1892: HICK HOUSE was the first medical school building at West Virginia University and in the entire state. It was intended to provide space for dissection of about 10 cadavers. Constructed for $350 the 14” x 20” building served Medical school for ten years.

1903: The College of Medicine was first established by the WV Board of Regents.

1916: The Two-Year Medical School Building (1916-1957) featured three floors for classrooms, plus a basement for the preparation and storage of cadavers. The basement was infested with rats, and students had to carry their own cadavers up from the basement through an outside door, around the exterior of the building, then back in and up three flights to the anatomy labs located on the top floor.

1951: The WV legislature established the “POP TAX” to fund the construction of a new Health Science Center and teaching Hospital.

1960: University Hospital Opens for Patients.

1962: Dr. Franklin Milam becomes the first Chief of the Section of Urology, under the Department of Surgery. Urology becomes a surgical rotation, although not a required rotation at this time.

1966: Dr. Arsenio Orteza was the first Urology Resident to graduate from the program.

1970: WVU president James Harlow authorized the establishment of an independent Department of Urology on November 1, 1970, Dr. Franklin Milam named Department Chairman.

1973: The Urology Residency Program first became an accredited program.

1985: Dr. Franklin Milam retired as Chairman. Dr. Donald L. Lamm was recruited from Texas and became Chairman. Dr. Lamm served as Chairman until 2001 when Urology became a Division within the Department of Surgery.

2001: Dr. Stanley J. Kandzari was appointed Division Chief of Urology.

2010: Dr. Kandzari stepped down as Division Chief and Dr. Stanley Zaslau assumed the position.