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This Program will help you:

- Learn what it means to be on the transplant list;
- Understand the transplant process from start to finish;
- Dispel the myths of what is or is not involved;
- Learn tips for to help you succeed in the process.

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**About the Presenter:**

Dr. Melancon is currently the Director of the George Washington Transplant Institute and the Medical Director of The Ron and Joy Paul Kidney Center at George Washington University Medical School. Dr. Melancon is a Professor of Surgery whose specialties include kidney, pancreas and liver transplantation as well as laparoscopic kidney donor nephrectomy. His research interests have centered upon increasing access to health care for minority patients, particularly in the field of organ transplantation. Dr. Melancon has spent his career trying to improve outcomes for the hardest to transplant patients and therefore has been an advocate for ABO incompatible organ transplantation, paired kidney exchanges, and immune system desensitization strategies. Recently Dr. Melancon and his team were the first ever to perform a fully ABO incompatible deceased donor kidney transplantation as well as a fully ABO incompatible living donor kidney transplantation in an individual with HIV infection. Dr. Melancon hopes that with novel immunosuppression protocols that organ transplants will begin to last for the life time of the patient and that true transplant tolerance can be achieved in the near future.

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