



A final word

As many of you are aware, part of the CUA's strategic plan is to enhance our role as the preeminent source of education for healthcare professionals and patients. We recognize that in order to do so, we must ensure multidisciplinary collaboration. In fact, many of our oncology-focused educational programs and tool cards have been developed with input from a multitude of expert stakeholders, including members of the Genito-urinary Medical Oncologists of Canada, Genito-urinary Radiation Oncologists of Canada, Canadian Association of Nurses in Oncology, Urology Nurses of Canada, Canadian Association of Pharmacy in Oncology, and Canadian Association of Nuclear Medicine.

We have also expanded our armamentarium of tool cards to include in-demand topics such as strictures, minimally invasive surgical therapies for BPH and LUTS, stones, and stress urinary incontinence.

Another of our strategic goals is to be "*The Voice of Urology in Canada*." Toward that end, what may have started as a whisper has grown into a loud voice that has made inroads into gov-

ernment lobbying with the halting of the Canadian Task Force on Preventative Health's prostate cancer guideline update. Furthermore, we are teaching members to advocate for themselves and their patients at an upcoming workshop in June. And we continue to take the pulse of our active members with our latest census, as well as an upcoming census of resident members to help us plan for the future.

As I hand off the reins of this incredible organization to incoming president, Dr. Wassim Kassouf, I am proud to say that we are very well placed to make an impact on patients' lives.

Before I sign off, I would be remiss not to thank the many volunteers on the CUA Board, as well as all of the committee members and chairs for their tireless efforts. And finally, I would like to express my sincerest gratitude to the corporate office staff — Nadia Pace, Marisa DeFrancesco, Adriana Modica, Rita De Marco, Janique Deslauriers, Natalia Nesterovsky, and our CEO, Tiffany Pizioli — for their hard work, passion, and dedication.

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