

ALUMNI PROFILE



Rick A. Smith, M.D.
Mid-South Urology

Herff College of Engineering Experience

"My education at the Herff College of Engineering gave me the solid foundation I needed to pursue a career in medicine. When I applied to medical school, I think they recognized that getting a degree in engineering meant that I was a perseverant student who could handle a rigorous education program. As an urologist, I frequently encounter health problems that do not have one solution. I have to be flexible enough to think through all the different possibilities that could be at play, and engineering is where I learned to do that. My engineering background helped me develop problem solving skills and the ability to think on my feet, and I learned the importance of time management and good study habits."

Professional History

- Principal and urologist, Mid-South Urology, 1993 - present
- Urologist, Ferguson Medical Group, 1991 - 1992
- Urologist, Segrera & Brunner, 1991
- Urologist, Jackson Clinic, 1988 - 1990
- Residency, UTCHS Surgical, 1984 - 1985
- Residency, UTCHS Urology, 1985 - 1988

Significant Accomplishments

- Published five medical journal articles
- Herff College of Engineering Outstanding Alumnus, 2003
- First generation college graduate
- Member of the Electrical Engineering Advisory Council
- Member of the Highland Hundred

Education

- Bachelor of science in electrical engineering, 1979, the University of Memphis
- M.D., 1983, University of Tennessee Center for the Health Sciences



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