



Lifetime Achievement Award

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Dr. Clive Callender is Professor of Surgery at the Howard University College of Medicine. In 1973, while at Howard University Hospital (HUH), Dr. Callender helped develop the first minority-directed dialysis and transplant center and the first histocompatibility and immunogenetics laboratory in this country.

On August 8, 1991, the *New England Journal of Medicine*, the USA's premier medical journal, chronicled the 10-year experience of the first National Organ/Tissue Donor Program in America, originated by Dr. Callender at HUH. The article referred to National Gallup Polls which were conducted in 1985 and 1990 that demonstrated a tripling of both the number of Blacks signing donor cards and the number of Blacks aware of the highly successful nature of transplantation. In 1991, Dr. Callender conceptualized and founded the National Minority Organ/Tissue Transplant Education Program (MOTTEP), utilizing the successful joint HUH and Dow Chemical Company efforts that targeted the Black community and applied the methodologies to all ethnic minority populations.

National MOTTEP is the first national organization to identify a two-fold solution to the donor shortage – disease prevention and increasing donation rates. The United Network for Organ Sharing analyses from 1990 and 2010 concluded that as of 2010, Blacks have risen from the bottom to the top exceeding Whites and other ethnic minority populations, in reference to organ donors per million - from 8 in 1982 to 35 in 2010, with a high of 38.1 in 2017. National MOTTEP also established a MOTTEP-Export Research Center of Excellence that focused on eliminating minority renal health disparities via Telehealth programs in Hypertension and Diabetes. The Research Center also examined psycho-neuro-immunological issues that led to renal disease as well as the development of the “Be Blessed Model” – a model for overcoming the devastating effect of institutionalized and environmental racism in End Stage Renal Disease.

In 2016, National MOTTEP will celebrate 25 years of educating communities and saving lives through organ/tissue donation and transplantation. Dr. Callender served as the Chairman of the Department of Surgery. In February 1996, he was appointed as the first LaSalle D. Leffall, Jr. Professor of Surgery at the Howard University College of Medicine. He has received several Honorary Doctor of Science degrees and has been the recipient of numerous awards and recognitions. He has made media appearances and has spoken to both professional and lay audiences at more than 1,000 meetings/forums and has authored over 140 scientific publications about transplantation. He is a member of numerous professional societies and boards and serves as referee for various scientific journals. Dr. Callender serves as a member and/or advisor of numerous boards, committees and task forces involved with transplantation issues.