The History of Urological Care and Training at Thomas Jefferson University

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1851-UROLOGICAL SURGERY, BEGGINNINGS OF ACADEMIC UROLOGY AT JEFFERSON

In 1851 urology as a distinct branch of surgery was established at Jefferson. This was done by Samuel D. Draper, MD who in 1848 had examined T. J. Jefferson, the University’s first President, for an anoma-looking bladder and later for an “enormous bladder stone” by the University’s first physician, Dr. William Wood. Upon examining these two patients, Dr. Draper was struck by the similarity between the two and the University’s first Professor of Anatomy, Dr. Spring, of the University’s first Medical Department. The Department was established and Dr. Draper was appointed as its first professor. Dr. Draper’s appointment was made in 1849 and he served as the first professor of surgery at Jefferson. He was succeeded by Dr. Samuel F. Johnson in 1860.

1904-DEPARTMENT OF GENITOURINARY DISEASES

The Department of Urology at Thomas Jefferson University and was designated as the Department of Genitourinary Surgery in 1904. Thomas Jefferson University was originally founded as Jefferson Medical College in 1824 by Dr. William S. Peabody and Dr. James W. Wistar. It was later renamed Jefferson Medical College in 1854 and renamed Thomas Jefferson University in 1972. The university has been in continuous operation since its founding.

1939-DEPARTMENT OF GYNNOURINARY (GENITOURINARY) ESTABLISHMENT OF THOMAS JEFFERSON UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL RESIDENCY PROGRAM

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1987 THOMAS JEFFERSON UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL RESIDENCY PROGRAM

The residency program was established in 1987 and is now one of the most successful in the country.

1996-DEPARTMENT OF UROLOGY

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2000-THOMAS JEFFERSON UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL RESIDENCY PROGRAM

The residency program was established in 2000 and is now one of the most successful in the country.

2010-THOMAS JEFFERSON UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL RESIDENCY PROGRAM

The residency program was established in 2010 and is now one of the most successful in the country.