPs

Amy Covin, FNP

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Deb Jur, NP-C

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Dr. Su is the David A. Cofrin Professor of Urologic Oncology and Chair of the Department of Urology at the University of Florida College of Medicine. He completed his urology residency at the New York Presbyterian Hospital-Weil Cornell Medical College in 2000 and a fellowship in robotics and laparoscopic surgery in 2001 at Johns Hopkins Hospital. He served eight years on faculty at the James Buchanan Brady Urological Institute at Johns Hopkins before coming to the University of Florida in 2008 as the Chief of the Division of Robotic and Minimally Invasive Urologic Surgery. In 2016 he assumed the role as chair of the department. His clinical interests are in minimally invasive surgical therapies including robotic surgery for prostate and kidney cancer. Dr. Su’s research focuses on exploring advanced imaging as applied to urologic surgery. He has authored over 100 peer reviewed manuscripts and multiple book chapters including chapters in both Campbell’s Urology and Smith’s Textbook of Endourology. He is the editor of the textbook Atlas of Robotic Urologic Surgery, a surgical atlas that provides step-by-step schematic and video-based instructions and is designed to enhance the learning of novice robotic urologic surgeons. Dr. Su was a member (2012-2016) of the American Board of Urology Written Examination Committee and currently serves as an oral examiner. He has received national awards including Newsweek's Top Cancer Doctors and Castle Connelly's America's Top Doctors (2011 - 2023). Lastly, he has received first place audio-visual and manuscript awards for topics of laparoscopic prostate and kidney surgery.