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Guide to the Blaine Nashold Interview, 2004

Blaine S. Nashold is professor emeritus of the Department of Surgery, Division of Neurosurgery at Duke University Medical Center.

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Biographical Note

Blaine Sanders Nashold, Jr. was born in 1923 in Lennox, South Dakota. He went to the University of Indiana and studied bacteriology (there he obtained his bachelor's degree) and then Ohio State University where he received his master's degree in the study of bacteriology. In 1949, Dr. Nashold graduated with an MD from Louisville State University. It was at this time that he became interested in neurosurgery.

Dr. Nashold went to Montreal for his residency and fellowship at the Montreal General Hospital and the Queen Mary Hospital. From 1953-1955, before his service in the Navy during the Korean War suspended his studies for two and a half years, he trained in neurosurgery at McGill University, where he obtained a M.Sc. degree. After returning from the Navy, Dr. Nashold resumed neurosurgery preparation at Bowman Gray School of Medicine.

After joining the faculty at Duke, he became involved in the field of stereotactic surgery, which, based on the Cartesian principle of measurement, utilizes instruments to locate specific points within the brain on which the neurosurgeon will operate. Dr. Nashold introduced these surgeries to Duke and performed the first of them in the South. He began to collect these instruments from around the world, and parts of his collection can be found on permanent exhibit in the Duke University Medical Center Library. Dr. Nashold was a founding member of the American Stereotactic Surgery and the president of this organization. He was also president of the World Society of Stereotactic and Functional Neurosurgery. Dr. Nashold received the Spiegel-Wycis gold medal in 1993 for his contributions to neurosurgery.

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Collection Overview

Contains audiotapes and transcript of an oral history interview with Blaine Nashold, professor emeritus of the Division of Neurosurgery at Duke University.

Online Catalog Headings

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Interview on Feb. 13, 2004

Dr. Nashold discusses his background, education, study of bacteriology, trying to discover poliovirus vaccine, neurosurgery, Montreal Neurosurgical Institute, coming to the South from Montreal, Bowman Gray, coming to Duke, first impressions of Duke, Dr. Barnes Woodhall, Dr. Guy Odom, changes in his research emphasis, stereotactic surgery, explanation of stereotactic surgery, history of stereotactic surgery, advantages of stereotactic surgery, equipment for stereotactic surgery, machine shop at Duke, impressions of Dr. Barnes Woodhall, surgical skill of Dr. Woodhall, height of Dr. Woodhall, forward-looking vision of Dr. Woodhall, Dr. Woodhall's impact on Duke University Medical Center, personality of Dr. Guy Odom, medical student interaction with Dr. Odom, medical student interaction with Dr. Woodhall, relationship between Department of Medicine and Department of Surgery, Dr. Eugene Stead, contributions of Dr. Stead, straightforwardness of Dr. Stead, strength of departments at Duke, Duke outreach to community, family atmosphere of medical center, atmosphere of freedom at medical center, introducing stereotactic surgery to Duke, development of Dorsal Root Entry Zone (DREZ) procedure, naming of DREZ procedure, types of patients needing DREZ procedure, caudalis DREZ patients, doing untried procedures on patients.

Interview tapes [2 audiotapes (75 minutes total)]

Transcript [35 pages]