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OUR NEW PRESIDENT

By: Jeffrey A. Triest, MD

I am honored to introduce Gary Faerber, MD as our incoming President of the North Central Section of the American Urologic Association, Inc. Gary received his medical degree from Temple University in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. In 1984 he began his urology residency at The University of Michigan. After graduating residency, he remained on staff at the University of Michigan and rose to the academic rank of professor where he served as the Endowed Edward J. McGuire Research Professor. Gary's clinical and research interest is in urinary calculus disease, and he has authored over 120 peer-reviewed manuscripts and 17 chapters, and has been an invited speaker nationally and internationally. He also has an interest in medical education. He was the Residency Program Director of the Urology Training Experience at the University of Michigan from 2003 - 2013 and Associate Chair of Education from 2010 - 2016. Gary's commitment and contributions to resident education have been recognized nationally, and he has had the opportunity to serve on the Resident Education Committee of the American College of Surgeons. Gary recently joined the faculty in the Department of Surgery at the University of Utah as Professor of Urology. He is currently the Medical Director of the South Jordan Health Center and Surgeon Lead for Ambulatory Surgery Services of the University of Utah Health System.

Dr. Gary Faerber has been a vital part of organized medicine locally, regionally and nationally. He has held numerous leadership positions serving as Treasurer and President of the Society of Urologic Chairman and Program Directors, Secretary and President of the Michigan Urologic Society, and Secretary and President-Elect of the NCS.

Gary and his wife Kathleen currently live in Salt Lake City, Utah, but his "Maize and Blue" heart still remains in Ann Arbor with the Michigan Wolverines.



Please join the entire NCS Board of Directors as we welcome Dr. Gary Faerber as President of the NCS. Our organization will benefit greatly from having a person with his record of accomplishment, and passion for education in the office of the President of the Section.

PLAN TO ATTEND!

92nd Annual Meeting of the NCS
September 5 - 8, 2018
Fairmont Chicago, Millennium Park
Chicago, Illinois

Abstract submissions are currently being accepted online at abstracts.ncsua.org. Submit your abstract today.

Registration materials for the 92nd Annual Meeting will be mailed and available online at ncsua.org in spring 2018!

We look forward to seeing you in Chicago, Illinois!

FROM THE TREASURER



The NCS fund balance, as of September 30, 2017, was \$2,821,628. The period to date operating income was \$381,387. The NCS Education Fund currently shows an investment account balance of \$2,356,672. As of September 30, 2017, the investment account showed a total investment income of \$235,652.

The NCS board strategic decision to move the Education Fund to the pooled investment account of the AUA which is managed by Vanguard is beginning to show good performance and should produce less volatility over the long term. The NCS board, led by President, Dr. Jim Ulchaker, did a terrific job putting together a successful and enjoyable annual meeting in Arizona. I am sure everyone benefitted from their hard work and dedication in providing the most up-to-date scientific information and outstanding social opportunities to our members.

SECRETARY'S REPORT



The 91st Annual Meeting of the North Central Section held in Scottsdale, Arizona, was a grand success. The event location, at the spectacular Westin Kierland Resort and Spa, provided those in attendance the opportunity to update their urological skill set in one of the most beautiful settings in the country. The meeting was graciously hosted by NCS President Dr. James Ulchaker and his lovely wife Elise. Meeting attendees were once again treated to carefully crafted scientific sessions and many unique social activities that only the desert of great American southwest can offer.

There were 368 abstracts submitted for consideration in the scientific sessions. Of these abstract submissions, the educational program committee selected 264 to be presented in Scottsdale for the education of our membership. The program committee would like to thank all those who submitted abstracts and congratulate the presenters on the quality of the science and the concise way their work was reported. The program committee also wishes to thank all the members and faculty that volunteered their time and expertise to serve as panelists, moderators, and discussants at the 91st Annual Meeting. The success of our meeting and the quality of our scientific sessions is a direct reflection of your devotion to the scholarly process.

Our meeting began, as always, with a robust Health Policy Session coordinated by Dr. Matthew Gettman, our NCS Health Policy Chair. Dr. Gettman assembled an outstanding group of speakers who addressed topics such as value based healthcare in urology, an update on the ACA, legislative priorities for 2017, the evolving role of telemedicine, the urologist as an entrepreneur, a report on the Resource-based relative value scale update committee (RUC), and a lecture on the importance of health policy advocacy in medical practice, which was presented by Arizona State Representative, Heather Carter. Congratulations to Dr. Gettman for organizing another tremendous session.

Dr. Ajay Singla returned to organize an outstanding concurrent session focusing on Primary Care Updates in Urology. Dr. Singla moderated over the session, which featured a variety of expert speakers assembled from within the Section. Speakers delivered updates on topics including the detection of early prostate cancer, hypogonadism, erectile dysfunction, and hyperplasia of the prostate.

Other meeting highlights included topical video sessions, a live surgical demonstration from the University of Chicago, and the high-quality poster and podium sessions, which have become the hallmark of the NCS Annual Meeting. The meeting also featured guest speakers who were assembled

to round out the educational offerings to our membership and attendees. This meeting's featured guests included Dr. David Penson and Dr. Mitchell Sokoloff both of whom delivered multiple keynote lectures and participated on numerous panels. The AUA Lecture of Choice on the surgical management of urolithiasis was delivered by one of the Section's thought leaders, Dr. Stephen Nakada. The membership was treated to an update from AUA President-Elect, the Section's own Dr. Robert Flanigan, who educated the audience on the activities of the organization worldwide and the importance of the NCS in the organization's efforts. The meeting attendees also got a chance to see a variety of lectures from experts within the NCS, including offerings from Drs. Christopher Cooper, Steven Lucas, Kevin McVary, E. Jason Abel, Howard Goldman, and Matthew Mellon. The program committee would once again like to thank all of the speakers for their efforts in education of our membership.

I also wish to extend the Section's thanks to local arrangements chairperson, Dr. Norm Smith and his wife Dr. Soni Smith, for organizing a fantastic social events calendar. As has been custom, the first day's social activity began with the Welcome Reception hosted in the Ballroom of the Kierland Resort featuring great food, local beer and delicious wines. During the week, there was ample opportunity for members to partake of the offerings of the City of Scottsdale whether it was shopping, eating at one of the fabulous culinary offerings in the area, visiting the famed Scottsdale Botanical Gardens, sampling tequila and turquoise, or just enjoying the amazing vistas of the desert southwest. An event which continues to grow in popularity, The Young Urologist's Mixer, once again proved to be a highlight at 91st Annual Meeting. The week's social activity culminated in the Annual Reception, which featured excellent food offerings and an exhibition of Native American Tribal dancing.

The Annual Resident Bowl hosted by Dr. Bradley Schwartz was once again incredibly competitive, and the winning team of Drs. Derek Lomas, Min Jun, Kevin Ginsburg, and Abhinav Khanna will represent the NCS at the AUA Resident Bowl in San Francisco this spring of 2018.

Congratulations to the following awardees: Dr. Kevin Ginsberg for the Traveling Fellowship Award, and Dr. Adam Calaway for the John B. Silbar Award. The full list of individual award winners for their presentations from the meeting can be found on the NCS Website and on page 11 of this newsletter.

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The Annual Business Meeting approved the appointment of Dr. David F. Jarrard as President-Elect of the NCS, Dr. Matthew T. Gettman as the Treasurer-Elect, Dr. Charles R. Powell as the Indiana Representative, Dr. Badrinath Konety as Representative for Minnesota/North Dakota/South Dakota, Dr. David Paolone as the Wisconsin Representative, and Dr. Edward Cherullo as NCS Historian. I wish to thank the members of the Nominating Committee for their tireless effort. The membership approved an important bylaws change to adjust the timing when the Past Presidents Committee meets at the Annual Meeting.

Thanks to WJ Weiser & Associates, Inc., for doing such an outstanding job of assisting me and the Program Committee with the organization of the scientific meeting. Special thanks to Samantha Panicola, Venessa Budzynski, Tristan Powell, and others who have worked tirelessly both in front of and behind the scenes. A special thanks to JP Baunach for his tireless efforts in procuring sponsor support for this meeting. I want to extend gratitude to all of our promotional partners without

which we could not have had such a successful meeting. I wish to give special thanks to our Platinum Partners: AbbVie, Astellas and Pfizer Oncology, Augmenix, Genomic Health, Nymox Pharmaceutical Corporation, our Gold Partner: Janssen Biotech, Inc., and our Silver Partners: Astellas Pharma, Endo Pharmaceuticals, and Marley Drug, Inc.

Remember the NCS can help manage your NCS CME. Visit the NCS website at www.ncsaua.org where you will find information on important dates, announcements, and other features including our Case of the Month.

Finally, I would like to invite you to join me and our incoming President, Dr. Gary Faerber, to our 92nd Annual Meeting, which will be held September 5 - 8, 2018, at The Fairmount Hotel in Chicago, Illinois. This should be an excellent meeting at an iconic venue in the heart of America's Midwest.

Jeffrey A. Triest, MD

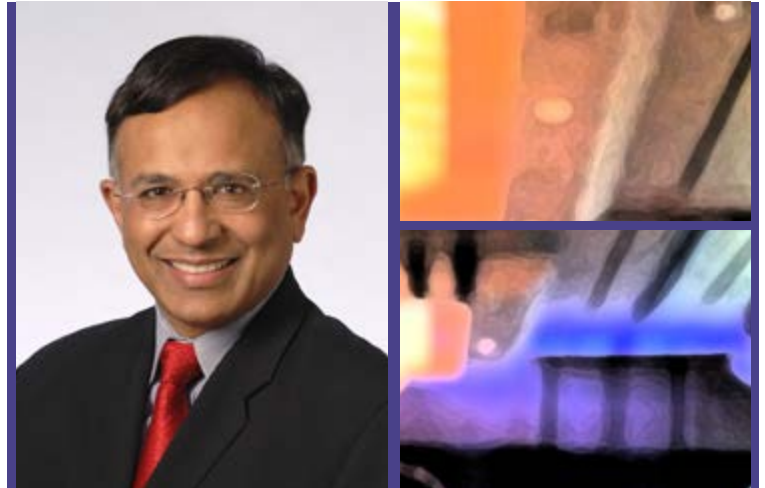
FROM THE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE AUA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Chandru P. Sundaram, MD, FACS

It was a pleasure meeting friends and colleagues at the very successful NCS Annual Meeting in Scottsdale. Drs. Ulchaker and Triest did a phenomenal job and should be congratulated. I enjoyed Dr. Ulchaker's presidential address thanking all the important people in his life and career. It remains my privilege to represent the Section at the AUA. The AUA has been very active in several fronts on our behalf. Healthcare is going through several changes with the new administration trying to reconcile the rules that were developed by the previous administration. The AUA will remain engaged in monitoring the rules and educating us on the implications to our practices. A few highlights from the AUA:

AQUA Registry: A total of 483 urology practices have joined the AQUA Registry by September 2017. The AQUA Registry has been approved by CMS as a Qualified Clinical Data Registry (QCDR) and is able to support participating AUA members in meeting PQRS and Meaningful Use requirements. The AQUA Registry will institute subscription fees at three levels beginning in January 2018. For more information about subscription options, visit the AQUA Registry page on the AUA website.

Annual Urology Advocacy Summit: The inaugural Annual Urology Advocacy Summit will be held March 12 - 14, 2018, at the Capitol Hilton in Washington, DC. All eight AUA Sections, 15 unique urologic specialty groups, and nearly a dozen patient advocacy groups will participate. I would encourage you to attend.



AUA Leadership changes: The Board selected Dr. John D. Denstedt as the AUA's next Secretary. He will succeed Dr. Manoj Monga in 2019. Dr. Harris Nagler will succeed Dr. Richard A. Memo from our Section, at the Urology Care Foundation. We are grateful to Dr. Memo for his significant contributions as Chair of the Urology Care Foundation Board. We are delighted that Dr. Robert Flanigan from our Section is now the President-Elect of the AUA.

AUA Annual Meeting: Based on the feedback from membership the duration of the Annual Meeting will be reduced to four program-filled days, Friday - Monday, May 18 - 21, in San Francisco. This new meeting format will allow attendees to maximize their education while minimizing their time away from their practice and family. In addition, AUA will offer members the option to purchase an individual course ticket or an IC Course pass that provides access to all 80 courses. Plans are also underway to offer a post-meeting virtual meeting experience for those who are unable to attend.

I am looking forward to meeting you in San Francisco at the AUA Annual Meeting.

NCS HEALTH POLICY & PRACTICE MANAGEMENT REPORT

Matthew T. Gettman, MD, FACS

Topics related to health policy and practice management continue to be emphasized during the annual meeting. At the annual meeting in Scottsdale, excellent lectures and roundtable discussions were given on value-based reimbursement, the Affordable Care Act, current AUA legislative priorities, the Relative Value Scale Update Committee process, workforce issues, telemedicine, opportunity of urologists as entrepreneurs, development of the MUSIC database in Michigan, and state advocacy efforts. Keynote lectures were given by Dr. David Pension, Chair of Urology at Vanderbilt University, and by Arizona State Representative, Heather Carter. Other outstanding lectures were given by Ms. Ashton Schatz, JD, MHA, and Drs. James Ulchaker, Patrick McKenna, Norm Smith, James Dupree IV, and Mark Stovsky.

Many speakers in the sessions stressed the importance of NCS members needing to take an active part in the transformation to



value-based reimbursement. It was also stated that being involved with political advocacy is important to urology as it pertains to health policy and practice management. Accordingly, the NCS Health Policy Committee urges all members to have their voices heard by participating in the new 2018 AUA Urology Advocacy Summit scheduled for March 12 - 14, 2018, in Washington, D.C., and the 2018 AACU Annual Meeting scheduled for September 16 - 17, 2018, in Washington, D.C. Lastly, I wish to thank the membership for the opportunity to serve as the NCSAUA Health Policy Chair. The new chair starting in 2018 will be Dr. James Dupree IV from the University of Michigan.

REPORT FROM THE IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT

James C. Ulchaker, MD, FACS

Wow! I am so proud to tell you all that the 91st Annual Meeting of the North Central Section at the Westin Kierland Resort and Spa in Scottsdale, Arizona, was a great success. The meeting was our largest attended out-of-section meeting in many years, and the academic content of the program was first rate. Also, the social activities were some that will not go forgotten for those who were able to attend for many years.

Many people deserve the credit for the quality of this meeting. First, WJ Weiser & Associates, Inc.; Samantha Panicola did a superb job as our meeting coordinator making sure that all aspects of the hotel, exhibitors, and attendees were in concert, and that the meeting proceeded without a hiccup. Next, for the academic aspect of the program, Dr. Jeffrey Triest, our Secretary, put in many hours of his time to ensure the best abstracts and videos were included in this year's program. His hard work did not go unnoticed. I also want to thank the Academic Department Chairs and Residency Directors for allowing their physicians, both staff and residents, to be able to present their work at this out-of-section venue. Being the Vice-Chairman of a department myself, I realize the financial pressures they are under and personally want to thank them for their commitments, both time and financial, to the success of this meeting. Next, for



the social aspect of the program, Drs. Norm and Soni Smith, our Local Arrangements Couple, assisted my wife, Elise, and I with planning all of the social events held at the annual meeting. They did a tremendous job and we are grateful for their assistance in planning this year's annual meeting. Lastly, I want to thank my wife, Elise, for all of her hard work and personal support on behalf of Samantha and myself. I was very proud of our NCS's First Lady and even more proud that she is my wife.

Our organization financially also had a very strong year. Under the guidance of our Treasurer, Dr. Mark Stovsky, we modified our financial portfolio to significantly reduce our advisor fees, and our investments in 2017 did quite well. We, as a Board of Directors, also tried to carefully manage, and even reduce, our overall expenditures, limit our future liabilities, while still listening

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and incorporating our NCS Members wants and desires from our survey. In the future, our meeting locations, dates, and times will reflect these wishes.

The NCS is also in great hands as Dr. Gary Faerber is now our President. Gary has been a lifelong member of the North Central Section where he has been Professor of Urology at the University of Michigan. Gary has served the NCS as our Michigan Representative and is the Past-Secretary of our Section. The NCS could not be in any better hands in 2018.

Lastly, I want to thank my institution, the Glickman Urological and Kidney Institute at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation, especially Drs. Eric Klein and Ed Sabanegh, for all their support. They allowed me the ability to get time away from work when needed to properly plan this meeting, support many of our physicians' participation, and have been fantastic colleagues and friends.

It has been an honor to serve as your North Central Section President, and Elise and I look forward to many future meetings and wonderful friendships with all of you. THANK YOU!

James C. Ulchaker, MD, FACS

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of members who have passed in 2017

These members supported the Section during their lifetimes and each made his or her contribution to our profession. Although separated from us by death they are fondly remembered by all of us.

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CMS incorporates urologists' concerns in 2018 payment schedule

By Ally Lopshire, JD

Article originally posted online at  **Urology Times**
The Leading News Source for Urologists

For the better part of this year, efforts to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act have dominated the political arena and public discourse. But with all eyes on what ultimately proved to be a complete mess, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) released its critical and much-anticipated plan to update the Medicare payment program for physician reimbursement in 2018.

While it was certainly hard not to watch the repeal-and-replace debacle unfold—even if it proved to be arguably a waste of time—the CMS proposal is much more important in terms of actual impact on physicians and their ability to provide patient care.

Coming in at just over 1,000 pages, the extensive proposal continues the overall “pick-your-pace” trend established in the QQP implementation policy for 2017, while also amending some existing requirements and establishing new policies.

Physicians spoke, CMS listened

Through the rulemaking process and other initiatives, CMS has engaged in extensive outreach with physicians and other stakeholders to solicit feedback on QPP implementation, and that was evident in its proposal for year two.

The AACU has been quite vocal about the burden of MACRA on urologists and the many implementation difficulties they face, and has once again submitted extensive comments on this proposed rule to voice similar concerns.

Among the policies finalized in the 2017 QPP rule, one of particular concern for the AACU related to the adoption of Certified EHR Technology (CEHRT). The final 2017 QPP rule stated that starting in 2018, physicians would be required to use only the 2015 Edition CEHRT.

However, as the AACU and other urology organizations have pointed out, very few vendor products meet the 2015 certification criteria required for approval by the government-mandated Health IT Certification Program. As such, many urologists worry that requiring the 2015 Edition CEHRT starting in 2018 would unfairly subject them to financial penalties or force them to file for hardship exceptions due to unavailable vendor products.

In response to negative feedback from the provider community, CMS proposed to continue allowing MIPS-eligible physicians to use either the 2014 or 2015 Edition CEHRT in 2018, granting a bonus to physicians using only

the 2015 Edition CEHRT in 2018 as opposed to penalizing those who do not.

CMS also addressed physician criticism regarding the low-volume exemption, proposing to raise the threshold amount to no more than \$90,000 in Part B charges annually, or 200 Medicare patients treated.

While this is undoubtedly an improvement, there is still significant concern that even the increased low-volume threshold is still too low for most urologists in solo or small practices. Since urologists see, on average, a greater number of Medicare patients than other types of physicians, the AACU recently urged CMS to consider increasing the low-volume threshold even more than is currently proposed, or at the least to gather urology-specific data on this exemption and analyze its effect on urologists and other specialty physicians.

Better, but still a long way to go

All in all, there were significant improvements in the 2018 proposed rule, and it is impossible to deny that CMS made an effort to truly consider feedback from physicians and the health care community by incorporating suggestions for improvement in year two of the QPP. But there are still substantial problems with QPP implementation that will continue to burden urologists treating Medicare patients.

Moreover, the underlying fundamental issue with QPP and its implementation still remains: numerous and fragmented compliance requirements and complex scoring mechanisms are not only difficult for providers to understand, but have also proven to be near impossible for providers to practically integrate and fully implement. And despite CMS's best efforts, a 1,058-page proposal does very little to help that.

But urologists should not give up hope. CMS has proven that it is willing to work with providers by listening and working with them to address their complaints and reduce administrative burdens. The proposal for 2018 is an improvement on 2017 QPP policies, and as long as physicians continue to voice their concerns and engage with CMS, understanding and complying with MACRA may start to get easier.

In Brief

IPAB repeal passes House, awaits Senate consideration

The House of Representatives Nov. 2 voted to repeal a controversial Medicare cost-cutting panel created under the Affordable Care Act. While Democratic leaders opposed the bill over financing concerns, lawmakers from both parties have long supported repealing the panel on the grounds it would take oversight of Medicare out of their hands.

The panel's creators wanted a congressional workaround, a tool for making difficult choices about Medicare that elected officials tend to avoid. As currently envisioned, large institutions are spared any cuts for several years. Private practice providers and innovative treatments would therefore be targeted early and often. More than 100 health industry groups, including the AACU, have lobbied to repeal IPAB since passage of the ACA. Learn more and make your voice heard via the AACU Action Center: www.bit.ly/aacu-ipab-senate.

OH: Ohio lawmakers eye role of specialty certification

In September, Ohio legislators introduced a bill to prohibit hospitals and insurance companies from preventing physicians from practicing based on maintenance of certification. The bill does not prohibit a specialty board from revoking certification, or from listing a doctor as noncompliant, nor does it prevent a physician from continuing to participate in MOC on a voluntary basis. While several states have passed anti-MOC legislation, not all are as comprehensive as the proposal in Ohio. Notably, anti-MOC legislation failed in Florida, and is considered dead in Michigan and Mississippi. Dr. Brett M. Coldiron testified during an Oct. 11 hearing, "Physician burnout has been identified as a major issue for Ohio physicians and relieving them of these onerous mandates can only help."

MN: Minnesota Doctors Contribute \$30.5B to State Economy

Physicians nationwide generated \$2.3 trillion in economic activity across the country in 2015, according to a new report from the American Medical Association. The \$2.3 trillion includes more than \$1 trillion in wages and benefits, \$92.9 billion in state and local taxes, and nearly 12.6 million jobs. In Minnesota, the 13,401 physicians in practice at the end of 2015 generated \$30.5 billion in economic activity over the previous year, according to the report. That averages \$2.3 million per physician in Minnesota compared with \$3.2 million per physician nationally. "The AMA's economic impact study illustrates that physicians are strong economic drivers that are woven into their local communities by the commerce and jobs they create," said AMA president David Barbe, MD, in a press statement.

IA: Privatized Medicaid Saving Iowa Less than Predicted

According to a new state estimate, the shift to a privately-managed Medicaid will save Iowa 80 percent less money in 2018 than originally predicted. The Iowa Department of Human Services reported the state now stands to save \$47.1 million this fiscal year by having private companies manage the \$4 billion program, the Des Moines Register reported. A leading critic said the drastically lower estimate of state savings for 2018 is more evidence that privatized Medicaid has been a failure.

IL: State Paying Medicaid Bills before Interest Piles Up

In December, Illinois finally started to pay Medicaid bills before they had the chance to accumulate late payment penalties. This is a change of approach to the fall of 2017 where the state was running up \$2 million a day in interest penalties on overdue bills. "The Medicaid bill payment cycle is faster than it has ever been since Comptroller Mendoza took office and is below the 90-day deadline for accruing interest," said Mendoza spokeswoman Jamey Dunn. Mendoza's office said that it had paid off more than \$4 billion in state employee health insurance bills, some of which had been sitting around for two or more years because the state didn't have a budget to authorize payment of them. It also said Medicaid payments generated about \$2.2 billion in federal reimbursements that were used to further pay down the bill backlog. The office could not provide a specific number for interest being saved by the bills being paid.

WI: Litigation Reform Legislation Circulated

During the start of December, Reps. Mark Born (R-Beaver Dam) and John Nygren (R-Marinette) and Sens. Tom Tiffany (R-Hazlet) and David Craig (R-Big Bend) circulated litigation reform legislation (LRB 4700) aimed at lowering costs for Wisconsin businesses and government. The bill would modernize Wisconsin's civil procedures for discovery and class actions to align with corresponding federal laws. The bill is supported by Wisconsin Attorney General Brad Schimel, Wisconsin Civil Justice Council, Wisconsin Manufacturers and Commerce, American Tort Reform Association, and the US Chamber of Commerce's Institute for Legal Reform.

MI: Michigan Ranked Sixth Least Competitive Health Insurance Market in AMA Report

In 2016 Michigan ranked the sixth least competitive state in the nation for health insurance, according to an annual report from the AMA. The report found little difference in Michigan from previous years, which is due to Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan having a dominant hold in most markets across the state. "This is nothing new," said Dominick Pallone, executive director of the Michigan Association of Health Plans that represents HMOs in Michigan. "This is something that we've continued to be in the bottom 10 for as far back as I'm aware. This AMA study shows we're not in a good place right now." However, according to Kaiser Family Foundation, a family health plan cost an average of \$18,764 across the country in 2017. In West Michigan an annual survey by The Employers' Association showed the average cost of a family plan at \$16,368 in 2017.

IN: Bill Proposes Faculty Grants as Way to Ease Nursing Shortage

Registered nurses are the number one job in demand across the state of Indiana, according to the Department of Workforce Development, with hundreds of open jobs and projected annual growth of 17 percent. Senate Bill 28 is designed to attract and retain nursing faculty by offering grants of up to \$5,000 a year, with a lifetime maximum of \$25,000 to eligible nursing faculty. The shortage is expected to get more severe in coming years, as more nurses age into retirement.

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Industry partnerships are a vital part of our success. The NCS is currently seeking industry partners who share our commitment to growth and excellence in the field of urology.

The partnership packages we offer include additional marketing opportunities and enhanced exposure throughout the meeting. Through this program, we hope to work in tandem with our industry colleagues to identify ways to enhance our current member programs and implement new projects that will lead to improved patient care through better physician education and mentoring. Please invite your industry contacts to become NCS industry partners. Partnership packages are promotional opportunities and, unlike educational grants, are appropriate to discuss with your sales representatives. Please ask them to contact JP Baunach at jp@wjweiser.com for more information.

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Bladder and Prostate Malignant Poster Session

Clinical Winner: Poster #16 – Impact of Neoadjuvant Chemotherapy Prior to Radical Cystectomy for Bladder Cancer: a Retrospective Institution Experience
Presented by: Mohamed Hendawi

Outcomes Research, Health Policy and Patient Safety Poster Session

Clinical Winner: Poster #5 – What Happens to Patients After Formalin Instillation for Refractory Hematuria?
Presented by: Matthew Grimes, MD

Basic Science Winner: Poster #4 – The Reporting Quality of Diagnostic Accuracy Studies in the Urologic Literature
Presented by: Daniel Smith, MD

Adrenal/Kidney/Ureter - Malignant/Benign Poster Session

Clinical Winner – TIE: Poster #30 – Comparison of Oncologic Outcomes After Open Versus Robotic-assisted Radical Nephroureterectomy for Upper Tract Urothelial Carcinoma
Presented by: Tariq Khemees, MD

Clinical Winner – TIE: Poster #32 – The Effect of Partial Nephrectomy on Blood Pressure in Patients with Solitary Kidneys
Presented by: Nikhil Gupta, BS

Endourology/Stone Disease/Laparoscopy/Robotics Poster Session

Clinical Winner: Poster #63 – Association of Race and Margin Status Among Patients Undergoing Robotic Partial Nephrectomy for T1 Renal Cell Carcinoma: Results From a Population-based Cohort
Presented by: Victor Chen

Penis/Urethra/Testis/Scrotum - Benign & Pediatric Urology Poster Session

Clinical Winner: Poster #50 – Trends and Outcomes of Immediate Retroperitoneal Lymph Node Dissection for Stage 1A Non-seminomatous Germ Cell Tumors
Presented by: John Francis, MD

Male & Couple Infertility/Sexual Dysfunction Poster Session

Clinical Winner: Poster #37 – How Important Is Pain? A Description of the Natural History of Penile Pain in Men with Peyronie's Disease
Presented by: Raevti Bole, MD, MA

Basic Science Winner: Poster #36 – Evaluating the Efficacy and Safety of Magnetic Induction Activation of Shape Memory Penile Prosthesis through Animal Tissue
Presented by: Brian Van Le, MD

VIDEO SESSION WINNER

Video #3 – Robotic Assisted Laparoscopic Transvesical Repair of Rectovesical Fistula Following Open Radical Prostatectomy: Use of Allograft Human Dermis Interposition
Presented by: Edward Capoccia, MD

Best Bizarre and Interesting Case Winner

#158 – Treatment of Prostate Cancer in Male-Assigned 46 XX Patient with Untreated Congenital Adrenal Hyperplasia
Presented by: Michael F. Atwell

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