**Surgical Leaders**  
**Nancy L. Ascher, MD, PhD**

* First female president of the American Society of Transplant Surgeons.
* First woman to perform a liver transplant.
* Named to the list of U.S. News "America's Top Doctors," a distinction reserved for the top 1% of physicians in the nation for a given specialty.

**Juan Carlos Caicedo-Ramirez, MD**

Developed America’s first Latinx transplant program.

**Clive O. Callender, MD, FACS**

* Founded the Howard University Hospital Transplant Center in 1974.
* Founded the National Minority Organ Tissue Transplant Education Program in 1991.

**Gaetano Ciancio, MD, FACS, MBA**

* Known for his work on Inferior Vena Cava Thrombectomy
* Part of the team that developed the bladder patch technique
* Helped develop and popularize alternative immunosuppression regimens

**Sherilyn A. Gordon, MD, FACS**

First physician Designated Institutional Official and the Residency Director for the Department of Surgery at Houston Methodist Hospital.

**Olga Jonasson, MD, FACS**

* Founding member of the National Tissue Typing and Histocompatibility Organization.
* Performed the first kidney transplant in the state of Illinois.
* First woman to be named head of an academic department of surgery at a coeducational school of medicine.
* First woman to be appointed chief of surgery of a major medical center.

**Samuel L. Kountz Jr., MD**

* First successful kidney transplant between humans who were not identical twins.
* Developed the prototype for the Belzer kidney perfusion machine.
* Developed largest kidney transplant research and training program in the U.S. at the University of California, San Francisco.
* At the time of his death, had performed the most kidney transplants of any physician in the world at that time.

**Antonia C. Novello, MD**

* First woman and first Latinx to serve as Surgeon General from 1990 to 1993.
* Made major contributions to the drafting and enactment of the National Organ Transplant Act of 1984.

**Oscar Salvatierra Jr., MD**

* Founded Stanford’s pediatric kidney transplant program.
* Physician most involved in the development and passage of the National Organ Transplant Act of 1984.
* Founding member and 10th president of the American Society of Transplant Surgeons.

**Velma P. Scantlebury, MD**

* First African American female transplant surgeon.
* Inducted into the Achievers Hall of Fame of the United Negro College Fund.
* Named to the U.S. News "America's Top Doctors," a distinction reserved for the top 1% of physicians in the nation for a given specialty.

**In Memoriam -Jonathan P. Fryer, MD**

* Served as Associate Program Director and Program Director for the General Surgery residency program at the Feinberg School of Medicine, Northwestern University before being appointed Vice Chair of Surgery for Education in 2014.
* Awarded multiple Excellence in Teaching Awards.
* Served as an Examiner for the American Board of Surgery (ABS) Certifying exam and as a Consultant for the ABS Qualifying exam.

**In Memoriam -Avinash Agarwal, MD**

* Program Director of the UVA Abdominal Transplant Fellowship and the medical director of both the UVA Transplant Unit and the LifeNet Health Virginia.
* Led regional and national research efforts that demonstrably increased the number of organs available for transplantation.

**In Memoriam - Andrew I. Gagnon, MD**

* Instrumental in growing the Intermountain Healthcare Transplant Services program and in doing so saved hundreds of lives.
* Known by his colleagues for his infectious energy and humor, as well as his kindness to his patients.