



# THE DEPARTMENT OF UROLOGY



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## THE DEPARTMENT OF UROLOGY



In 1973, the Department of Urology was established at Tbilisi State Medical Institute and since then, Urology as a separate discipline has been studied. The phenomena have become of great importance, in terms of further development of the discipline and raising future physicians' interests in the field development. Professor Vasil Babukhardia was the head of the Department in 1973-1994. Ioseb Gvelesiani, Niko Tevdorashvili, Sortman Japaridze and Nodar Pirtskhal-aishvili were elected as associate professors in the department. 90 beds, artificial kidney department, lecture rooms, surgery blocks, endoscopic, X-ray and radiological research rooms, clinical, biochemical, bacteriological, serological, immunological and allergic research laboratories were located in N. Kipshidze Central Republican Hospital I and II urology units. These units became the basis of the Department of Urology. IV course students of medicine, pediatric and military faculties and VI course students of obstetrics-gynecology and surgery studied at the Department of Urology.

Assoc. Prof. Sortman Japaridze was the head of the Department in 1994 – 1997 and in 1997 - 1999 Assoc. Prof. Givi Gzirishvili headed the Department of Urology. Nowadays the head of the Department is Professor David Kochiashvili. Hydronephrosis, urolithiasis, treatment for benign prostatic hyperplasia, treatment of chronic kidney disease and acute kidney failure management were the core scientific directions of the Department.

15 candidates' and 6 doctoral theses have been defended. Moreover, more than 600 scientific publications have been published in local and international journals by the academic staff of the Department. All the members of the Department are the members of Georgian Urological Association and delegates of European Association of Urology.



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Contemporary diagnostic and treatment methods, contact and remote lithotripsy, a transurethral resection of bladder and prostate, a prostate biopsy, urethrotomy and urethroplasty, percutaneous nephrolithotomy, ureterorenoscopy, cystectomy and prostatectomy have been implemented in the clinical basis of the department. Academic staff of the department have been participating in international conferences, and exchange mobility programmes. Moreover, joint conferences, congresses and surgeries with international colleagues have been frequently planned in the department. Furthermore, scientific collaborative projects with international partners have been carried out in the department (6 international clinical research). The department staff elaborated a course in Urology for students and residents. The academic staff of the department participates in publishing modern manuals in Urology. The Department of Urology has been located in TSMU the First University Clinic (16 beds) since 2015.