



**Prof. Francis L. Delmonico**

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**Most important awards, prizes and academies**

In 2005, Dr. Delmonico was elected President of the United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS), the federally designated Organ Procurement Transplant Network (OPTN) that oversees the practice of transplantation in the United States. He served on numerous UNOS Committees, and was elected by his colleagues in New England as its regional representative to UNOS Board of Trustees in 1988. Dr. Delmonico is a former Board member of the National Kidney Foundation and a recipient of the NKF's David M. Hume Lifetime Achievement Award. He was a co-recipient of the Prince of Asturias award on behalf of The Transplantation Society in 2010 for his efforts in the establishment of the Declaration of Istanbul. Dr. Delmonico is the recipient of the Shumakov Medal from the Moscow Institute of Transplantation and the Gold Medal of the Catalan Transplantation Society. As a former Councilor of the American Society of Transplantation, Dr. Delmonico was also a recipient of the AST's Senior Clinician Award. As an Alumnus of Mount St. Mary's College, he is the recipient of the Founder's Bruté Medal. In 2020 Dr. Delmonico was awarded the

prestigious Medawar Prize. Dr. Delmonico has been an invited lecturer and Visiting Professor in numerous cities and universities in more than 70 countries throughout the world. He was awarded an Honorary Doctorate from the Pan American University of Mexico City.

### **Summary of scientific research**

Francis L. Delmonico, M.D. FACS is Professor of Surgery Harvard Medical School at the Massachusetts General Hospital, where he is Emeritus Director of Renal Transplantation. He has been a member of the MGH Department of Surgery for 35 years. He is the Past-President of The Transplantation Society (2012-2014) and appointed as an Advisor to the World Health Organization in matters of organ donation and transplantation since 2006. Dr. Delmonico is the Medical Director of the New England Organ Bank since 1995. He is the Senior Advisor and former Executive Director of the [Declaration of Istanbul Custodian Group](#).

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**Main publications:** He has authored or co-authored more than 300 publications, including in the *New England Journal of Medicine*, *Lancet*, the *Journal of the American Medical Association* and the *New York Times*. He has appeared on numerous television and radio programs including *Nightline*, *Good Morning America*, *CBS Sunday Morning America*, *Bloomberg News* and *NPR News*.