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The British Association of Urological Surgeons (BAUS) consensus documents on Andrology

In 2018 BAUS returns to Liverpool and we have taken this opportunity to renew the lasting friendship between BAUS and the BJUI. We also celebrate a monumental achievement for the city of Liverpool itself – the Knighthood of Sir Ringo Starr. This has finally happened, 50 years after his MBE and is richly deserved. We therefore decided to feature Liverpool and The Beatles on the front cover of your journal.

This year, Duncan Summerton, a well-respected Urologist and Andrologist, starts his 2-year term as the President of BAUS. In our guidelines section we have featured two BAUS consensus documents from the andrology section on priapism [1] and testicular trauma [2]. The former has an excellent flow chart on management of priapism with timelines of presentation, which every urologist will find clinically useful.

We have also included two excellent UK articles on renal trauma [3,4] which BAUS members and beyond can learn from.

Finally, renal oncocytoma and its management may pose its own challenges as recorded by Tran and her colleagues [5]. We also present the BAUS radical prostatectomy audit, which is publicly accessible and reassures readers (and the public) that the majority of these operations are being performed in high volume centres (164/centre) by high volume surgeons with good outcomes [6]. Nearly 3 in 4 operations are now performed robotically, which was certainly not the case when I started 15 years ago.

We look forward to meeting you at lunchtime on the Monday and Tuesday of the BAUS conference at the BJUI stand. I am particularly excited about the BJUI lecture and the National Clinical Entrepreneurship Program led by my friend Tony Young on the second day of the meeting (<https://www.baus.org.uk/agm/programme.aspx>).

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