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Dr. Bass is a gastrointestinal and endocrine surgeon and has led a funded laboratory program in gastrointestinal epithelial injury and repair. She has held leadership roles in the development of surgical quality initiatives at the national level in both the Veteran Affairs Health Care System and at the American College of Surgeons. A recognized leader in surgical education, Dr. Bass completed a 7-year term as a Director and Chair of the American Board of Surgery. Dr. Bass is past president for the Society for Surgery of the Alimentary Tract, and recipient of the Nina Starr Braunwald Award from the Association of Women Surgeons. She was appointed to the Strategic Planning Group of the NIH National Commission on Digestive Diseases. She serves on numerous editorial boards including the Annals of Surgery and the World Journal of Surgery. Dr. Bass is a graduate of Tufts University and the University of Virginia School of Medicine. She completed general surgery training at George Washington University Hospital and completed a fellowship in gastrointestinal physiology at the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research, while serving as a Captain in the U.S. Army Medical Corps. She has held faculty positions at George Washington University School of Medicine and the University of Maryland School of Medicine, where she served as Professor of Surgery and Associate Chair for Research and Academic Affairs.