NEW HOPE FOR PATIENTS WITH ADVANCED KIDNEY CANCER
from TUF’s first Fulbright Scholar

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TUF launches ‘Need to Pee’ cards
Hello and welcome to TUF matters.

What a lot has happened since the last issue! We report on this year’s successful applicants to our flagship Research Scholarship Programme as well as exciting new projects we are funding, which support our ongoing mission to improve treatment and care, including the development of the e-Finger – a diagnostic tool that could determine which patients have the most advanced types of prostate cancer.

TUF is celebrating a double success as TUF-funded surgeons have carried out the UK’s first robotic kidney transplants and we are also thrilled to announce the winner of our first ever TUF/Fulbright research scholar, whose pioneering work could make a huge difference to the thousands of patients diagnosed with advanced kidney cancer each year. We have been busy running a successful campaign to mark World Continence Week which took place in June and we have launched our first ever ‘Need to Pee’ cards.

Looking ahead, we have a number of events in the diary to raise funds for our work. September is Urology Awareness Month and we have issued the Big 5 Challenge to encourage people to fundraise for research into the five urology cancers. Our Gala Dinner is on 3rd October and we have a number of enticing auction prizes to whet the appetite; this year we shall be releasing the prize details on a website www.TUFcharityauction.com will go live on 19 September so be sure to log on and get involved. Then in November, 40 TUF cyclists (including yours truly) will be challenging their stamina and endurance, cycling 450km through Vietnam and Cambodia to raise funds for urology research. Please support us and help us reach our target of £100,000.

Work is now underway for Urology Awareness Month and to cap it all we have recently moved offices. By the time you read this we will have settled in to new premises in St Andrew’s Hill, London, close by St Paul’s and Blackfriars. Please make sure to update your records accordingly.

Louise de Winter, Chief Executive
As part of our build up to the month, we ran radio interviews and carried out a survey to examine the public’s perception and knowledge on urological conditions. The survey also collected data regarding urinary incontinence, to mark World Continence Week held in June. The survey’s findings help us tailor our work so we can best educate and inform the general public about urological conditions.

The Survey suggests that nearly a third of the UK population (circa 20 million people) have suffered incontinence, with many experiencing embarrassment, relationship problems, debt or financial problems as a result. One in five avoid seeking help from their GP due to embarrassment or because they fear incorrectly that nothing can be done. The survey found nearly half of all incontinence in women was related to giving birth, yet the possibility of incontinence and the need for pelvic floor exercises was only raised at a post-natal check 50% of the time.

Thirty per cent of women and 20% of men surveyed, cited lack of public lavatories as a key fear if they became incontinent and to help address these fears The Urology Foundation is supplying ‘Need to Pee’ cards, which holders can show in shops and stores to help them obtain quick access to a toilet.

It is deeply worrying that more than 40% of people said they, or someone they knew, had experienced embarrassment, depression or loneliness as a result of a urological condition and even more concerning that 20% said they felt ashamed.

It is vital we have your support in raising awareness and so, this September, for Urology Awareness Month, we urge you to sign up to our Big 5 challenge, helping us raise money and awareness of the five main urological cancers; prostate, bladder, kidney, testicular and penile cancer. During this month we want you to set a goal of raising £500 or more through as many fundraising activities as you like (for more information see p13). You can also help by displaying TUF literature in your place of work.
In 2017, we are funding a total of six research scholarships in the fields of incontinence, bladder dysfunction and bladder, renal and prostate cancers. Below are profiles of two of the researchers TUF is funding in 2017.

**DAVID THURTLE**  
University of Cambridge  
The development and implementation of an individualised web-based prognostic tool to inform patients and clinicians and improve the management of non-metastatic prostate cancer  
Prostate cancer is the second most frequent cause of cancer death in Western men, accounting for 10,000 deaths in the UK each year. Mr David Thurtle is developing an individualised prognostic model for non-metastatic prostate cancer, which will be built into a free-to-use web-based tool to guide and inform patient and clinician decision-making. This would improve the management of non-metastatic prostate cancer and improve the experience of patients.  
Mr Thurtle was awarded this year’s TUF medal by the Science and Education Committee, a prestigious prize given to the applicant with the best research proposal.

**KEVIN CAO**  
School of Physiology, Pharmacology & Neuroscience, University of Bristol  
The molecular basis of bladder dysfunction in posterior urethral valves in foetal and newborn boys  
Mr Kevin Cao’s project will characterise the cellular pathways that cause excessive connective tissue deposition in the bladders of foetal and newborn boys, which lead to severe and life-long problems in their lower urinary tract and kidneys.

The other successful scholars were:  

**EMMA MIRONSKA**  
Department of Material Sciences and Engineering University of Sheffield  
Use of patient’s own fat derived cells for developing materials for pelvic floor regeneration.  

**PRAMIT KHETRAPAL**  
Division of Surgery & Interventional Science University College London  
Development of cell-free DNA based biomarkers to detect metastatic bladder cancer.
SABRINA ROSSI  
University of Cambridge/Addenbrooke’s Hospital  
Developing the evidence for risk stratified screening for renal cell carcinoma using focused renal ultrasound.

YIANNIS PHILIPPOU  
Nuffield Department of Surgical Sciences, University of Oxford  
Combining vascular-targeted photodynamic therapy with radiotherapy for the treatment of locally-advanced and oligometastatic prostate cancer.

TUF HAS MOVED OFFICES!  
In July our old lease came to an end and this gave us an opportunity to find a location that will make attending and hosting meetings easier.  

Our new address is 3rd Floor, 1-2 St Andrew’s Hill London EC4V 5BY. Please be sure to update your records.

TUF LAUNCHES THE ‘NEED TO PEE’ CARD  
The Urology Foundation has produced the ‘Need to Pee’ card, which fits in a wallet or purse and can be discreetly produced in shops and stores to help people obtain quick access to a toilet. The move comes after a nation-wide survey by TUF found 30% of women and 20% of men surveyed cited lack of public lavatories as a key fear if they became incontinent.

To get your ‘Need to Pee’ card for a nominal fee of £2 visit theurologyfoundation.org/needtopee

First TUF/ Fulbright scholarship winner is announced  
The first ever winner of The Urology Foundation Fulbright Scholar Award is Cameron Alexander.  
The Urology Foundation is delighted to have partnered with the Fulbright Commission, funding Cameron to pursue research in the USA for 6 months. Fulbright scholars count amongst their number dozens of Pulitzer and Nobel Prize winners and, amazingly, 18 current or former world leaders.

Cameron is an academic foundation doctor from the University of Glasgow. He received the award following his innovative research proposal which could lead to the development of new drugs and treatments for patients with widespread kidney cancer, who currently have an alarmingly low survival rate.

You can read more about his story on p10.
TUF funding could save the NHS millions each year

The Urology Foundation is helping to develop a new diagnostic tool that could determine which patients have the most advanced types of prostate cancer, potentially saving the NHS millions of pounds each year.

Alan McNeill, TUF researcher, is heading up a research team who have created an e-Finger (a fingertip probe) which they hope can differentiate between low-risk and aggressive cancers. The e-Finger has already been proven to more accurately assess the mechanical characteristics of the posterior surface of the prostate than a standard digital rectal examination, but, if it is now proven to differentiate between slow and fast growing cancers, the financial implications could be massive.

“We have already used the e-Finger to measure the stiffness of the prostate and detect whether there is cancer or not,” said Alan. “We now want to take the e-Finger to men attending with a raised PSA. If the e-Finger measures well in differentiating between benign (low risk) cancer and significant cancer it may be a simple, cheap way of assessing men with a raised PSA and providing a risk stratification of whether they are likely to have cancer or not.

“Currently, if men have a raised PSA they are referred to hospital and either go straight for a biopsy or have an MRI before the biopsy. But 50 per cent of men who have a biopsy in our hospital will not have prostate cancer. Whilst an MRI prior to biopsy will allow some men to be reassured and avoid the biopsies, the difficulty is that MRIs cost several hundreds of pounds, and many hospitals currently lack the imaging capacity to perform all of the additional MRI scans that will be required. The e-Finger will be cheaper than doing an MRI for all men with a raised PSA who are being considered for prostate biopsy and will free up the MRI for other indications. Consequently if the e-Finger works as we hope, it could save the NHS millions of pounds.”

The e-Finger would be similar to a prostate rectal examination. The e-Finger device, which was developed in collaboration with the mechanical engineering department of Heriot Watt University, is worn under an examination glove on the index finger. The prostate is palpated through the front wall of the rectum and the examiner then feels the back surface of the prostate.

“...a simple and cheap way of assessing if a man has prostate cancer or not.
Every year around 47,000 men are diagnosed with prostate cancer in the UK.

Knowing the symptoms so you can seek medical advice sooner can greatly improve your chances of surviving the disease.

SYMPTOMS INCLUDE:
- Needing to pee more frequently, often at night
- Difficulty starting to pee
- Pain when you pee
- Feeling you’ve not fully emptied your bladder

Recruitment for the project has now begun and the team at the Western General Hospital in Edinburgh hope to recruit 800 men over the next couple of years. Alan said the project is both ground-breaking and innovative.

“Differentiating between low risk and aggressive cancer is a novel concept and preliminary studies have shown very encouraging results detecting significant cancers. But the association between the grade of cancer and the findings needs to be examined in a large cohort of patients.

“We are hoping to have some results in 2-3 years but to have the device in a market place that is dynamic is more like five years. The initial results are promising and this could have huge implications for patients and the NHS and be applied in other areas, not just prostate cancer.”

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Each year TUF looks to fund crucial urology research into diseases like prostate cancer. Help us fund more with a donation of £25 today.

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Frank, 60, from Wolverhampton, had arranged to see his doctor for a blood test to check his cholesterol levels. Noting his age, the GP also suggested Frank also did a PSA test.

Shortly afterwards, Frank was diagnosed with prostate cancer, something which really took him by surprise. “I was surprised when tests showed my PSA level was too high and even more shocked when a scan showed I had aggressive prostate cancer. I had no symptoms at all and I was only in my 50s. I feel very fortunate that my GP was thinking outside of the box and asked me to do a PSA test, if we hadn’t had that conversation I could be dead by now.”

Frank, who is married to Lynne and has two sons, William and Jack, needed to have his prostate removed and decided to have robotic
surgery after meeting TUF-funded scholar Peter Cooke at The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust. Peter received funding from The Urology Foundation in 2012 to train in robotic surgery. He went to a centre of excellence in Nashville, Tennessee where he was able to see the innovative procedure in action.

“Going there and working so closely with experts at one of the best centres of the world was an incredible experience and one that has ultimately really benefitted my patients,” said Peter. “When I came back from Nashville I was more experienced and confident at this procedure which has so many benefits for patients.”

The advantages of robotic surgery include shorter hospitalisation, reduced pain and discomfort, faster recovery time and return to normal activities, reduced blood loss and transfusions and minimal scarring. Patients are often less likely to experience side effects such as incontinence or erectile dysfunction.

It was these benefits that convinced Frank that robotic surgery was the way to go.

“I decided to have my prostate removed robotically because of the many benefits, including quicker recovery time. I have hardly any scars.

“The whole process from start to finish was excellent, everyone was so kind to me and I wasn’t worried about being operated on by a robot at all. I was back home the day after my operation and up and about within a week.”

Frank decided to run the Bristol 10k and a Sprint Triathlon to raise funds for TUF and raised more than £500.

“I wanted to fundraise because I feel very lucky and grateful that my cancer was discovered when it was.”

It is thanks to the generous support of people like you that TUF was able to train Mr Cooke and his team. Please help us train more urology professionals in the future.

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Peter Cooke has treated over 500 people with prostate cancer using the robot. He has also performed many robotic cystectomies for bladder cancer, including internal neobladder (new bladder) reconstruction. Robotic cystectomies for bladder cancer are the fastest growing operation at The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust.

“TUF’s investment is vital – my training in Nashville is making a difference to patients like Frank. To me, Frank is evidence of how important my training in Nashville was. He chose to have robotic surgery because I could show him the great results. I am performing robotic surgery on more and more patients because they will have fewer side effects and return to normal life quicker.”
TUF is delighted to introduce the first ever winner of The Urology Foundation Fulbright Scholarship, whose pioneering work could bring hope to the thousands of patients diagnosed with advanced kidney cancer in the UK each year.

Cameron Alexander, an academic foundation doctor from Queen Elizabeth University Hospital and University of Glasgow, received the award following his innovative proposal centring on a protein never studied before in relation to kidney cancer. His novel approach could lead to the development of new drugs and treatments for patients with widespread kidney cancer who currently have an alarming survival rate.

With very limited progress made in the last few decades, Cameron’s work could be a breakthrough.

“Many patients who have advanced kidney cancer are a real challenge for urologists and oncologists,” says Cameron. “Kidney cancer is resistant to the treatments we use in other cancers, such as chemotherapy. So we need to take a more novel approach. Patients who have kidney cancer have an extremely poor prognosis if the cancer has spread elsewhere in the body – the median survival is approximately two years. And a high percentage of patients who only present with cancer in their kidney and who undergo a surgical procedure will also develop widespread kidney cancer.

“We are limited in terms of treatment options - kidney cancer is the 8th most common cancer in the UK and the ninth globally.
Although some new drugs have been developed in the past 10 years with some success, these will stop working after a limited period because patients who have widespread kidney cancer develop resistance to the drugs.

“This is why I was motivated to undertake the project.”

Cameron’s project is a new approach which focuses on the role of the protein IQGAP1, a scaffold protein that exists normally within cells and simultaneously binds with a number of other proteins.

“We have good reason to think this protein could be very important in allowing proteins implicated in kidney cancer pathways to speak to each other”, said Cameron.

“Research into skin cancer has shown that if you inhibit this protein from binding to the other proteins you can inhibit tumour progression. We have a good idea how the protein works in other cancers but not kidney cancer. The project will examine how important this protein is in kidney cancer and what its role is.

“We will combine different lab methods with a clinical database of patients’ information such as age, gender, location and degree of cancer, and patients’ performance and survival rates. We will look at the amount of protein IQGAP1 expressed in the kidney cancer specimen and match it to survival and how the patient goes on to perform.

“If a relationship can be demonstrated between these components then we may have a biomarker that we can use to predict a patient’s prognosis and response to different treatments.

“The long term hope would be to develop treatments and drugs to target the protein by inhibiting the way it works. This is a new treatment strategy for patients who have widespread kidney cancer.”

Cameron will spend six months studying at Stanford University in America under Associate Professor John Leppert. He was inspired to apply for The Urology Foundation Fulbright Scholarship because of Fulbright’s world-wide renown. The application process involved writing a project proposal demonstrating why the work was so important, he then submitted three recent written references and a list of relevant background papers. Cameron was shortlisted for interview and interviewed by a panel of four.

“As a medical student Fulbright was an organisation I had long been aware of, it is an internationally renowned research scholarship and an incredible opportunity to learn from some of the best scientists in the world,” he said.

“I know all applications have to be of a very high standard so I am absolutely delighted to have been awarded it. It is fantastic that TUF is working with Fulbright in this way, TUF is making it possible for UK trainees to learn from some of the world’s greatest experts.

“This should appeal to all urologists who have an interest in academic research.”
TUF-funded surgeons perform UK’s first robotic kidney transplants

Two patients at Guy’s and two patients at the Royal Free received kidney transplants at the end of last year with the help of da Vinci robots.

The procedure at the Royal Free was carried out by robotic surgery consultant, Ravi Barod, and consultant transplant surgeon Neal Banga. Ravi received funding from TUF in 2006 towards his PhD and was then awarded a robotic surgery fellowship grant from TUF between 2014-16.

Ravi said: “This is a very exciting breakthrough which will enable patients to have transplants when previously they would not have been eligible. We are the 2nd centre in the UK to offer robotic kidney transplants and the 11th or 12th in the world. Less than 300 people in the world have had robotic kidney transplants, so this is very big news.”

Robotic surgery allows the donated kidney to be transplanted into the recipient patient using keyhole surgery. This means that the patient has a much smaller wound compared to a traditional open kidney transplant.

In the future, the surgeons hope that this technique can be used for overweight patients who would not otherwise have been suitable.

Ravi travelled to The Vattikuti Urology Institute in Detroit for his robotic surgery fellowship where he was able to practice the robotic technique of transplantation. He also travelled to Belgium and to India.

Ravi said: “A technical advantage is that the robotic instruments have a greater range of movement than the human hand, which allows us to perform the operation with more accuracy. The robot allows you to put the kidney in using smaller incisions, which means less blood loss, less pain, and a smaller wound. All this means that the patient is likely to make a quicker recovery and return to regular activities.

“I am very excited about the programme going forward - not just to improve the experience of patients but to also offer patients who would not otherwise be able to have surgery, the chance of having a life-changing kidney transplant. We hope to carry out 10-15 robot-assisted transplants this year and have already performed six.

“None of this would have been possible without funding from TUF and I am so grateful to the charity.”

Patient Vick Patel, said: “I feel this new procedure contributed to a much faster recovery, so I’m really pleased to have been involved.”

Robotic surgery consultant Ben Challacombe who is a TUF trustee and previously received funding from TUF was also involved in the first robotic kidney transplants which took place at Guy’s Hospital.
Take on the Big 5 Challenge for Urology Awareness Month

Every year one fifth of all cancers diagnosed are urological – affecting the prostate, bladder, kidney, testicles and penis. Yet the investment into finding new treatments and cures is low.

This Urology Awareness Month we need your help to beat the big five urological cancers by taking on The Urology Foundation’s Big 5 challenge. Our hope is that by the end of the month we will have raised over £60,000 that can go towards funding a research project that looks into a urological cancer.

During the month of September we want you to set a goal of raising £500 or more through as many fundraising activities as you like. Together we can help power cutting-edge work that might lead to better ways of treating these diseases.

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To sign up go to: everydayhero.co.uk/event/Big5
Day in the life of a consultant urologist

I arrive at the hospital between 6.45am and 7am and spend half an hour doing departmental admin.

Depending which day it is, my morning either starts with the ward round, when I meet the medical team and the patients on my theatre list, or I go to the outpatient clinic. I do two operating lists a week and three outpatient clinics.

The ward round takes about 30 minutes. If I am doing a major operation I will treat two patients in a day as the operations are complex and take about three hours each. For shorter operations – such as male or female incontinence - I could perform six procedures.

My specialism is incontinence and my incontinence and reconstruction clinic is very busy, I typically see 28 patients in a day, with a broad spectrum of issues. A third of patients are males post radical prostatectomies, another third are females who have had incontinence post childbirth or through getting older and the remaining have spinal injuries, recurrent UTIs or cystitis.

The men tend to be well informed - because they are already in the pathway, they have all been counselled and know incontinence is a risk of the surgery. Women with urinary incontinence have been sitting in the community for a number of years. The media is making people more aware but particularly people of an older age still tend to grin and bear it. They go to the GP late and although there are physiotherapists and continence advisors they are not available in all geographical areas. Patients that don’t need surgical interventions are dealt with pretty poorly but if they need surgical treatment they are seen quite quickly.

Being incontinent can have a massive impact on the patients’ lives. Their lives are ruled by being near toilets, they are limited in what they can do socially because they are worried about leaking and being embarrassed.
their colleagues notice them going to the loo frequently and some patients have had to give up work because of it, though they are in the minority. Some people find being incontinent debilitating but not all and what is debilitating for one patient is not necessarily so for another. A patient can have minimal leakage and it has a huge impact on their life, another patient can have huge leakage but carry on their life unaffected. It depends on your psychological makeup.

There are a number of surgical treatments available for patients with incontinence – for women these include synthetic bladder neck urethral bulking and native tissue slings, Botox to the bladder or PTNS. There is a lot that can be done.

My days are always busy as I also teach junior doctors and do education supervision assessments, I am chairman of BAUS (British Association of Urological Surgeons) section of female urology, I am in charge of the national Mesh Review for urinary incontinence and chair of all urological training in the UK. I have recently become a trustee for TUF; a role I am extremely excited about. I am pleased to use my expertise to help the charity and recently did a series of radio interviews on behalf of TUF, raising awareness of incontinence. I have been involved with TUF for a number of years now though – in my spare time I like to keep fit and I have been on many of The Urology Foundation’s cycling challenges. I think everyone should sign up to them!

I generally get home at 9.30, eat and go straight to bed. It’s a long day, but I love my job.
SPOTLIGHT ON FUNDRAISING AND WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

**TUF heroes thank you!**

Urologist and TUF scholar Ben Eddy was joined by a number of leading UK urologists as they cycled from London to Amsterdam, raising money for TUF. They completed the 300 mile journey in three days and through a mixture of personal fundraising and industry support, have raised more than £32,000 for TUF.

Well done to Charlotte Streeting who had a cake sale at school and raised £151 that went towards Bike4TUF.

A big shout out to urologist Giles Hellawell who completed the Cader Idris Mountain Race - one of the toughest fell races in Wales. He raised over £1,000 for TUF.

The Urology Foundation had 8 riders in this year’s RideLondon-Surrey 100. Starting at the Olympic Park they sped down to Box Hill in Surrey and finished in front of Buckingham Palace. Thank you to all who participated. The exact amount raised is not yet known at the time of going to print.

How you can get involved

Quite simply, without you our work into vital urology research, education and training would cease to exist.

It is thanks to you that we are able to lead in the fight against urology disease and make a difference to the thousands of people with a urology condition or cancer. Here are just some of the ways you can get involved to power our work.

TO SUPPORT US:
Download our posters and leaflets, display them in your office and give them to your friends
theurologyfoundation.org/uam

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LEAVE A GIFT IN YOUR WILL

By remembering The Urology Foundation in your will you can be part of future urology research and training, helping millions of people suffering from a urology condition.

TUF has always been funded by the generosity of people like you. With a gift in your will, no matter how big or small, you can help us continue our vital work so that fewer lives will be devastated by urology disease in the years ahead.

If you would like to leave a gift in your will to TUF please make sure your solicitor uses our full name, address and charity number.

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GET TUF ON YOUR CHRISTMAS CHEER

This year, why not send your loved ones festive greetings with The Urology Foundation cards? We have partnered with 4C For Charity to offer you a wide range of Christmas designs as well as greetings cards throughout the year.

Visit charitycards.org and select The Urology Foundation as your chosen charity at the check-out to donate 10p for each card purchased.

For something more personal TUF’s very own Serena Wyman has a range of 15 hand-mounted photographic cards for those extra special Christmas greetings. She will be donating 30% from the sale of each pack of cards to TUF.

If you would like to purchase some of Serena’s cards please visit her website http://www.notnotrouble.co.uk/images-gallery-tuf.html where you can buy direct.

Your support is vital in continuing our work in urology research, training and education. If you want to find out other ways you could support TUF or would like to get involved with any of our events please contact fundraising@theurologyfoundation.org or call us on 020 7713 9538.

GOOD LUCK TUF CYCLE VIETNAM TO CAMBODIA

On the 10th November 40 intrepid cyclists, including TUF Chief Executive Louise, will be starting a gruelling 450km cycle challenge through two of South East Asia’s most fascinating countries. Over the week they will ride through the heat from Vietnam’s Ho Chi Minh City to the world heritage site of Angkor Wat in Cambodia with the aim of raising over £200,000 for The Urology Foundation. We wish you all the very best of luck on this exciting challenge!

To donate, go to everydayhero.co.uk/event/ cyclevietcam2017

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Donating through your salary, known as Payroll Giving, is a simple way to make a regular tax-free donation to The Urology Foundation. Your donation happens automatically, every pay day, helping to support research and education into urological cancers and conditions such as incontinence and kidney disease.

The flexible scheme allows you to give straight from your salary before tax is deducted. This means that your donation will be even bigger at no further cost to you, as the Government adds the tax on as an extra donation. So each £1.00 you give will only cost you 80p, and if you’re a higher rate tax payer it will only cost you 60p.

Setting-up a regular donation through Payroll Giving is a valuable way to support us. It will mean that The Urology Foundation can plan ahead more effectively, enabling us to commit to vital research, develop bespoke professional training and can continue urology education courses.

WHERE YOUR MONEY GOES

- £5 a month could go towards funding educational courses that will enable urology professionals to deliver best patient care.

- £10 a month could help provide training of the latest surgical treatment for a urological cancer.

- £25 a month could go towards funding research into new treatments for urological conditions and cancers.

Set-up your Payroll Giving donation for TUF at theurologyfoundation.org/payroll-giving
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**SEPTEMBER IS UROLOGY AWARENESS MONTH**

Following the success of previous Urology Awareness Months, TUF is running the month-long initiative once again this September. The Urology Foundation’s mission is to succeed in the fight against urology disease, creating a world where our lives and well-being are not threatened by urology conditions.

**Tuesday 3 October 2017**

**Tender Is The Night** – an evening in aid of The Urology Foundation

**Location:** Park Lane Hotel, London

A Black Tie Evening with Champagne Reception, Live and Silent Auctions

The beautiful Art Deco Ballroom Complex is the stunning setting for this important fundraising evening for The Urology Foundation. Come and join us for a sensational evening where good company, food and wine are matched with good intention as we raise funds to help TUF succeed in the fight against urology diseases.

For your tickets: email Serena at swyman@theurologyfoundation.org

**Sunday 25 March 2018**

**London Landmarks Half Marathon**

**Location:** London

The London Landmarks Half is brand new for 2018 and is the only half marathon that takes place on closed roads through central London.

You’ll start the run on the incredible Pall Mall and then finish by Downing Street. Throughout the race you’ll take in some of London’s landmarks including: Big Ben, St Paul’s Cathedral, Nelson’s Column, the Gherkin, the Shard, the Tower of London and the London Eye. **For your place in the TUF team contact Sayara on sayara@theurologyfoundation.org**

**10-21 November 2017**

**TUF Cycle Vietnam to Cambodia**

It is too late to sign up for this amazing 450km cycle challenge through two of South East Asia’s most fascinating countries, but it is never too late to donate!

Donations will enable TUF to achieve its vital work. **Please donate whatever you can.**

To make a donation please visit everydayhero.co.uk/event/cyclevietcam2017

**Wednesday 23 May 2018**

**Fundraising Gala Concert**

with pianist Adrian Goldsmith

**Location:** Cadogan Hall, London

A stand out musical evening in aid of The Urology Foundation, with renowned soloists and orchestra and the world premiere of Adrian Goldsmith’s Concerto No 2. **For more information contact Serena at swyman@theurologyfoundation.org**

**Tuesday 18 September 2018**

**Vintners wine-tasting dinner**

with Jane MacQuitty

Following the success of our previous wine-tasting dinners, we are delighted to announce that Jane MacQuitty, author, broadcaster and wine critic for The Times, has very kindly agreed to host another for us in September 2018.

The event will take place appropriately at the historic Vintners’ Hall.

**For more information on any of the above events please email Serena at swyman@theurologyfoundation.org**

Are you planning to fundraise for The Urology Foundation?

Do you want more information on how to support our work?

If the answer is “YES” then please contact Sayara on sayara@theurologyfoundation.org or call us on 020 7713 9538
Thank You

We’re making great progress every day as a result of our investment into urology research, training and education.

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