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Hooman Djaladat, M.D., M.S., is an associate professor of clinical urology at the USC Institute of Urology since 2012. He earned his medical degree from Tehran University of Medical Sciences and graduated from medical school as top 1%. He completed his residency training in Sina hospital, Tehran, Iran. Before finishing his residency, he participated in an endourology and oncology course in Medway Maritime NHS Trust center affiliated to the University College of London. Being among the top scorers of the Iranian Urology Board Exam (2004), he was appointed as an assistant professor of urology at Hormozgan University of Medical Sciences

from 2004 to 2007. To continue his scientific endeavor, he took part in an endourology and laparoscopy clinical fellowship program at Labbafinejad Medical Center which is one of the most prestigious centers pioneering modern urology in the Middle East. Subsequently he moved to the USA where he performed research in the field of urologic oncology at the Norris Cancer Center. He then pursued a SUO-accredited urologic oncology fellowship at the Keck School of Medicine of USC in 2012 and a complimentary course in robotic surgery, and then immediately joined the USC Institute of Urology as faculty member. Dr. Djaladat also accomplished a master degree in clinical, biomedical, and translational investigation at the Preventive Medicine department of USC in 2014.

He specializes in complex endourology and oncology cases (caval thrombus, retroperitoneal sarcoma, salvage cystectomy) and also minimally invasive/robotic techniques with more than 18 years of experience in this field. He is a member of many scientific societies such as the European Association of Urology, Society of Urologic Oncology, Western Section American Urologic Association, and American Urologic Association. Dr. Djaladat is very passionate about research, mainly focusing on clinical and translational studies in bladder, testis, and kidney cancer. He has presented over 160 abstracts at scientific meetings, published more than 90 peer-reviewed articles and book chapters, and has invented a new Foley catheter for prostatectomy patients, which has been filed with the US Patent and Trade Organization. He is currently the PI of a novel RCT studying “Biologic Mesh in Preventing Hernia in Patients with Bladder Cancer Undergoing Radical Cystectomy with Ileal Conduit Diversion”. Dr. Djaladat is a reviewer for many journals in the field of urology. He has been selected by the editorial board of the “*Urology Journal*” as the best reviewer of January-February 2020 issue.