

## What We Do...

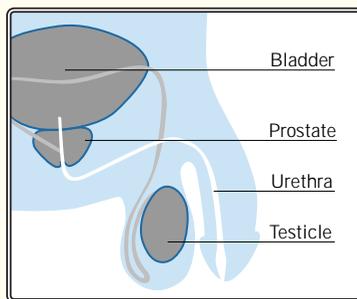
USRF efforts are directed in three areas:

### Clinical Trials:

USRF has completed numerous clinical trials for the pharmaceutical and medical device industry. Recent studies include:

- New oral medications for impotence.
- New oral medication for incontinence.
- New medications for advanced bladder and prostate cancer.
- New antibiotic for prophylaxis of infection after prostate biopsy.
- New oral medications for prostate obstruction.
- New laser and vaporization instruments for prostate ablation.

Urology is our only focus. At USRF research and education are complementary.



### Independent Research:

USRF has also completed independent studies in the areas of PSA testing, laser prostatectomy, ultrasonography, prostate tissue composition vs. drug treatment outcomes; we have also done the first U.S. randomized trial of Saw Palmetto extract in men with symptomatic BPH. (Reprint of publications on request.)

### Education:

- Peer-reviewed studies completed at USRF are regularly presented before national meetings, such as the American Urological Association.
- In 1998, Dr. Marks was named Associate Editor of *Urology*, a leading specialty journal in the field.
- A major public service participation in the national Prostate Awareness campaign is currently in preparation.

## Clinical Trials

USRF- A major resource for important clinical trials

### Economy

In a highly academic but very budget-minded setting, USRF has been structured and staffed to provide the most cost-effective clinical trials available for the pharmaceutical and medical device industry.

### Efficiency

Study enrollment is facilitated by a large, active patient base in the associated medical practice, which the director has been continuously operating in the same location for more than 20 years. Moreover, USRF is centrally located in the densely populated Metropolitan Los Angeles area, with an abundance of available patients.

### Experience

USRF has participated in more than 25 sponsored clinical trials all focused on urology. In addition, independent studies, sponsored directly by the Foundation, have led to a number of publications in the peer-reviewed literature and presentations at major medical meetings.

### Dedicated Space and Personnel

The Foundation operates out of a spacious suite of fully equipped offices, where the only work is clinical research. Employees of USRF, including an MD clinical research coordinator, only perform urology-related clinical research.

### Knowledge of Industry

USRF has frequently partnered with industry sponsors in the design and execution of innovative studies. The director has served as a consultant to urology-related business, both large and small, leading to a keen awareness of industry needs.

### Academic Involvement

Dr. Marks is actively involved in the Urology Department at UCLA, where he is Clinical Associate Professor; he serves as Associate Editor of the specialty journal *Urology*; and he is a national committee member of the American Urological Association. These activities have allowed USRF to develop working relationships with leading academic centers.

## Recent Sponsors

Among the companies recently sponsoring clinical research at USRF are:

Alza	Merck
Endocare	Nutriline division of Amway
Diagnostic Ultrasound	Pfizer
Glaxo Wellcome	Pharmacia & Upjohn
Hybritech division of Beckman/Coulter	Synthelabo



### The USRF Staff

USRF staff members are the key to our productivity. They are (left to right): Paul Bryan Santos, *research assistant*; Elizabeth Hamilton, *L.V.N.*; Kim Lively, *certified urology assistant and uroynamics specialist*; O. Newton Boston, *C.P.A., administrator*; Maria Luz ("Malu") Macairan, *M.D., research coordinator*; Stacie McQueen, *research assistant*; Leonard S. Marks, *M.D., medical director*; and Peggy Hardy, *senior administrative assistant*.