Dr. Robert D. Jeffs

A Canadian pioneer in the field of Pediatric Urology passed away this summer. Dr. Robert D. Jeffs was born and educated in Toronto, where he received his medical degree from the University of Toronto. He studied under the great D.I. Williams at Great Ormond Street in London, and returned to Canada to become the first Chief of Pediatric Urology at the Hospital for Sick Children. He also established the first Pediatric Urology Fellowship program in Canada. He moved to Johns Hopkins Hospital in 1975 to lead their Pediatric Urology Program for over 20 years. Bob’s major contribution to the field of Pediatric Urology was in the field of bladder exstrophy, with his concept of staged closure of this devastating congenital anomaly. Patients around the world benefited from his insight and experience with this difficult reconstructive challenge. Bob will also be remembered as a great mentor to many senior and active members of our organization. Amongst the Canadian pediatric urologists he trained are: Hjalmar Johnson, John Masterson, Bernard Churchill, John Schillinger, and Michael Leonard. He will be truly missed.

Dr. Joseph W. Segura

Dr. Segura died on May 23, 2006 at the age of 66. A Mayo Clinic urologist, Dr. Segura was born in Little Rock, Arkansas. Dr. Segura was an international leader in endourology. His specialty was treating kidney stones with minimally invasive methods. Previously, surgery for kidney stones required an 8- to 10-inch incision and a hospital stay of a week or more. With Dr. Segura’s advances, the size of the incision was reduced to a quarter-inch, and patients were back on their feet the following day. He also developed the Segura basket, a receptacle for retrieving stones from the kidney without requiring them to pass painfully through the urinary tract. Dr. Segura taught in the urology department at the Mayo Clinic College of Medicine for more than 30 years. He was considered a mentor to generations of urologists and was particularly recognized for encouraging women and minorities in the field.

Dr. Anthony Passaretti

Dr. Passaretti practiced urology in Albany, New York. He graduated from Georgetown University and has been in the profession for 59 years. He was a long-time member and executive committee member of The New York State Urological Society.

Dr. Jean-Paul Brault

Dr. Brault was a urologic surgeon. He died on August 7, 2006. He was a fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada. Dr. Brault studied at the University of Montreal, the University of Toronto and in Lyon, France at the Hôpital Édouard-Hériot. He was the Chief of the urology department at the Hôpital Notre-Dame for the past 25 years.