

LUGPA News

Celeste Kirschner, CEO; Evan Goldfischer, Immediate Past President

LUGPA, Chicago, Illinois

LUGPA's Annual Meeting in Chicago Celebrates Independent Urology

Thank you to everyone who joined us November 14 to 16, 2024, for the LUGPA 2024 Annual Meeting! We met in Chicago, Illinois, where we learned more about our clinical practice, exchanged ideas, and celebrated LUGPA's accomplishments in support of independent urology practices.

If you missed the annual meeting, you can visit lugpa.org/annual to see photos from the event and read a recap of the entire meeting. You can also follow #LUGPA2024 on social media to access more news and photos from the event and see what attendees had to say about the meeting.

► **Videos and slides from the meeting are housed on a password-protected page for LUGPA group practice members. Visit lugpa.org/annual for details.**

LUGPA Welcomes 2024-2025 Board of Directors

NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS TO CHAMPION INDEPENDENT UROLOGY PRACTICE

LUGPA is proud to announce its newest members of the board of directors for 2024-2025. This group of leaders includes 4 new board members and 4 individuals who have been elected to new officer positions. The new members, who were elected by the membership through online voting in the fall, are committed to advancing the mission of independent urology.

LUGPA congratulates these newly elected officers:

- Scott Sellinger, MD, as president
- Jeffrey Spier, MD, as president-elect
- Evan R. Goldfischer, MD, MBA, MPH, as immediate past president
- Kirsten Anderson, MHA, CMPE, CPC, CASC, as treasurer
- Benjamin Lowentritt, MD, FACS, as secretary

LUGPA also welcomes the following new members to the board of directors:

- Gordon Brown, DO, FACOS
- Benjamin Coons, MD

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- Erika Ferrozzo, MHA
- Vahan Kassabian, MD, FACS, FRCS(C)

Elected to a new 2-year term and continuing on LUGPA's board of directors are

- Jason Hafron, MD, CMO
- Timothy Richardson, MD

"I am incredibly honored to lead LUGPA, an organization that is pivotal to the future of independent urology practice," said new LUGPA President Dr Sellinger.

"Ensuring a sustainable model for independent physicians is paramount to providing high-quality, affordable urologic care to our patients. Additionally, prioritizing collaboration and enhancing our educational programs will help to drive engagement and innovation. My vision is to foster a community where independent urologists can thrive, adapt to changes, and continue to advance the quality of health care."

► **To read more about Dr Sellinger's goals for his term as LUGPA president, visit lugpa.org/leadership.**

Third Edition of Practice Management Guidebook Now Available

Practice Management for Urology Groups: LUGPA's Guidebook was created to provide today's urology clinicians with a reference manual on the basics of group practice management and to help them advance patient care by adopting an integrated approach to care delivery.

The third edition adds several new chapters covering rapid-access clinics; new service lines; private equity investments; clinician burnout; artificial intelligence; and diversity, equity, and inclusion. This book is a must-read for all group practice leaders—physicians and administrators alike. LUGPA members can receive free digital access, and printed copies are available on Amazon.

"This book draws upon the collective wisdom of seasoned urologists, health care administrators, and

industry experts to assist urology practices in navigating today's health care challenges," said Evan R. Goldfischer, MD, MBA, MPH, LUGPA's immediate past president and editor in chief of the guidebook. "Each chapter offers practical insights and real-world examples to illustrate successful implementations of discussed strategies."

In *Practice Management for Urology Groups: LUGPA's Guidebook*, you'll learn

- essential tips for managing your practice;
- how to form and merge group practices;
- group governance and operations;
- physician compensation methods and alternatives;
- key considerations in private equity deals;
- negotiations with hospitals for service line agreements; and
- how to establish a comprehensive bladder cancer clinic.

► **For further details, visit lugpa.org/resources.**

Upcoming LUGPA Events

Don't miss these upcoming LUGPA events, which provide opportunities to exchange ideas and network!

January 18-21, 2025: LUGPA 2025 Global Prostate Cancer Congress; Sun Valley, ID

February 28-March 1, 2025: 2025 Urology Resident Summit and Job Fair; Orlando, FL

March 14-15, 2025: Houston Regional Meeting; Houston, TX

May 29-31, 2025: 2025 Ambulatory Surgical Center Academy; Scottsdale, AZ

June 20-21, 2025: Boston Regional Meeting; Boston, MA

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