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Vassilios Papalois is Professor of Transplantation Surgery and Consultant Transplant and General Surgeon at the Hammersmith Hospital, Imperial College, London, UK. He leads transplant programmes of excellence focusing on high risk and extended criteria kidney and pancreas transplantation. He has 30 years of clinical experience in the field of transplantation surgery and has performed more than 2,000 transplants including a high number of complex transplants for patients referred from other transplant centres in the UK and abroad.

He has been active in surgical research for more than 30 years and has published more than 200 papers in peer review journals (receiving more than 300 citations per year internationally), 22 book chapters and 8 books. His research focuses on pre-transplant assessment and reconditioning of marginal kidney and pancreas grafts, use of stem cells for treatment of chronically scarred allografts, surgical education, clinical ethics and health policy.

Professor Papalois has extensive experience in the NHS in Clinical Governance and Medico-Legal issues, is NIHR NW London Subspecialty Lead for Transplantation, he is an advisor to the General Medical Council (GMC) and to the National Institute of Health and Care Excellence (NICE), Chairs the Ethics Committee of the Avon and Somerset Constabulary and he is a member of the Research Ethics Committee of the UK Ministry of Defence.

He is the President of the European Union of Medical Specialists (UEMS) representing 40 countries and 1.6 million medical specialists, the President of the European Society of Organ Transplantation (ESOT), Member of the Executive Board of the Association of Surgeons of Great Britain and Ireland (ASGBI), Member of Council of the European Society of Surgery (ESS), Editor in Chief of the World Journal of Transplantation (WJT) and a member of the editorial board of 11 international peer review journals.

Professor Papalois organises annually a series of advanced international courses and congresses on transplant training, clinical ethics, surgical education and health policy, has given more than 150 lectures in international forums as an invited speaker and has been a Visiting Professor in many European universities.

He has been awarded a Silver National Award for Clinical Excellence by the UK Department of the Health, a Senior Clinical Investigator Award by the European Society of Organ Transplantation and a Teaching Excellence Award by Imperial College. He has also been awarded an Honorary Doctorate from the University of Thessaloniki and he is an Honorary Member of the Spanish Association of Surgeons and the Spanish Transplantation Society, the only UK surgeon to have both accolades. Professor Papalois is the Deputy President of the Onassis Cardiothoracic Centre and co-chairs the committee for the National Transplant Plan and Centre in Greece led by the Onassis Foundation.

