



### **Dr. Lloyd Ratner**

Dr. Lloyd Ratner, Director of Renal and Pancreatic Transplantation at NewYork-Presbyterian/Columbia University Irving Medical Center and Professor of Surgery at Columbia University Vagelos College of Physicians and Surgeons, was recently elected to a one-year term as President of the American Society of Transplant Surgeons (ASTS). The ASTS represents approximately 1,800 professionals dedicated to excellence in transplantation surgery. ASTS advances the art and science of transplant surgery

through patient care, research, education, and advocacy. ASTS's vision is saving and improving lives with transplantation.

Dr. Ratner is known for his important innovations in transplantation that have included: performing the first dual renal transplant, performing the first laparoscopic live donor nephrectomy, developing the desensitization protocols for avoiding antibody-mediated rejection, pioneering the use of kidney exchanges, and orchestrating the first kidney exchange to utilize compatible donor/recipient pairs. He is also known for his work in improving living donor safety.



### **Dr. Maryjane Farr**

Dr. Maryjane Farr, Medical Director of Adult Heart Transplantation at NewYork-Presbyterian/Columbia University Irving Medical Center and Associate Professor of Medicine in the Cardiology Division at Columbia University Vagelos College of Physicians and Surgeons, was recently elected to a four-year leadership term at United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS) for all solid organ transplants in Region 9. She will serve two years as Associate Councilor, which includes a seat on the Membership and Professional

Standards Committee at UNOS, followed by two years as Councilor and a seat on the Board of Directors for UNOS, which oversees the organ donation and transplantation system in the U.S. Dr. Farr will begin her term on July 1 and will represent Region 9, which consists of 16 transplant centers, four organ procurement organizations, 11 histocompatibility laboratories and three voluntary health organizations in New York State and Western Vermont.



### **Dr. Elizabeth Verna**

Dr. Elizabeth Verna, Transplant Hepatologist at NewYork-Presbyterian/Columbia University Irving Medical Center and Director of Clinical Research for NYP/Columbia University Irving Medical Center's Transplant Initiative, was recently elected to a three-year term on the American Society of Transplantation (AST) Board of Directors as a Councilor-at-Large. The AST is the largest transplant organization in North America and is recognized as the premier society for transplantation. AST members are sought out as

transplant experts and advocates. Other transplant organizations, policy makers, regulatory agencies, payors, academic institutions, and the general public look to the AST for guidance, research, and resources related to transplantation. As a member of the Board of Directors, Dr. Verna will play a key role in this capacity.