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Vassilios Papalois is Professor of Transplantation Surgery and Consultant Transplant and General Surgeon in the Renal and Transplant Unit, Hammersmith Hospital, Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust (ICHT). He was born in Athens Greece in 1965 and has Greek and British citizenship. He was trained in general and transplantation surgery and research at St. Mary's Hospital in London and in the Department of Surgery at the University of Minnesota one of the biggest transplant departments in the world that has pioneered many aspects of modern transplant practice. The main clinical interests of Professor Papalois are high risk live donor kidney transplantation and extended criteria deceased donor kidney and pancreas transplantation. He has pioneered the development of the live donor kidney transplant programme at the ICHT which is one of the biggest and most successful of its kind in Europe as well as the use of extended criteria kidneys from deceased donors pre-conditioned through machine organ perfusion that has significantly decrease post-operative complications and increased long-term graft survival. Professor Papalois has been active in surgical research for more than 20 years and has published more than 170 papers in peer review journals, 15 book chapters and 5 books. Currently, his Imperial College PhD students work on translational models of pre-transplant assessment of graft viability and graft pre-conditioning through machine (hypothermic and normothermic) organ perfusion, use of stem cells to re-generate chronically scarred kidney and pancreas allografts and issues related to ethics and health policy in modern surgical practice. Professor Vassilios Papalois is professor of transplantation surgery and consultant transplant and general surgeon at Hammersmith Hospital. He leads a Transplant Centre of Excellence focusing on high risk and extended criteria kidney and pancreas transplantation. Professor Papalois was trained in general and transplant surgery at St Mary's Hospital and in the department of surgery at the University of Minnesota (post-PhD fellowship and clinical fellowship) which is one of the biggest transplant programmes in the world and has led in the field of transplantation for the last 50 years.

Professor Papalois is clinical lead for medico-legal issues at Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust, 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 Secretary General of the European Union of Medical Specialists (UEMS), the President of the European Society of Organ Transplantation (ESOT), a member of the Executive Board of the Association of Surgeons of Great Britain and Ireland

(ASGBI), a member of Council of the British Transplantation Society (BTS) and the European Society of Surgery (ESS).

Professor Papalois organises a series of advanced international courses annually on transplant training, clinical ethics and health policy and has given more than 100 lectures in international forums as an invited speaker.

He has been awarded a Bronze National Award for Clinical Excellence by the UK Department of Health, [a](#) Senior Clinical Investigator Award by the European Society for Organ Transplantation and a Teaching Excellence Award by Imperial College London.

