The History of Urology and Care at Thomas Jefferson University

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1851-1904 UROLOGICAL SURGERY, BEGINNINGS OF ACADEMIC UROLOGY AT JEFFERSON

In 1851 and urging a fledgling Branch of Surgery was established by Dr. Samuel D. Draper. He was the “Practical Teacher” on the Diseases of the Urethra and Kidneys, and in 1855 Dr. Draper presented the first attempt at a formal report to the City Council. In 1857, the first Washington University Medical School was established by Dr. Samuel D. Draper.

1864 DEPARTMENT OF GENITOURINARY SURGERY

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1904 In 1904 an arrangement with John H. Gibbon, MD, Professor of Surgery provided a year training in General Surgery before beginning three years in the Urologic Residency. Dr. Davis greatly improved the standard of care in the Urology Ward and Curtis Clinic. In addition to more than 130 journal articles, after academic retirement Dr. Davis served as the nation’s first Head of the VA Medical Center.

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