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Reconstructive Surgeons**

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### **Steven Brandes, MD, FACS**

I am greatly honored and humbled to have been elected as President of GURS. I hope to live up to the responsibility and expectations of our society. As a society we have come a long way since our inception decades ago. While we have made great progress there are still things we should pursue to help strengthen and codify our specialty. I have formulated a few talking points for goals for GURs over the next year.

- Membership Growth and additional benefits
- Robotic and Lap Reconstruction
- Expand Outreach and other programs



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## GURS INITIATIVES: FELLOWSHIPS & MATCH

### **Jill Buckley, MD, FACS, Fellowship Committee - Chair**

Fellowship training in Genitourinary Reconstructive Surgery continues to be highly sought after with 29 applicants for 17 available fellowships positions. The 6 core categories of Urethral Reconstruction, Male Incontinence, Male Sexual Health, Genital Reconstruction, Urinary Diversion / Ureteral Reconstruction, and Female Reconstruction represent the breadth of the our specialty and allow for a unique training experience at each site.



Transparency in operative experience and exposure has allowed for both fellowship programs and applicants to align specific interests, creating an optimal training environment for further specialization in our field. Trauma remains a key component at many of the fellowships across the country, ensuring that continued expertise in urologic trauma remains a part of our society.

The GURS Fellowship Committee defines minimum standards to obtain and maintain a GURS recognized fellowship. We have 16 current fellowships all of which remain in good standing, demonstrating high case volumes and academic rigor.

GURS match is a success because of the continued support of Fellowship Program Directors and their commitment to provide top training environments for future reconstructive urologists. As we continue to see more complexity in reconstructive cases, redo surgery, cancer survivors, and complex pediatric patients living into their adult years, the need to provide high quality genitourinary care will continue to grow and be in demand.

Congratulations to all those who completed the 2016 Fellowship over the summer. We hope you will become active members of our society, helping to advance the field of Genitourinary Reconstructive Surgery.

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## WHAT'S NEW IN RECON: TURNS

### Andrew Peterson, MD, FACS

In conference at our facility I am consistently reminded by experts in the other urologic specialties such as oncology, pediatric urology and stones that the majority of research performed in reconstructive urology consists of single institution, retrospective descriptive reviews of single surgeon experiences. This observation is not without merit and I have come to realize the importance of prospective, multi-institutional combined studies such as those conducted by multi-institutional groups in various specialties.

With this in mind, the members of the [Trauma and Urologic Reconstruction Network of Surgeons \(TURNS\)](#) are working to significantly advance the field of Reconstructive Urology.



[What's New in Recon](#)

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

## **GURS at 36th Congress of the Societe Internationale D'Urologie**

Thursday, October 20, 2016  
Buenos, Aires, Argentina

**GURS Program**

**SIU Meeting Information**

## **SAVE-THE-DATE GURS at AUA 2017**

Friday, May 12, 2017  
Boston, MA

**GURS Past Meetings**

**AUA 2017**

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