



2024 Ferdinand C. Valentine Medalist

Louis R. Kavoussi, M.D.

Louis Kavoussi, MD completed his undergraduate degree at Columbia University and medical degree at the State University of New York at Buffalo. He obtained his urologic training at Washington University of St. Louis and directly following residency was named Chief of Urology at the Jewish Hospital of St. Louis. In 1991 he was appointed Assistant Professor at Harvard School of Medicine and Director of Endourology at the Brigham and Women's Hospital. In 1993 he joined the faculty of Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine where he was Vice Chairman of Urology and Patrick C. Walsh Distinguished Professor. Dr. Kavoussi is currently the Chair of Urology for the Northwell Health (Formerly North Shore-LIJ Health System) and the Waldbaum-Gardner Distinguished Professor of Urology at the Donald and Barbara Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell.

Dr. Kavoussi has made many important contributions to urology. He was part of several first teams that engendered many of the minimally invasive approaches we use today including the laparoscopic nephrectomy, laparoscopic donor nephrectomy and laparoscopic prostatectomy. His contributions have been documented in over 400 peer reviewed publications. He has edited multiple texts including his role as a co-editor of Campbell-Walsh Urology, Smith's Endourology, Atlas of Retroperitoneal Surgery and Handbook of Surgical Techniques.

He helped found the first robotics laboratory dedicated to urological applications and developed telerounding and teleinteraction with patients for which he was a Smithsonian Computerworld Medalist. His contributions to the field of urology earned him the Golden Cystoscope Award of the American Urological Association, The Lifetime Achievement Award from the American Kidney Foundation and the 2018 Distinguished Contribution Award from the American Urological Association.

Dr. Kavoussi has mentored over 35 fellows in minimally invasive surgery who are academic leaders around the world. This achievement was recognized through him being awarded the Endourology Society Mentoring Award in 2014. He has served the field of urology in many areas. He has been on the Board of the Endourology Society and served as President of the Society for Academic Urologists and President of the New York Section of the American Urological Association.