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## Willie Underwood, III, MD '94, MS, MPH

Villie Underwood, III, MD, MS, MPH, is an assistant member in the Department of Urology and the Office of Cancer Health Disparities Research, Cancer Prevention and Population Sciences at Roswell Park Cancer Institute in Buffalo, New York. Dr. Underwood is nationally known as a urologist, health services researcher, and health policy expert. He was awarded the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Harold Amos Career Development and the American Urology Association (AUA) Foundation/Astellas Rising Star in Urology Awards to study racial disparities in the treatment of prostate cancer. He has published and presented in the area of health care disparities, with a focus on racial disparities in the diagnosis, treatment, and survival of prostate cancer. He has served as a spokesperson for the NCI's Center to Reduce Cancer Health Disparities, participating in radio programs to provide cancer education, promote early detection of prostate, breast and colon cancers, and inform the public of the many programs sponsored by the Center. He also regularly discusses prostate cancer for local Buffalo radio and television. In September, 2008, Underwood served on the panel at the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation Forum on Eliminating Health Disparities in Washington, DC.

On behalf of the AUA, Underwood visits Capital Hill to meet with members of congress and their aides to discuss health care policy and legislation. He works with the AUA Foundation, The National Football League's Players Care Foundation and the National Football League to provide prostate cancer education and screening to retired NFL players. He has served as chair of the Resident & Fellow's Section of the AMA and Founding Member and Chair of Executive Committee of the Candidate Associate Society of the American College of Surgeons. He currently serves as a member of the Residency Review Committee for Urology, Urology Pac Board of Trustees, and the AUA's Delegate to the AMA House of Delegates, a member of the International Volunteers in Urology Med's Board of Trustees, the AUA Foundation's Development Council and the American Urology Association's Health Policy Council.





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