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Editors note: Research, new techniques and improved facilities by Philadelphia International Medicine hospitals and physicians may lead to new ways to treat some of our most challenging diseases. Below are just some examples from our hospitals.

Surgical Oncologist Alexander Kutikov, MD, Joins Fox Chase's Department of Surgery

PHILADELPHIA— Surgical Oncologist Alexander Kutikov, MD, has joined Fox Chase Cancer Center's department of surgery after completing a Society of Urologic Oncology Fellowship at the Center. He specializes in the treatment of patients with adrenal, kidney, ureteral, bladder, prostate, urethral, testicular, and retroperitoneal cancers.

Dr. Kutikov has extensive training in minimally-invasive surgical techniques for the treatment of urologic cancers, including nerve-sparing robotic surgery for men with prostate cancer as well as organ-sparing surgery for patients with kidney cancer. He also specializes in treating advanced cancers, such as kidney cancer with tumor thrombus, bladder cancer requiring neobladder reconstruction, and surgery after chemotherapy for testicular cancer.

"Fox Chase is a place like no other," Dr. Kutikov says. "The mission is not only to deliver world-class care, but to do so in the most compassionate way possible."

Dr. Kutikov's training in both traditional open surgery and minimally-invasive surgery allows him to offer a wide range of treatment options to his patients. Although he is a surgeon, Kutikov acknowledges that surgery is not the right choice for everyone.

"I work closely with other members of the Fox Chase multidisciplinary team to make certain that my patients are aware of all their choices, regardless of whether these treatments take place inside or outside of the operating room," he notes.

Kutikov has authored more than 25 original manuscripts in peer-reviewed journals, including the Journal of Clinical Oncology. He has published chapters in leading urologic textbooks, including the definitive chapter on adrenal disorders in “Campbell-Walsh Urology.” Kutikov’s work also includes numerous abstracts, presentations, and a urological device patent. He is an associate fellow of the American College of Surgeons and serves as the urology representative to the group’s Urology Advisory Council. He also is the co-founder of UrologyMatch.com, the leading internet portal for urologic training.

John A. Abraham, MD, Joins Thomas Jefferson University Hospital’s Rothman Institute

Orthopedic surgeon John A. Abraham, MD, has joined the Rothman Institute at Jefferson. He has also been named an assistant professor of Orthopedic Surgery at Jefferson Medical College of Thomas Jefferson University and joins the faculty after serving for the past four years as a musculoskeletal oncology surgeon at the Dana-Farber Cancer Center at Harvard Medical School. Dr. Abraham completed his subspecialty fellowship in orthopedic oncology at Massachusetts General Hospital and Children’s Hospital Boston in 2006.

“We are ecstatic about Dr. Abraham’s arrival at Jefferson and the Rothman Institute,” said Todd J. Albert, MD, chair, Department of Orthopedic Surgery at Jefferson Medical College of Thomas Jefferson University. “His expertise in medical musculoskeletal oncology is unparalleled and the ability to collaborate with the clinicians and researchers at the Kimmel Cancer Center at Jefferson will benefit our patients and the Philadelphia community at large. We are very glad to have him.”

Prior to joining Jefferson, Dr. Abraham served on the Harvard Medical School faculty as an instructor in orthopedic surgery and had staff appointments at both the Brigham and Women’s Hospital and the Dana-Farber Cancer Center, functioning as the primary extremity oncology surgeon for the Center for Sarcoma and Bone Oncology.

Board certified in orthopedic surgery with specialty certification in oncology, Dr. Abraham will be specializing in musculoskeletal oncology with a concentration on management of bone and soft tissue sarcomas, other musculoskeletal malignancies, metastatic disease to the skeleton and extremities, as well as reconstructive surgery.

Dr. Abraham’s research has focused on development and implementation of computer-aided navigation systems to improve surgical resection of musculoskeletal tumors, particularly in difficult locations such as the pelvis. He has modified this highly precise technology for use in bone tumor resection, and believes this may improve the quality of difficult surgical resections beyond what is currently possible. He is currently one of only a few surgeons in the country that have been able to apply

this technology to bone tumor resection and has presented his work nationally on the benefits of this type of surgery.

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