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Mathew Fakhoury, DO, Receives LUGPA's 2020 Resident Clinical Innovation Award

CHICAGO – August 13, 2020 – LUGPA, a non-profit, trade association that represents independent urology group practices in the U.S., today announced the selection of Mathew Fakhoury, DO, as winner of the LUGPA 2020 Resident Clinical Innovation Award. In its first year, the Resident Clinical Innovation Award recognizes innovative clinical work of urology residents and fellows that promotes and has the potential to enhance quality clinical outcomes. The award acknowledges the value of clinical innovation to harness new technologies, access big data, develop systems of care to prevent, diagnose or treat urological disease and promote urological health.

"I am incredibly honored to receive this award," said Dr. Fakhoury, a resident at Cook County Urology in Chicago, IL. "I sincerely appreciate the opportunity LUGPA has provided residents and fellows to showcase their work and contributions to the field of urology. I am elated that my work has been recognized as especially transformative and I hope to continue to play a role in advancing this profession."

Dr. Fakhoury's winning project, "A Multi-Institutional Quality Assurance Patient Safety Project Across Urban Chicago; Changing County's/Christ's Catheter Culture," implemented a difficult Foley catheter algorithm aimed at non-urologists in order to reduce Foley catheter associated trauma and catheter associated urinary tract infections (CAUTIs). Educational sessions were also developed for and provided to high-volume, non-urologist utilizers of Foley catheters.

The project was a collaborative effort undertaken and envisioned by Dr. Fakhoury and his colleagues Ryan Power, DO, and Tony Ghorayeb, DO, a former chief resident and a junior resident at Cook County Urology respectively. The greater teams at both Cook County Urology and Advocate Christ Medical Center, comprised of Courtney M.P. Hollowell, MD, Patricia P. Vidal, MD, Mark A. Wille, MD, Traci P. Beck, MD, Aaron Berger, MD, Jae Kim, MD, Douglas Slakey, MD and Parisa Katoosian, RN, also played instrumental roles in supporting and actualizing the project.

"Dr. Fakhoury's work is very important to advancing the quality and safety of patient care and he should be very proud of his achievements," said Jason Hafron, MD, director of clinical research at Michigan Institute of Urology and chairman of LUGPA Forward, which oversees the award program. "Mathew's work underscores the type of original and groundbreaking approaches to enhancing urologic care delivery and developing solutions that we look for when selecting a winner."

Dr. Fakhoury and his work will be recognized at LUGPA's 2020 Virtual Annual Meeting on Saturday, November 7, 2020.

About LUGPA

LUGPA is a trade association that represents independent urology group practices in the U.S., with more than 2,170 physicians who make up more than 25 percent of the nation's practicing urologists, and provide more than 30 percent of the total urologic care in the U.S. The Association is committed to providing the best resources and information for its member practices through advocacy, research, data collection and benchmarking efforts. LUGPA advocates for independent urology practices by promoting quality clinical outcomes, fostering new opportunities and improving advocacy in the legislative and regulatory arenas. For more information, visit lugpa.org.