Bio

**Yolanda T. Becker, M.D., FACS, FAST**

Dr. Becker has served in many roles throughout her career as a Transplant Surgeon. She is a Past President of the OPTN/UNOS (Organ Procurement and Transplant Network/United Network for Organ Sharing) board of directors and served during tumultuous times. While OPTN President, lung allocation and liver allocation were both amended to decrease geographic disparities. Dr. Becker participated in the writing of the National Academy of Science, Engineering and Medicine Consensus study report, “Realizing the Promise of Equity in the Organ Transplantation system”. She served on the Kidney Disease Improving Global Outcomes (KDIGO) steering committee as the Co-Chair of a workgroup assessing patient factors contributing to kidney graft loss.

Dr. Becker previously served as an elected member of the American Society of Transplantation (AST) board of directors, co-chairing its winter symposium, chairing its education committee and serving on the minority affairs committee. She has served on the American Society of Transplant Surgeons (ASTS) scientific studies committee and on the AST/ASTS American Transplant Congress program planning committee. She also has served on the board of directors of the National Kidney Registry. Dr Becker earned her medical degree at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine in Baltimore and completed her general surgery training at Vanderbilt University. She finished her multiorgan transplant fellowship at the University of Wisconsin as is proud of training many of the current Surgical Directors of Transplant Programs around the country. She then went on to lead the Adult and Pediatric Kidney and Pancreas programs at the University of Chicago before arriving in Texas. She advises medical students at the Burnett School of Medicine at TCU and is the Director for Career Development. Dr. Becker is the proud mom of 2 recent college graduates. In addition to her newly found love for running, she enjoys cheering on her favorite soccer teams, reading and taking care of her many pets.