



Robert J. Krane



Dr. Robert J. Krane, Professor of Surgery at Harvard Medical School and Director of the Division of Urodynamics in the Department of Urology at the Massachusetts General Hospital, died on November 17, 2001, of cancer at the age of 58. Prior to coming to the MGH in 1999, he was Chairman of the Department of Urology and Professor of Surgery at Boston University, a position he had held since 1981.

Dr. Krane grew up in New York City, where he attended the Bronx School of Science and then matriculated at Columbia University, where he received his undergraduate education. He received his medical education from the Albert Einstein College of Medicine, followed by an internship at Boston City Hospital. He received his urologic training at the Boston University School of Medicine. Following residency, he joined the faculty at the Boston University Medical Center.

Dr. Krane was a pioneer in the field of neurology. During the early part of his career, he was interested in neurologic causes of voiding dysfunction. This was a natural progression for Dr. Krane given his interest in neurology at medical school and as an intern. He defined the disorders of dysfunctional voiding and developed

a clinical classification that has been adopted internationally. Early in his career, he was recognized for his contributions in the area and was awarded the Gold Cystoscope Award from the AUA in 1981, which is given to the most promising young urologist ten years out of his residency. He received numerous other awards for both his contributions in neuro-urology as well as erectile dysfunction. He was also frequently asked to speak internationally on these subjects.

During the twenty years that Dr. Krane directed the Department of Urology at Boston University, he was responsible for training fourteen individuals who have subsequently entered academic medicine. During his senior years, Dr. Krane became very involved internationally. He organized the International Urologic

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Research Society and began the World Journal of Urology, where he served as co-editor-in-chief.

When he was recruited to the Department of Urology at the Massachusetts General Hospital, he established the Neuro-urology Division and made it one of the finest diagnostic facilities in the world. The Neuro-urology Division continues to be very productive and is a fitting tribute to his time spent at the MGH. Dr. Krane was instrumental in encouraging residents at the MGH to be active in research, and brought international fellows to the institution to study with him. His premature death cut short an extraordinarily productive career. Dr. Krane's influence locally, nationally and internationally is still felt through his many contributions.

Respectfully submitted,

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