



Interview No.: OH 2.2

Title: Fletcher C. Derrick, MD, Interview by Brooke Fox and P.R. Rajagopalan, MD, 20 October 2008

Interviewers: Fox, Brooke

Rajagopalan, P.R.

Interviewees: Derrick, Fletcher C., 1933-

Date: 2008-10-20

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Subject (Topical):

Kidney Transplantation.

Transplant Recipients.

Tissue Donors.

Nephrology.

Nephrectomy.

Nursing Staff.

Medical College of South Carolina.

Medical University of South Carolina. Medical University Hospital.

Subject (Names):

Artz, Curtis P. (Curtis Price), 1915-1977

Ashley, William R., 1944-1973

Derrick, Fletcher C., 1933-

Fitts, Charles T., 1932-2008

Hargest, Thomas S., 1925-2014

Harvin, James Shand, 1929-1991

McAlister, Velma

Williams, Arthur V., 1919-2007

Subject (Genre):

Oral histories.

Interviews.

Summary: Fletcher C. Derrick, MD, joined the faculty of the Medical College of South Carolina after completing his residency in urology under Dr. Kenneth M. Lynch. In this interview he discusses how he was recruited by Drs. C. Thomas Fitts and Curtis P. Artz to join the transplant team as an urologist. He recounts preparing for the surgery, prepping the patients – including speaking with the donor about the risks involved with the operation – and identifies and describes the members of the transplant team. Dr. Derrick describes the role of each doctor in the operation.

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