



OCTOBER 2019

## MISSION

To enhance the delivery and quality of urologic care through education and advocacy for patients and physicians.

### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE** *(Jonathan Wright MD)*

Congratulations to Jeff Frankel, who received the inaugural Award for Excellence in Physician Advocacy from the American Association of Clinical Urologists (AACU). Dr.



Frankel has long been a leader for Physician Advocacy at the local, region and national level. He is currently on the WSUS Board, is a former President of both the WSUS and the AACU, and is the current President of the WSAUA.



**ZERO**  
**PROSTATE CANCER**  
**RUN/WALK**  
**PUGET SOUND**

The ZERO Prostate Cancer Run/Walk was a great success. Thank you to Paul Kozlowski and Debi Johnson for continued leadership linking the WSUS with this event (WSUS is the Local Host Sponsor). WSUS members from 6 Puget Sound urology practices participated and we hope more will do so next year. Nearly \$80,000 was raised.

Special Thank You to our event photographer, Jon Brown of Yugen View, who captured the day in these [photos](#).

Highlights of the event included the traditional survivor and caregiver recognition ceremony where WSUS members lined up to shake the hands of survivors and provide a ZERO survivor hat and caregiver sache. Those registered for the event as survivors wore red-colored shirts this year.



Immediately following we were entertained by the Seattle Seahawks Blue Thunder Drum Line.

Congratulations to the Virginia Mason "Flow Riders" who had the largest team (50) and was awarded the top fundraising team.



A special *Thank You* to one of the top 3 "individual" fundraisers for the race, Denise Chmela-Gerdon, formerly with the UW Urology Department. She worked at the University for nearly 30 years.





Save time by following us on Twitter. The WSUS is tracking nearly 80 urology news and resource sources. Stay current on the latest research and issues of urology and the society by following the WSUS tweets.

WSUS has a twitter handle: [@WA State Uro](#) .

## **NOVEMBER HEALTH AWARENESS**

Bladder Health Awareness Month

November (PCa, Testis Cancer and Mental Health Awareness & Suicide Prevention)

### **November 1-7**

Medical-Surgical Nurses Week

### **November 3-9**

Radiologic Technology Week

### **November 4-10**

Allied Health Professions Week

Medical Staff Services Week

### **November 10-16**

Nurse Practitioners' Week

## **INTERESTING READS**

### **Alternative Payment for Radiation Oncology**

An important read to understand CMS plan for radiation oncology clinics to receive a fixed payment for a 90-day episode of care. Participation will be mandatory.

[https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jama/fullarticle/2753024?guestAccessKey=bf740b9b-3112-49c0-811c-8a114606fdf0&utm\\_source=silverchair&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=article\\_alert-jama&utm\\_content=olf&utm\\_term=100919](https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jama/fullarticle/2753024?guestAccessKey=bf740b9b-3112-49c0-811c-8a114606fdf0&utm_source=silverchair&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=article_alert-jama&utm_content=olf&utm_term=100919)

### **Surgical cap vs. bouffant hat?**

Many hospitals have stopped allowing surgeons and operating room staff to wear traditional skull caps over concern of infection risk. This article discusses this in the context of quality improvement with the conclusion calling for physician engagement, "clinicians must not play a passive role in the implementation of policies within their institutions."

[https://journals.lww.com/annalsofsurgery/Citation/publishahead/The\\_Bouffant\\_Hat\\_Debate\\_and\\_the\\_Illusion\\_of.94874.aspx?MessageRunDetailID=819224262&PostID=8422829&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=rasa\\_io#pdf-link](https://journals.lww.com/annalsofsurgery/Citation/publishahead/The_Bouffant_Hat_Debate_and_the_Illusion_of.94874.aspx?MessageRunDetailID=819224262&PostID=8422829&utm_medium=email&utm_source=rasa_io#pdf-link)

### **Screening for asymptomatic bacteruria**

The USPSTF recommends against screening men and non-pregnant women for asymptomatic bacteruria (Grade D) with the primary concern of antibiotic overuse.

<https://www.uspreventiveservicestaskforce.org/Page/Document/RecommendationStatementFinal/asymptomatic-bacteriuria-in-adults-screening>

## WOMEN'S HEALTH CHAIR MESSAGE

### Washington State Women in Urology lead the way

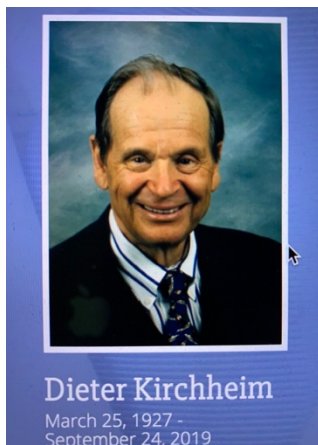


discussed challenges we face. The conversations and connections continued in the Hot Stove Society and we did an interactive cook along with local restaurateur and celebrity chef Tom Douglas of his greatest hits dishes. Washington State women urologists are leading the way, and other states are looking to us as an example. Look out for many more great things from this group of amazing women.

30 Washington State women in urology gathered on Wed Oct 2, 2019 at the Hotel Andra in Seattle, WA for the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Women in Urology Fall Leadership event. It was a huge success based on member engagement and feedback. We held a Leadership Roundtable discussion followed by a team building activity. We did introductions, celebrated highpoints, and



## IN MEMORY OF



Dieter Kirchheim MD was a former Clinical Associate Professor at the University of Washington and later owned his own patient care clinic in Olympia for over 30 years. He was a board member of the Western Institutional Review Board (WIRB) for 25 years due to his interest in human drug studies. He ended his career as a Civilian Urologist at Madigan Army Medical Center where he enjoyed teaching urology residents.

## **SAVE THE DATES**

### **November 2-7, 2019**

AUA Western Section Annual Meeting  
The Portola Hotel and Monterey  
Conference Center  
Monterey, CA

### **November 7, 2019**

1st Annual Urology Practice  
Administrator (WSUSM)  
Leadership Dinner @ 6:30pm  
Maximilien Restaurant  
Seattle, WA

### **December 3, 2019**

WSUS Quarterly Board Meeting  
@ 6:30 pm  
Seattle, WA

### **January 10, 2020**

Puget Sound Urology Residents  
Collaborative Annual Meeting  
Hotel Murano: 1320 Broadway,  
Tacoma, WA 98402

### **January 11, 2020**

WSUS Annual Strategic Planning  
Session  
Redmond, WA

### **January 30, 2020**

WSUS Annual Legislative Day  
Olympia, WA

### **February 8-9, 2020**

NWUS Annual Meeting  
Vancouver, BC

### **May 15-18, 2020**

AUA Annual Meeting  
Walter E. Washington Convention  
Center  
Washington, DC

### **June 26-28, 2020**

WSUS Annual Meeting  
Sleeping Lady Mountain Resort  
Leavenworth, WA

### **June 25-27, 2021**

WSUS Annual Meeting  
The Couer d'Alene Resort  
Couer d'Alene, ID



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