

Bio for Michelle Jo Semins, MD



Dr. Michelle Jo Semins has been a staff urologist at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMC) since 2011 and is currently Clinical Assistant Professor and Director of the Kidney Stone Clinic at UPMC Mercy Hospital.

She received her undergraduate degree from The University of Michigan in 2001 where she graduated with High Honors and High Distinction from the Honors Program and was selected to be a member of both Phi Beta Kappa and Phi Kappa Phi. She received her medical degree from the University of Pittsburgh in 2005. While there she received several merit-based scholarships and was awarded the Wayne G Cessna Memorial Prize for Finest Commitment and Achievement in Urology.

She then completed her general surgery internship in 2006 and urology residency training in 2011 at Johns Hopkins Hospital with additional specialty training in the field of endourology.

Her primary specialty interest is in kidney stones and she started the multi-disciplinary kidney stone clinic at her hospital in 2012. In addition to her clinical responsibilities she is also very involved in resident and medical student teaching.

Dr. Semins has a clinical research focus in kidney stones and is a past awardee of the Young Investigator Research

Grant by the Northeastern Section of the AUA. Her special interests are reducing radiation exposure to both patient and provider, managing kidney stones during pregnancy, and minimizing infections in the management of kidney stones. She is a published author of over 40 articles, over 50 abstracts, and 9 book chapters. She was recently named Deputy Editor for the journal *Urology*. She also routinely reviews abstracts and videos for the AUA national meeting and moderates those respective sessions at the annual conference.

Dr. Semins is very active in the NSUAU/AUA. She currently sits on the NSUAU Board as the Pennsylvania Representative and serves on the NSUAU Scholarship Research Committee, the NSUAU Committee for Nominations, and the AUA Quality Improvement and Patient Safety Committee. She was selected to participate in the 2018-2019 AUA Leadership Program. She is also an active member of the Society of Endourology, Society of Women in Urology, and Research on Calculus Kinetics Society.

Dr. Semins is a recognized leader in the field of endourology and has been invited faculty at conferences and courses both nationally and internationally. She was named Young Urologist of the Year by the AUA in 2016.

In her spare time, Dr. Semins enjoys spending time with her family, traveling, and being outdoors.

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