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Barbara Lee Bass, MD, FACS, Professor of Surgery, serves as the vice president for health affairs, dean of the George Washington University (GW) School of Medicine and Health Sciences (SMHS), and Chief Executive Officer of The GW Medical Faculty Associates. In these roles, she leads the academic, clinical, and research missions and provides strategic direction on all aspects of GW's medical enterprise.

An accomplished clinician-scientist and leader in surgical education, Bass' current research is focused on computational sciences in surgical technologies and processes, and simulation based medical and surgical education.

Bass was the 98th President of the American College of Surgeons and has served as president or leadership roles of many US academic and professional surgical organizations. An advocate for equity and diversity for women and underrepresented minorities in surgery and other health care careers, Bass is the recipient of numerous national awards recognizing her contributions to advancing the careers of women surgeons and to advancing programs to serve the education and professional development of surgeons.

Dr. Bass earned her undergraduate degree from Tufts University and an MD from the University of Virginia. She completed her residency in general surgery at GW and held a research fellowship at the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research, while serving as a captain in the U.S. Army Medical Corps.