1921 – 1952: Dr. Sisk

Dr. Sisk was a pioneer in the field of urology, particularly in the treatment of patients with urinary bladder dysfunction due to prostatic hypertrophy. He was also very interested in the early development of peritoneal dialysis. Dr. Sisk was the first to perform percutaneous nephrostomy in Wisconsin. He was a leader in the development of urological surgery and was known for his innovative techniques.

1952 – 1961: Dr. Wear, Sr.

Dr. Wear, Sr. continued Dr. Sisk’s interest in transurethral surgery and was an early advocate of this technique. He also established a fellowship program in urology, which helped to train future urologists.


Dr. Wear, Jr. was the first urologist to perform a successful prostatectomy in Wisconsin. He also served as the first Chairman of the Department of Urology at the University of Wisconsin.

1970 – 1983: Dr. Cummings

Dr. Cummings joined the faculty at the University of Wisconsin and was a leader in the development of laparoscopic surgery. He was one of the first to perform a laparoscopic radical nephrectomy and was a pioneer in the use of laparoscopy for urological procedures.

1983 – 1991: Dr. Uehling

Dr. Uehling joined the faculty at the University of Wisconsin and was a leader in the development of endourology and laparoscopy. He was the first to perform a laparoscopic radical prostatectomy in Wisconsin and was a pioneer in the use of laparoscopy for urological procedures.

1991 – present: Dr. Nakada

Dr. Nakada is currently the Chief of Urology at the University of Wisconsin and is a leader in the development of minimally invasive surgery. He has made significant contributions to the field of urological oncology and has been a leader in the development of new surgical techniques.

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