

Our Mission

The primary mission of the foundation is to help advance the understanding of common urologic disorders and, through relationships with innovative leaders in the healthcare industry, to perform important clinical trials. Projects are sponsored either by industry or by the Foundation directly. The mission is validated by publication of results in the peer-reviewed literature, leading to a wider range of effective treatments for urologic diseases.

Our History

Urological Sciences Research Foundation, a California non-profit organization, was founded in 1992 by the current medical director, Leonard S. Marks, M.D.

The Foundation grew out of an active urological specialty practice with strong academic ties. Since its inception, USRF has participated in numerous clinical trials involving new treatments for prostatic hyperplasia, cancer of the prostate, urinary infection, incontinence, and impotency. In addition, USRF-sponsored independent research has been regularly presented at national meetings and published in the peer-reviewed medical literature.

Funding and Governance

USRF is an independent operating entity, a non-profit organization (501c3) under U.S. and State of California laws. Funding is derived from three sources: gifts, grants, and contracts. All Foundation work is offered without cost to study participants. A board of outside directors provides fiduciary and administrative leadership. The foundation employs a full-time medical director, clinical research coordinators, and medical assistants. Projects are completed in a dedicated research office and clinical space in metropolitan Los Angeles (Culver City), often in cooperation with leading university and industry resources.

To learn more about USRF, visit us at our website <http://www.usrf.org>.



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Leonard S. Marks, M.D., is founding medical director of USRF. He was graduated with honors (AOA) from the University of Texas, where he received both the M.D. and M.A. (Physiology) degrees in 1969. He served an internship and residency in surgery at UCLA/Harbor General Hospital. He then served on active duty as Lt. Cdr. in the U.S. Public Health Service. He was later Research Fellow at Cedars/Sinai Medical Center and Post-Doctoral Research Scholar at UCLA School of Medicine. He completed his urology residency at UCLA and was Lecturer in Urology there in 1978, following which he entered private practice in Los Angeles.

Dr. Marks has a clinical academic appointment in the Department of Urology at the UCLA School of Medicine and for 20 years has maintained a private practice in West Los Angeles. He is a member of local, state, and national medical associations.

He regularly presents research at national meetings, publishes in the peer-reviewed literature, and serves as consultant for several Fortune 500 companies in the medical field.

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