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Abstract

FRANCESCO DURANTE FROM Letojanni, Sicily, was the first surgeon in the history of neurosurgery to successfully remove a cranial base meningioma. Durante was Chairman of Clinical Surgery at the Royal University of Rome (now University “La Sapienza”) for 45 years, participating in the birth of the

“Policlinic Umberto I,” and was one of the most famous surgeons in the country. He was also a Master in general surgery, a Senator of the Kingdom of Italy, and a personal friend of the King of Italy and the Emperor of Austria-Hungary. His contributions are still applicable to medicine today, not only to the neurosurgical community, but also other surgical disciplines, because he developed innovative practices in the fields of oncology, general surgery, and orthopedics in addition to designing special surgical instruments. In commemoration of his legacy, the International Francesco Durante Award is bestowed upon world-renowned surgeons.

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