New Cellular Prostate Cancer Treatment Available at Mount Sinai
Supporting Mount Sinai Medical Center in its mission: To provide high quality health care to our diverse community enhanced through teaching, research, charity care and financial responsibility very seriously. It is what drives all of us each day. Being financially responsible assures that we will remain strong and continue to provide advanced care and services for our patients, and that is why we are pleased to share that for the second consecutive year, Mount Sinai has had positive earnings. Our most recent audit posted on March 25, reports nearly $26 million in profit for the medical center in 2010, up from $13.8 million in 2009.

This exceptional showing was primarily driven by an increase in patient volume with an overall increase in inpatient admissions. Mount Sinai Heart Institute, in partnership with New York’s Columbia University, produced strong cardiac surgical volume, showing an increase of 8.3 percent.

Heart patients will be able to enjoy the benefits of minimally invasive coronary bypass surgery (MIS CABG) at Mount Sinai. This procedure has been shown to improve outcomes and shorten patient recovery time compared to traditional surgery.

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Prostate cancer is the most common non-dermatologic cancer in the United States and the third most common cancer worldwide. Prostate cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death in American men, behind only lung cancer. More than two million men in the United States who have been diagnosed with prostate cancer at some point are still alive today.

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It is fitting that the center spread in this issue of Summit features an article about groundbreaking research in minimally invasive valve surgery performed by Joseph Lamelas, M.D., our chief of cardiac surgery. The study reveals that elderly patients have much better outcomes with minimally invasive valve surgery than with median sternotomy, a more invasive interventional procedure (see story, page 11). This research raises new hope for patients who might otherwise not be candidates for life-saving valve surgery and gives them another reason to choose Mount Sinai, where more valve procedures are performed than anywhere else in the state.

Cutting-Edge Treatment Options

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New Physicians

Remaining true to our mission to provide quality care, we are continuously expanding our outstanding team of physicians. Two new physicians, Joseph Gutman, M.D., a renowned endocrinologist, and Janice Santos, M.D., an acclaimed urologist specializing in women’s health issues, are featured in this issue of Summit.

Both of these exceptional doctors will bring a wealth of training and expertise to Mount Sinai, and they will be an asset to our medical staff.

Celebrating Our Founders

You will also note that this issue of Summit includes six pages of photos from the Founders Celebration which took place on Saturday, February 12. This was a grand evening that paid tribute to our most longstanding philanthropic group and celebrated the contributions of our entire family of supporters.

The Founders Celebration is one of the many ways we show our appreciation to the people and organizations that support our mission. With your help, Mount Sinai Medical Center will continue to be a beacon of health care in our community.

Celebrating Mount Sinai’s Achievements and Your Ongoing Support

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“It looked like my only option was aggressive chemotherapy, and I just couldn’t go through that,” he said. In fact, side effects from chemotherapy, which is the only other treatment option for many of these patients, can be just as agonizing as the disease itself. In addition, Provenge has improved survival rates over chemotherapy.

“Mr. London is an ideal candidate for this type of treatment,” said Mike Cusnir, M.D., London’s oncologist at the comprehensive cancer center. “It would be too high-risk for a gentleman of his age to undergo any further aggressive chemotherapy, let alone surgery.”

For his part, London is happy to have a new option that gives him a greater chance of survival, and he takes comfort in knowing that he could be making a tremendous impact on the lives of other patients in the future.

“I’d like to meet my great-grandchildren one day so, hopefully, I’m successful and I’ll be around so that I can help somebody else in my position be around, too,” said London.
Growing up just beyond the Miami-Dade/Broward County line in Hollywood, Bonnie Schaefer was always interested in serving others.

At the urging of her late sister, Diane, Schaefer went door-to-door to raise money for the March of Dimes when she was a child and, as a teenager, she volunteered as a candy stripe at a local hospital.

“My father brought us up to give,” she said. “He was a wonderful example to watch as I was growing up. My father always gave to everyone and said, ‘Always give because you never know if someone really needs it or not.’ ”

Her parents, Rowland and Sylvia Schaefer, have been ardent supporters in the Society of Mount Sinai and members of the Founders Club, The Cancer Lifeline, and the Ambassadors of the Wien Center for Alzheimer’s Disease and Memory Disorders. Following her parents’ example, Schaefer has embraced her parents’ commitment to Mount Sinai.

She and her partner, Jamie, are part of the Founders Club and the Society of Mount Sinai, and she is a member of the hospital’s Executive Board of Trustees. She credits family friend Michael Adler, chairman of the board, and Steven D. Sonenreich, president and chief executive officer, with influencing her decision to join the board.

“I hold both of those men in very high esteem,” Schaefer said. “It’s an honor. I like the way the hospital is run, and I like the fact that Mount Sinai has some of the finest doctors in the Southeast on its staff. And I also appreciate that the hospital is held in such high regard in the community. The hospital’s teaching program, charity care, and groundbreaking research make it a valuable community resource.”

Schaefer brings a great deal of business expertise and experience to the board. She and her sister Marla were co-chief executive officers and co-chairmen of the board of Claire’s Stores, Inc., the leading international specialty retailer, and Schaefer was chairman of the board of Claire’s Nippon, Co., Ltd., a joint venture in Japan formed by Claire’s stores, Inc., and AEOM, Co., Ltd.

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The sisters were appointed to leadership positions at Claire’s after their father, the company’s founder and former chairman/C.E.O., suffered a stroke. During their tenure, the company’s shareholder value increased approximately 200 percent.

Schaefer retired four years ago after she and her sister sold the company to a private equity group. She now owns the Westglow Resort & Spa, a Relax & Chateaux property located in Blowing Rock, N.C., where she spends her summer months. Westglow recently was named by SpaFinder Magazine as one of the Best Boutique Spas in the World. Schaefer also is the proud owner of Rowland’s restaurant, which she opened in honor of her father.

“My father loved to go out to eat and he loved fine food,” she said. “I put everything on the menu that he liked.”

She and Marla also run the Rowland and Sylvia Schaefer Family Foundation Inc., established by their parents, and Schaefer is active in a number of political, charitable and community organizations. An ardent supporter of women’s rights, Schaefer works to give women greater visibility and power through her participation in the Women’s Media Center. She also serves on the host committee for the Women’s Division of the Weizmann Institute of Science, and she was honored as a Woman of Vision by the Weizmann Institute in 2000. She and Jamie also are co-founders of the National Ovarian Cancer Coalition’s Run/Walk for the Whisper.

Schaefer is a founding member of the Appalachian Women’s Fund, which focuses on improving the lives of women and girls through grants, mentoring and advocacy; and she supports Power of the Purse of the High Country Women’s Fund, which helps women take major steps out of poverty. In addition, she is a board member of Appalachian State University’s Summer Music Program and a supporter of the university’s Center for Judaic, Holocaust, and Peace Studies. She has given the seed money to build the first and only synagogue in the High Country, and she supports the Blowing Rock Art History Museum, Edgewood Cottage, the Fly Navigation Arts Center, and the Watauga Humane Society.

Considering her schedule and all of her community involvement, Schaefer acknowledged that she hasn’t slowed down since retiring. “I’m actually busier now than when I was working,” she said.

And she continues to receive accolades for her good work. A member of the Simon Wiesenthal Center Board of Trustees, she was the honoree of the group’s 2011 South Florida Annual Tribute Dinner on April 10.

“Bonnie is continuing her father’s legacy of community service and philanthropy,” said Adler, who co-chaired the dinner with his wife, Judy. “Mount Sinai is very fortunate to have a person of her caliber serving on our Board of Trustees. She’s a wonderful person – full of energy, enthusiasm and ideas that I’m sure will be of great benefit to Mount Sinai.”
Members of Mount Sinai Medical Center’s most time-honored philanthropic group enjoyed a wonderful night to remember during the 2011 Founders Celebration on Saturday, Feb. 12, at the beautiful Fontainebleau Resort. The Founders welcomed new members during the evening, which included an address by Michael M. Adler, chairman of the Mount Sinai Medical Center Board of Trustees. Adler welcomed the new Founders and thanked the entire organization for its longstanding support of the hospital. He also paid tribute to Mark H. Hildebrandt, Foundation president, under whose leadership the Foundation raised $15 million in support for the medical center in 2010. The evening featured a spirited performance by Dr. K’s Motown Revue, which gave guests a marvelous taste of the soulful sounds that inspired a generation. Heartfelt gratitude to the Fontainebleau Resort and Grande Affairs for helping to make the night a success. Special thanks to Southern Wine & Spirits for providing the evening’s libations.

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Dr. Todd & Judie Heimowitz with Dr. Gervais & Isabel Lamas

Melissa Rubin with Teresa & Eloy Carmenate

Alan & Lisa Lipton with Shelly Barkovich & David Sagman, Amanda Adler and Lisa & Robert Hoeman

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Mount Sinai Medical Center Celebrates Its Founders In Style

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Standing (left to right): Steven D. Sonenreich, Shy Kostiner, Adam Laufer, Shawn Chemtov, Lee Krelstein, Jay Parker and Mathana Richehite. Seated (left to right): Alessandra Lopes, Jamie Lacher, Heather Chemtov, Vanessa Kirkshin, Laura Cantina Parker and Zebulon Szymon.

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With the Invictus, a 44-foot sailboat docked in Key Biscayne

as his primary residence and his plans to drive an RV on vacation from South Florida to Alaska, it’s easy to see that 79-year-old George Freeland is living the good life. But his carefree lifestyle was threatened a year ago when Freeland, a retired geologist who has had careers in the oil industry, marine geology and oceanography, was diagnosed with a leaky aortic valve.

Many doctors would have considered Freeland, then 78, a less than ideal candidate for valve replacement surgery. The traditional procedure, known as a median sternotomy, requires opening the entire chest cavity and is considered too traumatic for elderly patients.

However, a study conducted by doctors at Mount Sinai Medical Center revealed that with minimally invasive valve replacement surgery, patients age 75 and older experienced fewer complications, had a shorter hospital stay and had a higher survival rate. Minimally invasive valve surgery at Mount Sinai is performed through a small, two-inch incision on the right side of the chest. This approach was compared to other valve replacement procedures using the traditional median sternotomy.

“The implications of this study are huge,” said Joseph Lamelas, M.D., chief of cardiac surgery at Mount Sinai. Dr. Lamelas, who developed the minimally invasive procedure used in the study, has the highest volume of cardiac surgeries in Florida and the best cardiac surgical outcomes in South Florida among surgeons who perform a high volume of complex cases.

“Basically, at Mount Sinai, we can now prolong life expectancy in a population that, otherwise, was not given the interventional care they needed because they were labeled as high-risk patients,” he said. “The elderly with heart disease, and their adult children, need to know that they do have options for surgical intervention.”

Published in the January 2011 issue of The Annals of Thoracic Surgery, the groundbreaking study was conducted by Dr. Lamelas, Gervasio Lamas, M.D., chief of the Columbia University Division of Cardiology at Mount Sinai, Orlando Santana, M.D., director of the Echocardiography Laboratory at Columbia University Division of Cardiology at Mount Sinai, and Alejandro Sarria, M.D., a cardiology fellow at Mount Sinai.

Mount Sinai’s study examined a population older than any other previously published study that investigated minimally invasive heart surgeries, making it the first to report findings that can be of significant importance in the health of the elderly population.

It included 203 patients age 75 or older, with a mean age of 80 and all had isolated valve surgery during the analysis period. Eighty-four of the patients had a median sternotomy and Dr. Lamelas performed minimally invasive surgery on the remaining 119 patients. When compared to the patients who underwent a traditional median sternotomy, Dr. Lamelas’ patients experienced significantly better outcomes, including a:

• Lower percentage of complication rates during procedure (21% vs. 45%)
• Lower incidence of kidney failure (0.8% vs. 16.7%)
• Lower rate of wound infection (0.8% vs. 6%)
• Shorter intensive care unit stay (52 hours v. 119 hours)
• Shorter hospital stay (7 days vs. 12 days)

Overall, the Mount Sinai study demonstrated that minimally invasive valve surgery is feasible and should be considered for older patients who might otherwise not have access to valve surgery due to high risk. Currently, one out of every eight individuals over the age of 75 has moderate to severe valvular disease. This is a potential population of 4.2 to 5.6 million at present. This number is expected to double by 2030, as the population ages. Many elderly patients are denied intervention by surgical centers and excluded from studies because of their age.

“If there is one thing we hope people will remember it’s that if you are a high-risk patient, you should be looking for the least invasive method for surgery,” Dr. Lamas said. “And that’s exactly what we offer at Mount Sinai.”

Freeland, who has had cardiovascular disease for some time, shares that sentiment. He credits Dr. Lamas, his longtime cardiologist, with referring him to Dr. Lamelas for minimally invasive surgery.

“It made sense to me to have my surgery done at a hospital proven to have the most experience in this type of surgery,” he said. “The valve was replaced through minimally invasive surgery. I was in the hospital for four days. I didn’t feel any pain and there were no problems. I feel great!”

George Freeland, aboard his sailboat the Invictus, had minimally invasive valve surgery in 2010.
Dr. Alan Nieder Is Guest Speaker at Founders Supper Buffet

Members of the Founders Club celebrated their shared commitment to Mount Sinai during a lovely supper buffet on Thursday, March 10, in the George and Marla Bergmann Founders Dining Room. The event featured a presentation by Dr. Alan Nieder, resident program site director of the Department of Urology. Dr. Nieder, whose speech was titled “Bladder Cancer – How Can We Improve Outcomes,” also is an assistant professor of urology at the Columbia University Division of Urology at Mount Sinai. Michael M. Adler, chairman of the Board of Trustees, was among the many guests in attendance. The gathering marked the first time Melissa Rubin and David Sugarman presided over a supper buffet as Founders co-chairs. Both received a warm reception from their fellow Founders. Special thanks to our friends at Southern Wine & Spirits for their generous support of this event.
Dr. Alan Nieder sharing the latest information on bladder cancer

- 4th most common cancer in men
- 9th most common cancer in women
- 60,000 cases/year newly diagnosed
- 12,000 deaths/year
  - Prostate Cancer: 10% deaths of all cases

Florida 4th most populous state (>17 million)
With “taste, tease and temptation” as their mantra, the Young Presidents Club hosted another very Sexy Saturday Night on March 5 at Mokai Lounge. Not even a deluge of rain discouraged the guests, who walked the red carpet amid the flash of the paparazzi as they entered the celebrated nightclub. Mokai’s cherry-red sofas, black lacquered walls, and lipstick-pink décor provided the perfect backdrop for the annual sultry soiree, which featured a scintillating burlesque show, sumptuous desserts, music by DJ Frank Flux, and a signature cocktail featuring Absolut Wild Tea. Special thanks to Brandon Grant and new Young Founder Lisa Miller Eisenberg — our partners at Miami Magazine — for their support in making Sexy Saturday Night a grand success. Our thanks as well to Vanessa Menkes, the Opium Group’s vice president of marketing; Aris Nanos, Mokai general manager; Society Member Jason Starkman, Events Guru Caron Cole and Diane Dean of Epicure Gourmet Market; Sugar Rush; and our dear friends at Southern Wine & Spirits, who provided the evening’s libations.

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Dr. Gerald Applegate & Jayne Kaur
Michael & Kristin Goldberg with Edwards Escobar
Ykben Benda & David Sade

Terry Kaufman and Lorena Kaufman
Sebastian & Lauren Barcha with Rachelle & Robert Arkin
Ash & Liara Srebrnik
Amy Rosenburg & Mark Alhadeff

Katie Phang and Dr. Rafael Urbino
Joel & Francis Goren
Alexandre Oulidiby, Christine Fernandez, Mike Lee and Vanessa Marden Oulidiby

Ario Manns, general manager at Mokai, with burlesque dancers

Rafael & Flavia Ades with Debora & Flavia Hojda at mokaï
Members of the Young Presidents Club and the Young Founders spent a snazzy evening of fashion, friendship and fine food on Wednesday, January 19, at the hot new Red Market Salon, located on the second floor of Bal Harbour Shops. Red Market’s New York location was voted Best Late Night Salon by New York Magazine in 2008, and expectations are equally high for the new Miami location. Lea’s Tea Room & Bistro, the evening’s co-host, provided an array of delicious hors d’oeuvres with a French flair, and Neiman Marcus, Bal Harbour, provided the fashion focus with a presentation of the season’s hottest cocktail dresses and evening attire. More than 150 of Mount Sinai’s young philanthropists turned out for the event, which also featured cocktails and a selection of wines provided by our generous friends at Southern Wine & Spirits. Special thanks to Adriana Companet(899,58),(972,322), Jean Marc Durante and Reynald Ricard of Red Market Salon, Robert Haik and Sophie Tordjman, the father/daughter team at Lea’s Tea Room, Gotam Giron and Taryn Sheir of Neiman Marcus Bal Harbour, and Cheryl Stepphenson of the Shops of Bal Harbour for their gracious hospitality.

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YPC and Young Founders Experience the Parisian Flair of Red Market Salon and Lea’s Tea Room & Bistro

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Michael Milberg, Foundation executive director; Melissa Rubin, Founders co-chair; Mercedes Saewitz, Young Presidents Club co-chair and David Sugarman, Founders co-chair

Eric Silver, Marko Cerenko and Eric Gilbert

Justin Schuster & Drama Harbour with Santiago Mendez

Shayna Saks and Michael Goldberg

David & Michelle Edelstein

Flavia & Deborah Healy, Judy & Jason Messner, Patty Soffer and Marc Braha

Samantha & Yann Offie with Dr. Rafael Urbano

Russo Kinor with Daniel Abbe Levin

Stacy Wex & Philip Handel with Lea Levinson Segal

Melissa Midek, Allison Farnes and Jennifer Pinkert

Suzanne Puglia, Dr. David Roth and David Edelstein

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Josh Goldglantz, Shari Weinstock, Maria Soffer and Patricia Chiraion

Drs. Michael & Judith Samuels with Marcelle & Richard May

Sandy Segal and Dr. Sheldon Fine

Jackie & Dr. Todd Humowitz

Jeffrey and Jared Newman

Beth Leeds with Debbie Blasberg-Sander & Scott Sander

Neiman Marcus models
Philanthropists Talk Strategy with Mount Sinai’s President and CEO

Steven D. Sonenreich, president and chief executive officer at Mount Sinai Medical Center, shared insights about the hospital and the impact of philanthropic support during a private gathering of donors on Tuesday, January 18. Sonenreich shed light on the key factors of Mount Sinai’s success in 2010, as well as the community-wide benefits it provides, and he shared plans for future growth in its centers of excellence. The talk, hosted by Marion Golden and Sheila Wohl, took place at Chef Allen’s Seafood Grill in Aventura. Golden and Wohl are part of the Society of Mount Sinai, whose members make up the hospital’s most generous supporters. All share the goal of helping Mount Sinai meet its mission to provide high quality health care for the community. Guests also heard from Chef Allen Susser, executive chef and owner of the landmark bistro, who discussed sustainable produce and wine pairings. In addition, he presented everyone in attendance with an autographed copy of his book, “The Great Citrus Book – A Guide with Recipes.” Southern Wine & Spirits graciously provided the wine that was served with each course of the menu during the exclusive “lunch and learn” event.

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Melissa Rubin was among the winners of the Women Extraordinaire award on Tuesday, March 8, by Business Leader Media. She, along with other award recipients, was featured in the February/March issue of Business Leader Magazine. Honorees are women of outstanding accomplishment, who are leaders in their profession. Melissa, who is vice president for business development and broker with Platinum Properties International, is co-chair of the Founders of Mount Sinai.

Congratulations to Miriam and Dr. Peter Segall on the birth of their grandson, Paxton Miles Goldberg. Paxton was born on January 11, weighing 8 pounds, 4 ounces and measuring 20.5 inches. Proud parents are Lee and Rohyn Segall Goldberg. Rohyn is a member of the Young Presidents Club. Paxton’s grandparents are part of the Society of Mount Sinai and the Founders Club. Dr. Segall also is part of the Board of Trustees and president of the hospital’s medical staff. The Segalls also welcomed grandson Oliver Charles LeCompte, on August 24. Oliver weighed 8 pounds 2 ounces and measured 19 inches long. His mom, Kimberly, is a member of the Young Presidents Club, and his dad, Gran, Young Founder. Congratulations to Lisa and David Morales on the birth of their daughter Veronica Grace Morales.

Veronica was born on March 9 weighing 9 pounds and measuring 20.75 inches long. Her dad is a member of the Young Presidents Club and sits on the VPC Board. Congratulations to Michael and Monique Shafir on their recent engagement. Justin, who also is a member of the Founders board, and Oxana were engaged on October 27, 2010, and their wedding will take place on June 3 in beautiful Cancun.

Congratulations to Young Founder Justin Schaefer and Oxana Harlow on their recent engagement. Justin, who also is a member of the Founders board, and Oxana were engaged on October 27, 2010, and their wedding will take place on June 3 in beautiful Cancun.

Congratulations to Young Founder Joan Cohen and her husband, Amir, on the musical success of their 22-year-old daughter, Natalie, a recent graduate of the Frost School of Music at the University of Miami. Her hit single, “Addicted to You,” recorded under her stage name, “Madame Mayhem,” has reached #1 in New York City and 73 radio stations across the country, including several in South Florida. To hear the song, visit www.madamenayhem.com.

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Joseph Gutman, M.D., is Mount Sinai’s new specialist in treating patients with diabetes. Board certified in internal medicine, Dr. Gutman has been a practicing endocrinologist since 1985. He most recently was director of Diabetes America, Inc., in Chandler, Ariz., which specializes in providing total, individualized care for patients with diabetes, with a focus on managing the disease through diet, exercise and medication. Dr. Gutman, who has been involved in multiple governmental advisory boards relating to the growing problem of diabetes in the United States, is a past co-chairman of the National Congressional Committee on Healthcare Reform, and he frequently lectures on cholesterol as it relates to diabetes. Prior to his position at Diabetes America, Inc., Dr. Gutman practiced with Elan Medical Associates in Tempe, Ariz. and Santa Monica Bay Physicians in Santa Monica, Calif. He also was a solo practitioner in Diamond Bar, Calif. Dr. Gutman previously held several leadership positions at San Dimas Community Hospital in San Dimas, Calif., including director of Diabetes Services, and chairman of Medical Education, Laboratory Services, and the Department of Medicine. Dr. Gutman completed his internship and residency and served a year as a chief resident at The Jewish Hospital and Medical Center of Brooklyn, now known as Interfaith Medical Center. He also was a fellow in endocrinology and metabolism at Dartmouth Medical School. Fluent in Spanish, French, Italian and Yiddish, Dr. Gutman is Professor Emeritus at the Universita Di Bologna in Bologna, Italy, and he previously was an associate professor of medicine at the University of California, Irvine.
Janice Santos, M.D., is an assistant professor of urology at Columbia University Division of Urology at Mount Sinai Medical Center in Miami Beach. Dr. Santos’ clinical interests include the medical and surgical treatment of the various urologic cancers that affect both men and women. Her clinical and research interests are in male and female incontinence, vaginal prolapse, voiding dysfunction, urodynamics and surgical outcomes. In addition, she has a special interest in managing patients with neurogenic voiding dysfunction. A native of Puerto Rico, Dr. Santos completed her urology residency training at Albert Einstein School of Medicine, Montefiore Medical Center, NY. She subsequently pursued a fellowship in Urologic Oncology at the University of Miami and Jackson Memorial Hospital. After completing her first fellowship, Dr. Santos returned to New York, where she trained in female urology, voiding dysfunction, urodynamics, neurology and endourology at NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital/Columbia University Medical Center. Dr. Santos’ professional associations include the American Urological Association, American Medical Association, Society of Women in Urology, Society for Urodynamics and Female Urology, Society of Urologic Oncology and the Alpha Omega Alpha Medical Honor Society.