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AMERICAN UROLOGICAL ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES NEW POSITIONS TO SUPPORT GLOBAL STRATEGY
Three leading urologists selected to guide and support international activity

Baltimore, MD, February 27, 2018—The American Urological Association (AUA) today announced a modernized structure to better align its international growth with its global footprint and to further develop wide-reaching collaborations and opportunities.

Three new Assistant Secretary positions, each with a distinct global geographic region of responsibility, have been approved by the AUA Board of Directors to support this expanded structure. Sam S. Chang, MD, MBA; Aseem R. Shukla, MD; and Angela B. Smith, MD, MS, FACS have each been appointed to fill these roles.

As Assistant Secretaries, Drs. Chang, Shukla and Smith will play critical roles supporting the AUA Secretary in shaping and executing on the Association's international strategy, programming and activities. By fully leveraging the AUA's global reach and an influence tremendously respected throughout the world, each will assist implementing the AUA's International Education Plan and identifying new opportunities with national and multi-national urological societies. Additionally, they will work to maintain relationships with key urologists and other strategic partners across the globe, participate in the AUA's Annual Meeting and serve as section editors for the AUA publication, *AUANews*. These positions are a reflection of the continuity and foundation Inderbir Gill, MD, established during his tenure as AUA's Chair of Global Initiatives. Dr. Gill completed his term on December 31, 2017.

"Today's announcement further solidifies our commitment to advancing urology on a universal scale," said AUA Secretary, Manoj Monga, MD, FACS. "I would like to thank Dr. Gill for his many contributions to the international community and I look forward to working with Drs. Chang, Shukla, and Smith to further expand and enhance our programs, globally."

Assistant Secretary position structure and leadership, effective June 1, 2018:



Dr. Chang will oversee the AUA's partnerships in Europe, the Middle East and Africa. Dr. Chang is currently the Patricia and Rodes Hart Professor of Urologic Surgery and Professor of Medicine at Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Nashville.



Dr. Shukla will oversee the AUA's partnerships in Asia and Australia. He is currently an Attending Urologist and Director of Minimally Invasive Surgery in the Division of Urology at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, as well as Associate Professor of Surgery for Urology at the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania.



Dr. Smith will oversee the AUA's partnerships in Latin America and the Caribbean. She is Assistant Professor of Urology at the University of North Carolina School of Medicine in Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

About the American Urological Association: Founded in 1902 and headquartered near Baltimore, Maryland, the American Urological Association is a leading advocate for the specialty of urology, and has more than 21,000 members throughout the world. The AUA is a premier urologic association, providing invaluable support to the urologic community as it pursues its mission of fostering the highest standards of urologic care through education, research and the formulation of health policy.

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