

Urology Centers of Alabama Hosts Australian Physicians

In April, Urology Centers of Alabama hosted two physicians from Australia. Nigel Dungleison, MBBS, FRACS and Jeremy Grummet, MBBS, FRACS spent two days observing Urology Centers physicians in surgery, before making their way to Chicago for the annual American Urological Association National meeting.

"American Medical Systems coordinates a teaching program for Australian urologists to come to centers in the US where reconstructive or prosthetic surgery is being performed," Dungleison said. "We came to this center last year, and felt that it represented a good value for teaching for us. So they've very kindly allowed us to come back this year."

After a twenty-hour flight, the Australian physicians observed several types of prostate surgery the first day, and procedures for erectile dysfunction and incontinence the next day. "It's been really worthwhile," Dungleison said. "I saw technology used that I had never seen before, and it was used very professionally. We owe a lot to the Urology Center doctors for letting us come along, because this interrupts their schedule and work."

Brian Christine, MD, who performed incontinence and erectile dysfunction procedures observed by the Australians, felt that the program benefited everyone. "From my standpoint, it's an educational experience, hopefully, for all involved," Christine said. "If there are some things that I do well, and I can illustrate them, that's great. At the same time, I'm sure there are plenty of things our guests do better than I do. So I think it's going to improve the quality of patient care for everyone. It's a win-win, and I'm glad we have the opportunity to do this together."



David Baker of AMS, Australian doctors Grummet and Dungleison, and Brian Christine, MD