

# Urology News



## From the chair

### Christopher E. Keel, D.O., FACS

As spring arrives along the Gulf Coast, it brings with it a sense of renewal, growth, and new opportunity – qualities that strongly reflect what is happening within our Department of Urology.



We are excited to welcome Dr. Dimple Chanamolu to our team. Dr. Chanamolu brings specialized expertise in the treatment of benign prostatic hyperplasia and is introducing Holmium Laser Enucleation of the Prostate (HoLEP) to our region. This advanced, minimally invasive technology expands treatment options for men across the Gulf Coast and allows many patients to achieve excellent outcomes with shorter recovery times. We are proud to offer this level of care locally and are grateful to Dr. Chanamolu for bringing this innovation to our community.

This spring also marks the beginning of a significant period of growth for our department. By August, four new faculty members will join our team, strengthening our ability to serve patients, collaborate with referring physicians, and expand access to high-quality advanced urologic care throughout the region. Just as spring signals new life and possibility, this growth reflects our commitment to meeting the evolving needs of the communities we serve.

As we continue to grow, we invite collaborative engagement with our colleagues, community partners, and referring providers. Together, we can ensure that patients along the Gulf Coast have access to leading-edge care delivered close to home. We look forward to strengthening existing partnerships and building new ones in the months ahead.

Thank you for your continued trust and collaboration. We are excited about what lies ahead.



## Achievements

### Parham selected for traveling fellowship

Kevin Parham, M.D., PGY-3, has been selected for a Society of Genitourinary Reconstructive Surgeons Traveling Fellowship.

Parham will complete the one-to two-week observership at the University of California, Irvine. He was also awarded a \$2,000 stipend.

## Events

Journal Club  
Wednesday, March 24  
5:30 p.m.  
Location TBA

## Social media

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## Bladder augmentation ‘life-changing’ for Foley man

Dalton Emley loves nothing more than working outside at his home in Foley where he enjoys raising chickens and nurturing fruit trees.

“I just like being outside. I don’t care if it’s cutting down a tree, making a fire, raking leaves or cleaning out the chicken coop,” said Emley, 28, who is paralyzed from the waist down, and uses a wheelchair or hand-controlled vehicle to get around his 2½ acres.

Emley can now return to his favorite activities thanks to bladder augmentation and reconstruction surgery last April to address increasingly frequent and troublesome bladder leaks, which can be a concern for individuals with paralysis. The advanced urology procedure, known as augmentation enterocystoplasty, allows Emley to stay active without worrying about constant leaks and catheterizations.



Dalton Emley with his rooster, Mac

“Augmentation enterocystoplasty is done by using a piece of the bowel to patch the bladder,” said Urology Chair Christopher E. Keel, D.O., FACS. “We essentially bivalve the bladder and sew a large patch on it to increase its capacity and lower its pressure.”

The 3.5-hour procedure at USA Health University Hospital was the first in the area to be performed robotically – a nod to the advanced robotic and reconstructive urology options now available at the region’s only academic health system. “Traveling to Birmingham, New Orleans or Houston for these procedures is no longer necessary,” Keel said.

Injured in a car accident at age 21, Emley had previously been prescribed Botox to address bladder leakage, but the treatment became less effective over time. He was also suffering from frequent urinary tract infections, which can become serious if left untreated. Meeting Keel at University Urology in Fairhope was a game-changer, he said. “When Dr. Keel mentioned bladder augmentation, I’d never heard of it. No other doctor had ever mentioned it,” he said. “I went home, thought about it, and decided to go for it.”

Emley’s recovery from the robotic procedure was shorter than it would have been with traditional surgery and resulted in less scarring. His daily regimen now consists of three to four catheterizations per day to remove urine and a saline solution each morning to flush the bladder. More recently, Keel prescribed an antibiotic, administered through the catheter, to help fend off UTIs – a decision based on its success in clinical trials.

Today, Emley is all smiles as he talks about his plans to add goats and chickens, and even everyday activities such as enjoying a meal out.

“It’s been life-changing,” Emley said. “I can go out to a restaurant. I can drink my sweet tea and my coffee when I want to and not have to worry about anything.”

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## Photos and Highlights



Christian Manganti, M.D., PGY-2, second from left, was among the USA Health providers recognized at A Night Honoring Healers on Nov. 18, 2025.



Hannah Moreland, M.D., PGY-4, attends a meeting of the American Society for Reproductive Medicine in San Antonio, Texas.



Hannah Moreland, M.D., PGY-4, left, attends the 26th Annual Fall Scientific Meeting of the Sexual Medicine Society of North America in Grapevine, Texas.



Marjorie Jones, M.D., PGY-1, and Hannah Moreland, M.D., PGY-4, shop for Christmas gifts for a teen sponsored by the Department of Urology.



Urology residents enjoy a social outing at Surge Entertainment in Mobile.



Urology residents work on their American Urological Association education recently.

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## New urologist brings HoLEP procedure to Gulf Coast

USA Health University Urology welcomes Dimple Chanamolu, MBBS, M.D., a fellowship-trained urologist who specializes in the treatment of benign prostatic hyperplasia (BPH), also known as enlarged prostate, as well as urinary stone disease, and urologic malignancies.

Chanamolu will hold the academic title of assistant professor in the Department of Urology at the Frederick P. Whiddon College of Medicine at the University of South Alabama.

Chanamolu will be the first provider on the upper Gulf Coast performing Holmium Laser Enucleation of the Prostate (HoLEP), a minimally invasive procedure that uses a laser beam to remove tissue from the prostate when it is blocking the flow of urine.



“Dr. Chanamolu will bring a new and novel approach to the way we treat BPH and stone disease helping us continue to build our Endourology program, and will be the first person performing HoLEP in our region,” said Christopher E. Keel, D.O., FACS, associate professor and chair of the Department of Urology.

Chanamolu earned a medical degree from Dr. NTR University of Health Sciences/NRI Medical College in Guntur, India. He completed a urology residency at the Kaloji Narayana Rao University of Health Sciences in Narketpally, Telangana, India. He is triple-fellowship-trained, having completed a fellowship in nephrology/renal transplant at McMaster University in Ontario, Canada, and fellowships in endourology/oncology and urologic oncology/robotic surgery at the University of Miami/Jackson Memorial Hospital.

**To make an appointment or refer a patient, call 251-660-5930.**