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Dr. Kenneth Ouriel was born in Rochester, NY. He attended public high school there and graduated at age 16. At that time he entered the University of Rochester where he majored in Biology and Psychology, was elected to Phi Beta Kappa in his junior year, and graduated Magna Cum Laude in 1977. He entered medical school at the University of Chicago. He graduated in 1981 with Honors and began a residency in General Surgery at the University of Rochester Medical Center

Following the completion of training in 1987, Dr. Ouriel went into the academic practice of Vascular Surgery as an Assistant Professor of Surgery at the University of Rochester. He was active both clinically and academically, with a basic research lab funded by an NIH grant on vascular thrombosis. He was promoted to Associate Professor of Surgery in 1992. He led a multicenter study on thrombolysis for acute lower extremity arterial occlusion, published in the New England Journal of Medicine in 1998. He was recruited to the Cleveland Clinic that year to lead its Department of Vascular Surgery and held the academic title of Professor of Surgery. The department grew from five to 20 members in just five years, and Dr. Ouriel was promoted to the position of Chief of Surgery in 2003. A total of 14 Departments including Cardiothoracic Surgery, Urology, Orthopedics, Dentistry, Ob/Gyn, Plastic Surgery, ENT, Vascular Surgery, and the Center for Surgical Research reported to Dr. Ouriel, comprising 340 attending surgeons and 2500 FTE. Dr. Ouriel was a member of the Clinic's Executive Team, the committee of C-level individuals and the Chiefs of Medicine and Surgery, presiding over the Cleveland Clinic Health System. Dr. Ouriel was a member of the Executive Committee of the Society of Vascular Surgery, serving as that society's recorder between 2003 and 2006. He is the author of 3 textbooks in vascular surgery and over 250 original scientific articles on a wide variety of vascular surgical topics but focusing on minimally invasive means to treat vascular disease. He was the principal investigator on a five-year, \$5M NIH grant on intravascular ultrasound and the atherosclerotic plaque, funded at \$1M/yr for 5 years (2003 – 2008).

In 2007, Dr. Ouriel accepted the role of CEO for the Clinic's Abu Dhabi project. He fostered the development of a new renal transplantation program and the first kidney transplant was performed in early 2008. In June, 2008, after living in Abu Dhabi for one year, Dr. Ouriel accepted the position of Senior Vice President and Chief of International Operations at NewYork-Presbyterian.