Camillo Ricordi, M.D. is considered among the foremost experts in the transplant “pancreatic islets”, he worked with researchers around the world in the development of innovative strategies to transplant pancreatic islets without the use of immunosuppressive drugs. He invented the first device in the world that allows the identification of the pancreatic islets allowing transplanting pancreatic cells only and not the whole organ. The so-called “Ricordi Method” is currently being used in major medical centers and laboratories that deal with the treatment of diabetes and islet transplantation. Since 1996, he is Director of the Diabetes Research Institute in Miami, the most important medical center for the treatment of diabetes.

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