FACT SHEET: History & Mission

History

The American Urological Association’s (AUA) Foundation has a new name — the Urology Care Foundation. Our new name emphasizes the care and collaboration that is at the core of the Foundation’s leadership in urologic health.

The Urology Care Foundation is committed to advancing urology research and education. We collaborate with researchers, healthcare professionals, patients and caregivers to improve patients’ lives. The Foundation is the official foundation of the AUA and was formerly known as the AUA Foundation. Since 1987, our unique relationship with the AUA, an organization of approximately 19,000 urologists, has positioned the Foundation as a leading advocate in urologic health, uniquely qualified to speak on behalf of urology.

Although we have a new name, we have a long history. Through the Foundation’s Research Scholars Program, the Urology Care Foundation has provided support to promising young urology researchers for more than 35 years. The Foundation continues to provide the most accurate and current urological information and education to patients. The Foundation’s patient education information is based on the integrity of the AUA Clinical Guidelines, which set the standard for quality patient care.

Mission

The Urology Care Foundation is the world’s leading nonprofit urological health foundation — and the official foundation of the American Urological Association. We partner with physicians, researchers, healthcare professionals, patients, caregivers, families and the public to support and improve the prevention, detection and treatment of urological diseases through research and education.

Vision

To support urologic research and to be the premier provider and resource for the most current, comprehensive and reliable urologic health information for patients and the public.

Urologic Research and Education

The Urology Care Foundation is a dedicated leader in advancing urologic research and education to improve patient’s lives.

Research

The Urology Care Foundation is focused on funding urologic research in support of innovative treatments to improve the quality of patient’s lives. The Foundation’s Research Scholars Program is important to innovative urologic research because it provides an opportunity for young scientists to begin a strong career in urologic research excellence at a time when many urology departments across the country are faced with budget challenges that limit quality research opportunities.

Education

The Urology Care Foundation is a leading advocate for patients, healthcare professionals and caregivers. We work to provide the most accurate and current urologic information and education. The Foundation is committed to offering free patient education materials on a variety of urologic conditions and treatments. Developed from the evidence-based AUA Clinical Guidelines, the Foundation’s patient information helps patients understand their symptoms, treatment options, and strategies for maintaining good urologic health.