

## Lahey Clinic

Dr. Frank Lahey, founded one of the first group medical practices with a team of one anesthesiologist, a surgical assistant, one operating nurse, and a gastroenterologist in 1923. The first location of Lahey Clinic was 605 Commonwealth Avenue in downtown Boston. It would remain there for the first 55 years of the institution. By the 1970's the Clinic expanded to include space at 565 Commonwealth Avenue and 143 Bay State Road. And in November 1980, the Lahey Clinic Medical Center moved to its current location in Burlington, Massachusetts.

Initially only outpatients were evaluated at Lahey Clinic, while surgeries were performed at New England Baptist, New England Deaconess, and Peter Bent Brigham hospitals. From the beginning though, it was a goal of Dr. Lahey to allow residents and fellows to train with him. He felt a teaching hospital was not complete without cutting edge technology, and he worked to adopt a culture where this would be possible. By the time the Clinic moved out to its current location in Burlington, the practice had expanded to offer services in over 30 departments, and residency programs offered in the majority of these departments.



Original Lahey Clinic Facility, 1923  
605 Commonwealth Ave, Boston Ma

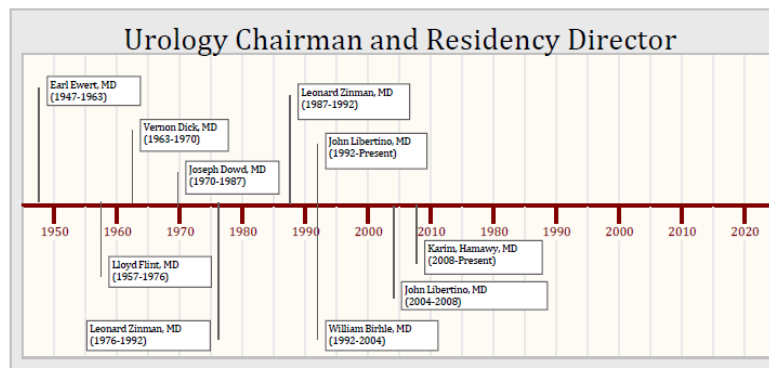
## Urology Residency

Since the inception of Lahey clinic in 1923, Dr. Lahey established a post-residency fellowship in surgery. The Urology Department soon followed with the creation of a formal Urology Residency Program in 1943. The program began with 1 resident per year, who would complete 3 years of Urologic training after 2 years of General Surgery. When the Residency started Lahey Clinic was world renowned for its endoscopic and transurethral procedures.

Over the years the program transitioned, accepting 2 residents per year in 1970, and finally, 3 residents per post-graduate level in 1994. Additionally the program evolved from its initial breakdown of 2 years of General Surgery training and 3 of Urology, to adding an additional year in laboratory research in 1987. Another change was the addition of a General Surgery Residency program at Lahey Clinic in 1997, allowing the Urology Residents to complete their General Surgery training at the Lahey Clinic campus, rather than spending two years training in General Surgery at Mass General Hospital, as was the arrangement previously.

Aside from Lahey Clinic's main hospital and clinic, numerous other facilities have provided the Residents with a variety of experiences in which to train. Initially the majority of the operative experience for the residents was obtained at Beth Israel Deaconess, as well as Brooks Hospital in Brookline, and Harriman and Baptist Hospital in downtown Boston. Community Urology experiences have been obtained at various locations through the years, including New Bedford hospital, Chelsea VA, and a practice in Portland, Maine. Over the years the Residency Program has evolved to include the majority of its training at the main Lahey location in Burlington Massachusetts, as well as experience with a private practice group in Salem, Massachusetts, and pediatric Urology training at Boston Children's Hospital, a relationship which has been established since 1977.

In its current state, the Lahey Clinic Urology Residency program has three residents per year, under the leadership of Chairman Dr. John Libertino, and Residency Director Dr. Karim Hamawy. The program is 6 years in length including completion of 2 years of General Surgery training, 1 year engaged in research, and 3 clinical urology years that include: 4 months practicing community urology, 6 months training at Boston Children's Hospital, and 26 months at Lahey Clinic. Our recent rate of entry into Fellowship training post residency is approximately 67%, including Pediatrics, Endourology, Minimally Invasive, Male Infertility, Reconstructive, Urologic Oncology, and Female Urology.



## Frank Lahey, MD (1880-1953)



Dr. Frank Lahey

A world-renowned surgeon, teacher, and medical administrator, Frank Lahey founded the Lahey Clinic as one of the first group practices in the world in 1923. Dr. Lahey was raised in Haverhill, Massachusetts. He went on to attend Harvard Medical School, where he received his medical degree in 1904. His intern year was performed at Long Island Hospital, and surgical residency completed between Boston City Hospital and the Haymarket Relief Station. He then served on faculty at Harvard Medical School from 1908-1909 and 1912-1915, as well as Tufts Medical School from 1913-1917. Over the course of his medical career he maintained a strong interest and influence in medical education.

During World War I, Lahey served as a major in the Army Medical Corps and director of surgery at Evacuation Hospital No. 30. During World War II he was appointed by President Franklin D Roosevelt to serve on a special commission to report on medical standards. After his return from military service after World War I he opened a small medical practice in Boston, which would come to known as the Lahey Clinic.



Current Lahey Clinic, 2011  
41 Mall Road, Burlington, MA