



Urology at the Massachusetts General Hospital: The First 100 Years

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February 25th, 1811

Charter obtained from the state legislature; named the Massachusetts General Hospital

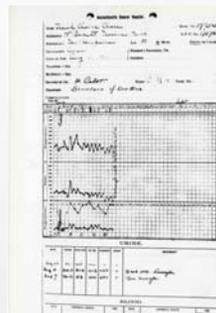
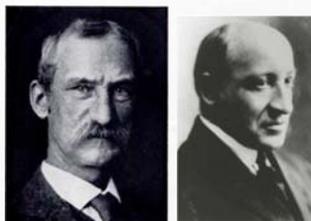


1818-1821

Hospital Construction. Designed submitted by Charles Bulfinch. By state resolution convicts required to hammer and fit the Chelmsford granite masonry

1886

Dr. Arthur Tracy Cabot, 1852-1912 (left) uncle of the Hugh Cabot 1872-1945 (center) and protégé of Dr. Bigelow, becomes a founding member of the American Association of Genito-Urinary Surgeons and presented the first pediatric paper to the group of "A Case of Bowel Ending in the Urethra of a Child Four Weeks Old: Relief by operation." Known for his skill in transurethral lithotripsy, he also invented a popular lower extremity splint while at Children's Hospital, Boston, and at the end of his career entered public service in Massachusetts fighting tuberculosis



June 10th, 1910

Trustees vote to establish the Genito-Urinary Department. Dr. Hugh Cabot (1872 - 1945) appointed as the surgeon in charge. The department was given five hospital beds. The chart in its entirety is shown at right for the first patient admitted to the service, during which Dr. Cabot managed his urethral stricture. He left the service in 1917 to join the Harvard Unit in WWI, and after return became Dean of the medical school at the University of Michigan



FIGURE 13. THE CLINIC BUILDING HOUSED THE UROLOGY CLINIC FROM 1912 TO 1960. IT WAS ORIGINALLY KNOWN AS THE OUTPATIENT BUILDING AND OPENED IN 1870.

1931

Post of assistant resident created. Dr. Sylvester B. Kelley first to occupy the position. Inpatient census in now 25 patients

1954

Dr. Wyland F. Leadbetter appointed Chief of Urology. In 1958 with Dr. Victor Politano publishes a technique for submuscular ureteral reimplantation.



FIGURE 22. POLITANO-LEADBETTER URETERAL REIMPLANTATION - FROM THE ORIGINAL ARTICLE.

1960

Dr. Hardy Hendren appointed Chief of Pediatric Surgery. Describes correction of megarecter and cloacal exstrophy. Develops non-refluxing colon conduits



FIGURE 25. HANS LITHTOPFER, ONE OF THE FIRST LITHOTRIPPERS IN THE UNITED STATES WAS PLACED AT THE MGH ON WHITE 2.



2011

Department celebrates its centennial as the Hospital opens Lunder Building after Campaign for the Third Century. Total inpatient beds now number 1,057

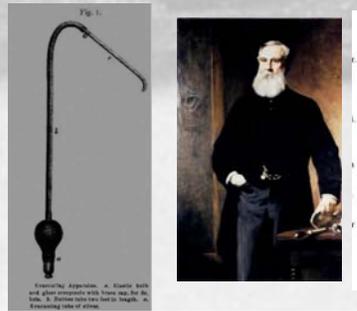
1984

The Donier HM3, one of the first lithotripters in the United States, is installed



June 18th 1812 - February 18th 1815 War of 1812 delays fundraising; new efforts commenced and by March 1817, \$107,000 raised

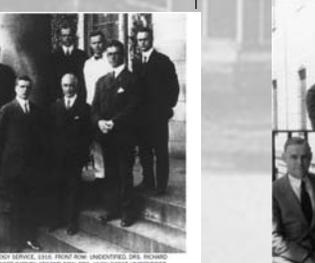
1821 Second surgical procedure performed at MGH; removal of a foreign body in the bladder via perineal approach



1878 Dr. Henry J. Bigelow (1818-1900) invents a lithotrite with the first integrated system to evacuate the resulting stone fragments. Protests published in the British Medical Journal condemning his "excessive instrumentation" under the three hour ether anesthetic and favoring open lithotomy. Eventually Bigelow's transurethral approach would become the standard of care. At right, stone fragments weighing 1308 grains (85 grams) obtained from a young bank cashier in November 17th 1881. Preoperatively the patient voided every hour with urgency, and after the 1 hour 55 minute procedure, he was "perfectly recovered" at discharge on postoperative day 17, voiding at greater than 4 hour intervals

January 1898 A group of MGH physicians sent a communication to the trustees requesting "better accommodations for the Genito-Urinary Clinic which at present is conducted in two closets", though at the time the clinic was the largest in Boston

1912 During this year the department performed 22 suprapubic prostatectomies with a 20% mortality, and six perineal prostatectomies with a 33% mortality.



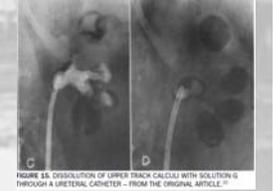
1916 Department expands. Now includes 7 surgeons, saw 449 outpatients, published 30 papers. Hugh Cabot and others found the Clinical Society of GU Surgeons

1922 First philanthropic donation. \$30,000 by Ms. Caroline Gove given to purchase 250mg of radium "for the benefit of those who are unable to pay for such treatment". Department-wide mortality is now 7% and begins to perform radiographs



FIGURE 22. THE UROLOGY SERVICE, 1932. FRONT ROW: DR. HOWARD CHAFFETZ, RICHARD D'NEIL, E. PETER MINTZ. SECOND ROW: DR. J. DILLINGER BARNEY, FLETCHER COLBY, CHANNING SWAN, GEORGE G. SMITH, STUCKETER B. KELLEY.

1936 Dr. J. Dillinger Barney (Urology) and Dr. Fuller Albright (Endocrinology) establish a novel multidisciplinary stone clinic



1941 Dr. Howard I. Suby (MGH Urology resident '38), creates his magnesium containing solution G, and publishes a series with successful dissolution of renal calculi using the ebb and flow technique

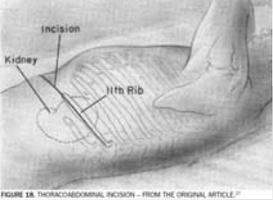


FIGURE 28. THORACOABDOMINAL INCISION - FROM THE ORIGINAL ARTICLE.

1987 Drs. Watson, Dretler, and Parrish, working at MGH and the Wellman Laboratories of Photomedicine used a pulsed dye laser working at 504 nm through a 200 micron fiber, making laser lithotripsy practical

1988 Drs. Prout, Heney, Shipley, and Kaufman develop a trimodal "bladder-sparing" therapy as a therapy for patients with invasive bladder cancer

1995 Drs. McDougal, Stampfer, and Bennet define the mechanism of hyperchloremic metabolic acidosis in patients with urinary diversions

1998 The first radiofrequency ablation of a renal cell carcinoma in a human was performed by Drs. McGovern, Wood, Goldberg, Gazelle, and Mueller

1949 Drs. Shute, Soutter and Kerr publish the first case series (n=39) using a thoracoabdominal approach to gain access for large renal cell carcinomas. Department-wide mortality is now 3.8%



FIGURE 22. UROLOGY FACULTY AT THE 100 YEAR CELEBRATION OF THE DEPARTMENT'S FOUNDING, JUNE 10, 2010. FRONT ROW: DR. W. SCOTT MCDUGAL, CRISTEN SHAMRUP, PAUL HENY, SECOND ROW: DR. ASHLEY FLEMMING, ERIC GAZELLE, JOSEPH GRICEOLA, THEODORE ONIARD, PABLO SOMMER, DANIE SACCO, THIRD ROW: DR. ARBA OLLAK, BROKEN KEI STEPHEN OREKLER, SWAN GEORGE, FRANCIS MCGOVERN, SHAWN THAMMONGKOL.



FIGURE 23. UROLOGY SERVICE AT THE 100 YEAR CELEBRATION OF THE DEPARTMENT'S FOUNDING, JUNE 10, 2010 IN FRONT OF THE BULLFINCH BUILDING.

Department of Urology Graduates 1910-2010

- 136 residents trained
- 17 graduates became chairmen of academic departments/divisions of urology
- 9 graduates became president of the American Urologic Association