

# Health Bulletin



## New Web Resource Helps Patients Find Answers

(NAPSA)—It may be a healthy idea for anyone with questions about urological health to visit a new Web site launched by the American Urological Association (AUA).

The site was written and reviewed by the world's leading urology experts in partnership with the American Foundation for Urologic Disease (AFUD), whose mission is to prevent and cure urological diseases through research, education and public awareness.

"We advocate informed patient decision making and we expect [www.urologyhealth.org](http://www.urologyhealth.org) to be a key resource for patients in this regard," said Anthony A. Atala, M.D., chair of the AUA's Internet Committee and the investigative urology editor for *The Journal of Urology*™.

Topics covered on the site include among others:

- Prostate cancer—the most common cancer in men, affecting 189,000 American men each year.

- Kidney stones—more than a million cases are diagnosed each year. An estimated 10 percent of Americans are destined to suffer from this condition at some point in their lives.

- Urinary incontinence—More than 15 million Americans, mostly women, suffer from urinary incontinence. In women over 65, the incidence rate is 25 percent and in men over 65, the incidence rate is 15 percent.

- Ambiguous genitalia—occurs in about one in every 2,000 births.

Visitors to the site can search by adult or pediatric conditions or by



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entering a keyword search. Written text and medical illustrations explain the conditions. The site can be used to locate a urologist.

"In addition to supplying patients with current information, the AUA believes that more research is needed to advance cures and treatments. That is why AUA is urging passage of the Training and Research in Urology Act, which would create a division of urology at the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive Kidney Diseases, and allocate additional funding for urologic research," said Atala.

The site is supported by an unrestricted educational grant from Sanofi-Synthelabo.

Founded in 1902 and headquartered in Baltimore, Maryland, the American Urological Association (AUA), Inc. is the pre-eminent professional organization for urologists, with more than 14,000 members throughout the world.