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- William F. Jessee, MD, FACMPE, FACPM (2010) - Medical Group Management Association
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- Jeffrey D. Selberg (2015) - Peterson Center on Healthcare Washington, DC
- Stephanie McCutcheon (2016) - Principal of McCutcheon & Associates
- Julia Adler-Milstein, PhD (2018) - University of California-San Francisco

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Edward Van Zile Scott was educated in Birmingham schools prior to attending and graduating from University Episcopal School in Lynchburg, Virginia. He received both his undergraduate and medical degrees from the University of Virginia. After military service, he completed surgery and urology residencies at the University of Alabama Hospital.

After completing residency training, he entered the private practice of urology, later founding Urology Associates, P.A. He served as Chief of Urology at Children's Hospital from 1964 to 1976 and was Assistant Professor (Clinical) of Urology at the University of Alabama Medical School for a number of years. He was board certified in urology and was a member of a number of professional associations, including being named a Fellow in the American College of Surgeons and a Fellow in the American Academy of Pediatrics.

One of the original founders and first Chairman of the Board of Brookwood Hospital, Dr. Scott retired from the private practice of medicine in 1960. For the remainder of his career, he worked in a number of administrative and clinical capacities at Brookwood Hospital, including serving as Senior Vice-President for Domestic and International Development and Medical Affairs.