LEGENDS IN UROLOGY - IN MEMORIAM

Dr. Fray F. Marshall 1944 - 2011 Atlanta, Georgia USA



The urological community suffered a great loss on December 2, 2011 when Fray Francis Marshall, MD died at the age of 67 from cancer. Dr. Marshall was most recently Professor and Chairman of the Emory University Department of Urology in Atlanta. He was recognized as a true leader in academic medicine, and he leaves behind countless patients, physicians and others who were helped by his skill and lasting contributions to the field.

For those of us who ever had the fortune of working closely with Fray Marshall, we valued his thoughtfulness, ability to motivate and insight. He led by example, and served as a role model for the many urologists he trained. Dr. Marshall recognized the value of the individual, yet he placed more emphasis on the team. Perhaps most importantly, he understood that "horizons were limited by extra urologic exposure," and so he fostered outside interests that made him an even better clinician, researcher and teacher.

Dr. Marshall loved nature and art, and he could discuss these topics knowledgeably. He appreciated the importance of our environment. He was fluent in French, and his understanding and love for photography were impressive. Dr. Marshall liked simplicity in design, yet he paid great attention to detail. Despite his incredibly productive career and many activities, however, he always made time for his family, the part of his life of which he was most proud.

He also recognized that his family allowed him to reach his successes. His wife of 38 years, Lindsay, was a constant foundation of support and encouragement throughout his life since they met at Massachusetts General Hospital during his training. His children, Wheatley and Brooks, were a continuous source of pride for him. His first grandchild, Otis Fray Marshall, was born to Brooks and his wife, Kami, just several months before his death, and he was thrilled that he was able to spend time with Otis on several occasions.

Dr. Marshall himself grew up with urology. He was the eldest son of the renowned Dr. Victor Fray Marshall and Barbara Walsh Marshall. He graduated from New York City's Collegiate School, where he served as captain of the football and basketball teams. He attended the University of Virginia, from which he graduated with distinction after 3 years while also playing football and soccer. Dr. Marshall continued at the University of Virginia for his medical education and graduated from medical school in 1969 before completing an internship and general surgical training at the University of Michigan. After 3 years of general surgery, he completed a 3-year urology residency at Massachusetts General.

In 1975 Dr. Marshall moved to Johns Hopkins, where he eventually became the first Bernard Schwartz Distinguished Professor of Urology and Oncology, the Director of the Division of Adult Urology and Chief of Urology at Baltimore City Hospitals during his 23-year tenure there. He moved to Emory University in 1998, and continued to expand and recruit the next generation of urologists and researchers.

Dating back to early in his career, Dr. Marshall spent a considerable amount of time with research teams, in addition to performing surgical procedures, and was enthusiastic about innovation in the field. In 1984 he devised a new

surgical procedure for intracaval neoplastic extension into the right atrium for patients with renal cell carcinoma, which is now commonly performed throughout the world. In 1986 Dr. Marshall held a patent for extracorporeal shock wave lithotripsy and ultrasonographic stone localization. In 1991 he developed the Marshall Omni-Tract Mini-Lap Retractor Blade.

His development of the "mini laparoscopic prostatectomy" that required a smaller incision resulted in less pain and shorter recovery time with excellent results for many patients while requiring fewer surgical assistants. He worked with a team of researchers in 1997 at Johns Hopkins to help develop and perform the first ex vivo gene therapy for kidney and prostate cancer. Dr. Marshall strongly believed that the future should involve continued integration of the laboratory and associated fields with urology.

Dr. Marshall leaves a legacy of service to academic urology. He co-authored more than 300 scientific papers and 62 book chapters, edited 7 books and delivered nearly 400 presentations. He served on many editorial boards, including The Journal of Urology, Urology, Uro-oncology and International Journal of Urology. He served on the AUA Update Series Advisory Board from 1995-2011 and was Editor from 2003-2011. For many years, he served on the editorial board of the Urological Survey for The Journal of Urology.

His honors include the 2000 Distinguished Contribution Award from the American Urological Association, honorary membership in the Japanese Urological Association and being named the first American Urological Association/ European Association of Urology Exchange Professor. He was a member of the American Board of Urology where he served as trustee, a vice president and on the examination committee. He was also a member of the American Urological Association, American Association of the Genitourinary Surgeons and Clinical Society of Genitourinary Surgeons, and was a visiting professor at many universities nationally and internationally.

Thousands of patients benefitted from Dr. Marshall's surgical treatment. He made innovative contributions to the management and surgical treatment of large and small kidney tumors, and in other areas of urologic oncology, such as bladder reconstruction, including continent urinary diversion for bladder cancer (ileocolic neobladder), and less invasive prostate cancer surgery, performing approximately 1,200 radical prostatectomies at Emory. He was versed in all areas of urology and understood the importance of connecting seemingly diverse conditions.

Dr. Marshall committed his career to his patients, and the many students and physicians whom he trained. Grateful patients and friends contributed funds to establish the Fray F. Marshall, MD Chair in Urology at the Emory University School of Medicine. The Chair was presented in March 2011 and will be devoted to research within the Department of Urology to continue his dedication to academic excellence and innovation.

Countless individuals benefitted from Dr. Marshall's friendship, thoughtfulness, vibrancy and skill. He inspired us all with his energy and kindness, and he will continue to be a role model for many. He often quoted from his "Handbook", which was filled with wisdom and wit, and he leaves behind a legacy in medicine and in life. He was a visionary and transformative physician who motivated all those around him. Dr. Marshall strove to always "make a difference," and he did that every day.

Many urologists and friends attended a celebration of Fray Marshall's life on December 10, 2011 in Atlanta. During that time, there were wonderful reflections on an amazing family member, friend and person that will be greatly missed.

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