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I am the Jeremiah and Claire Turcotte Professor of Transplant Surgery at the University of Michigan. I am also a Professor of Internal Medicine and Pediatrics. My clinical and research career has focused on improving the care of children and adults requiring kidney, pancreas, and liver transplantation. I have served as the Surgical Director of the Pediatric Liver and Kidney Transplant Programs, as well as our Adult Kidney Transplant Program. I previously served as the Director of our Transplant Center as well as Section Head of Transplant Surgery. My contributions have been recognized by the University of Michigan Medical School with induction to the League of Research Excellence and with the Outstanding Clinician Award through the Dean's Award Program in 2019. I am a pioneering member of the University of Michigan Institute for Healthcare Policy and Innovation (IHPI).

I have a specific interest in pediatric liver disease and transplantation. I have been the Principal Investigator of the Scientific & Data Coordinating Center for the NIH/NIDDK funded multi-center Childhood Liver Disease Research Network (ChiLDReN), and its predecessors, since 2006. I have also served as the Council Chair of Studies of Pediatric Liver Transplantation (SPLIT) Consortium. Throughout my career I have been actively involved in collaborative efforts with our local OPO, including serving on the Governing Board for the last 7 years. I have participated in efforts to increase both living and deceased organ donation. I have provided leadership for three HRSA-DoT grants, studying innovative approaches to increase donation in the community. I was the site principal investigator for a multi-center randomized trial to evaluate the effect of lost wage reimbursement to potential kidney donors on living donation rates. I have also collaborated with leaders in transplant programs and OPOs across our country to develop educational programming through my engagement in the Organ Donation & Transplantation Alliance for the last 14 years, including two terms as Board Chair. I am active within the American Society of Transplant Surgeons and have participated in many initiatives. I currently serve as the Chair of the Transplant Accreditation and Certification Council, which is responsible for accrediting Transplant Surgery Fellowship programs and certifying graduates of these programs. I have served as chair of the Surgery and Liver Transplantation Committee of the AASLD. I have also partnered with patient advocacy groups for 23 years, including the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan where I have been the Board Chair. I served as a Principal with the Scientific Registry of Transplant Recipients from 2003 to 2010. In this role I worked with multiple OPTN committees. I have also worked on projects related to evaluation of transplant programs and OPO's. I was selected to serve as the co-chair of the SRTR Review Committee in January 2024 but resigned from this position after being elected to be the President of the OPTN Board of Directors on July 1, 2025.