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Gokaslan earned his medical degree from the University of Istanbul in Turkey. He completed an internship in general surgery, a fellowship in neurotraumatology, a residency in neurosurgery at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, and a fellowship in clinical spinal surgery at New York University Medical Center. He is a recipient of numerous prestigious awards and an active member of several professional societies.

Gokaslan comes to Lifespan from Johns Hopkins in Baltimore, where he was vice chairman of the department of neurosurgery, director of the neurosurgical spine program, and director of the neurosurgical spine metastasis center, as well as professor of neurology, oncology, and orthopedic surgery at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. His practice focuses on complex spinal reconstruction and radical surgical treatment of both primary and metastatic spinal tumors, sacral neoplasms, and spinal cord tumors.