Speaker Biography

Guiliano Testa, MD, FACS, MBA
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Dr. Giuliano Testa is a graduate of the University of Padova Medical School in Italy. After obtaining his medical degree Cum Laude he completed a residency in General Surgery at the same University. After arriving in the States, he first completed a residency in General Surgery at the University of Chicago and then a fellowship in Abdominal Organ Transplantation at Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas, Texas. Dr. Testa then moved to Germany to the University of Essen where he was instrumental in starting the first Adult-to-Adult Living Donor Liver Transplant Program in Europe. In 2001, he was recruited with the title of Associate Professor of Surgery and Director of the Liver Transplant Program at the University of Illinois at Chicago. In 2005, he moved to the University of Chicago as Director of Liver Transplant and Hepatobiliary Surgery and rose to the rank of Professor of Surgery.

In 2008, Dr. Testa completed the Fellowship in Clinical Ethics at the MacLean Center for Clinical Ethics of the University of Chicago and joined the Faculty to become the Associate Director of the Surgical Ethics Program. In 2011 he obtained a Master's Degree in Business Administration at the University of Chicago Booth School of Business.

Dr. Testa was recruited by Baylor University Medical Center in July 2011 to lead the Living Donor Liver Program. In August of 2015 he became the Surgical Chief of Abdominal Transplant for the Simmons Transplant Institute and was promoted to Chief in December 2017.

Dr Testa is actively involved in the American Society of Transplant Surgeons, where he currently is a member of the Living Donation Committee and was a member of the Reimbursement Committee. He is also involved with the United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS) where he served on the Living Donor Committee and is currently serving on the Ethics Committee as well as on the Ethics Committee at Baylor University Medical Center.

Dr. Testa is author or co-author of more than 160 manuscripts and several book chapters. He is a recognized authority in the field of Living Donor Liver Transplantation and Living Donor Intestinal Transplantation with a new interest in Uterus Transplantation.
**Speaker Biography**

**Liza Johannesson, MD, PhD**  
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Dr. Liza Johannesson, MD, PhD specializes in obstetrics and gynecology with a special interest in gynecologic oncology and transplantation. She graduated from the Nobel Prize awarding Karolinska Institute in Stockholm, Sweden. Her residency in obstetrics and gynecology was completed at the Sahlgrenska University Hospital in Gothenburg, Sweden, followed by a fellowship in gynecologic oncology at Sahlgrenska University Hospital and at Royal Adelaide Hospital, Adelaide, Australia.

She started doing research in 2009 on uterus transplantation and presented her PhD titled “Uterus Transplantation: an experimental study in primates,” in 2012. She was a part of the pioneering first clinical human trial of uterus transplantation that started in Sweden 2012 and so far resulted in 8 live births. In 2016 she started working with Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas to form the multi-disciplinary team needed for the start of a clinical uterus transplantation trial. Since March 2017 she is employed by Baylor University Medical Center as clinician, investigator and assistant professor to continue the research and clinical work with uterus transplantation.

She is the only doctor to be involved in both the first and the second center in the world to have success and live birth after uterus transplantation. She is the author of numerous peer-reviewed articles and lectures extensively at international scientific conferences. She is a mother of three daughters and married.