



Dr. Gilbert Ross

(transplant surgeon)

His Story: As a Urologist, Dr. Gilbert Ross began his career with a focus on kidney transplantation. For nearly 50 years, he has served in many capacities at the University of Missouri-Columbia School of Medicine, and helped start the University of Missouri Health Care Kidney Transplantation Program. From 1972 through 1999, and again from 2004 through 2008, Dr. Ross served as the Director of the Kidney Transplantation Program.

"In the last 40 years especially, transplants have gone from rare and risky to routine. And in that same time, the program has grown as well." More than 1,000 patients have received new organs at the MU Health Care program since its inception.

"I've had a remarkable career and have enjoyed learning and growing with the field. Our work is so dependent upon life-saving donations and although we have seen the number of donations grow, there is still such an immense shortage today."

Dr. Ross has served on Midwest Transplant Network's board of directors since 1974 and served as board chair from 1988 to 2000. "I feel that it's my responsibility as a physician to give back to the organization that has helped so many people and touched so many lives," says Dr. Ross. "Our field is one of hope and inspiration for recipients and donors. I have the highest regard for the competence, compassion and empathy for my colleagues at MTN and am grateful for what they do for our community, for the donors and recipients."