

## **LUGPA Spreads Awareness of Racial Disparities in Urologic Health**

Chicago, IL, April 1, 2023 – During National Minority Health Month in April, LUGPA is working to raise awareness of racial disparities in urologic health. Several urologic cancers, including prostate and kidney cancer, disproportionately affect specific racial and ethnic groups. For groups who are at a higher risk for cancer, early detection is critical. LUGPA encourages those at higher risk for urologic cancers to speak with a urologist about preventive care options.

Black men in the U.S. are more likely to be diagnosed with prostate cancer and twice as likely as men of other racial and ethnic groups to die from the disease. Additionally, kidney cancer is more common among Black and American Indian and Alaska Native populations. However, the overall rate of cancer screening is lower among Black, Hispanic, Asian and American Indian and Alaska Native populations compared to white populations. Unfortunately, this gap contributes to racial and ethnic minorities receiving later stage diagnoses for some types of cancer, which can lead to more severe cases and worse survival outcomes.

Racial disparities in health outcomes result from a combination of many factors, including barriers to accessing care, discrimination and bias within the health care system, social and economic factors, barriers in communications and underrepresentation in clinical trials and research, leading to guidelines that are not comprehensive for all groups.

“Racial disparities are a critical issue in urology, and as physicians, we must work to address them,” said Evan Goldfischer, M.D., president of LUGPA. “LUGPA advocates for policies to help reduce these disparities, particularly to increase access to early screenings and genetic testing for prostate cancer. As independent physicians, we are also dedicated to limiting the prices of drugs and urology services to ensure all patients receive the care they need.”

Every person deserves access to high-quality, cost-effective urologic care. LUGPA represents over 150 independent urology practices across the country that provide services to help you understand your risk for urologic conditions and improve your health. To learn more, visit [www.lugpa.org](http://www.lugpa.org)

### **About LUGPA**

LUGPA is the only nonprofit urology trade association in the US. Since its founding in 2008, LUGPA has earned national recognition in the pursuit of its mission to preserve and advance the independent practice of urology while demonstrating quality and value to patients, vendors, third-party payors, legislators and regulatory agencies. The robust resources LUGPA provides help member groups to meet the challenges of independent practice in today's rapidly changing healthcare marketplace. For more information, visit [www.lugpa.org](http://www.lugpa.org)

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