



What's New – June 21, 2019

Departing Fellows

Nnenaya Agochukwu

It seems like just yesterday was my introduction to the Department through “What’s New”. In reality, it has been 2 years which have flown by and I am now headed to UCSF for a fellowship in GU Trauma and Reconstruction.

Starting the HSR fellowship 2 years ago, I expected that I would have a good experience. That expectation has been far exceeded, I have learned so much in these 2 years, which would require far more space to begin to describe. I am incredibly grateful for the tremendous support from the Urology Department and especially the HSR division and my mentors for the opportunity to complete my fellowship here. I look forward to continued interactions with you all in the future as I embark on my career.

My time in Michigan was also special as it has been marked by my marriage to my husband and God blessing us with a beautiful baby girl, Amara.

Irene Crescenze

It has been a wonderful two years here at the University of Michigan. I have had the pleasure to work with some of the most inspiring, talented, and kind faculty, residents, and staff. I learned so much both in and outside of the OR, made new friendships, and have grown as a surgeon and a doctor. I am now moving on to the next stage in my career as a faculty at The Ohio State University under the leadership of Dr. Cheryl Lee. I will be focusing both on female urology, reconstructive pelvis surgery, as well as developing a neurourology practice. Unfortunately, I will only be able to be a secret Michigan fan or I may not get any of the right instruments in the OR.

Thank you University of Michigan Urology!



Deb Kaye

Wow – I can't believe that I am writing my final "What's New" at the completion of my fellowship. It has been an incredible 3 years and the time has flown by. Academically, my focus has been evaluating health care value and some of the unintended consequences of Medicare payment models. I plan to continue this work while at Duke. Clinically, I wanted to focus on all of Urologic Oncology and my time at Michigan allowed me to do just that! The expertise and dedication of the faculty and the breadth and depth of the diseases for which they care—is remarkable and outstanding!

Prior to coming here, I knew Michigan was an incredible place, but I had no idea how unique and amazing it was until after my arrival. I am so privileged to have completed these last 3 years of my training here. There are so many people that have made my experience here incredible—if I listed everyone, the What's New would be pages and pages long!! I really cannot thank you all enough for all of your hard work and support. It makes me sad writing this What's New, but as I embark on the next stage in my career, I know that my Michigan family will always be nearby. Go Blue!