



Banner Good Samaritan
Medical Center

Transplant Services

Banner Good Samaritan Transplant Services, Arizona's most experienced transplant center, provides care to patients requiring a kidney, liver, pancreas or kidney/pancreas transplant. Patients referred into the Banner Good Samaritan Solid Organ Transplant Center, can take comfort that they are being cared for by skilled transplant surgeons and an interdisciplinary team dedicated to providing the best care available to patients requiring a transplant.

Banner Good Samaritan Transplant Center patients can rely on an integrated approach to their care and our pledge to help patients and their families before, during and after the transplant. This includes the highest standards of hospital and outpatient medical care, combined with a comprehensive network of support led by our transplant nursing coordinators and social workers.

A transplant is an exciting, positive event for patients who have suffered from organ failure. It is also an emotional time for both the patient and family and requires a firm commitment by the patient to fully participate in the transplant's success. It involves patience, hard work, and understanding. Our goal for all transplant patients is a successful outcome that restores an optimum level of health, resulting in a return to a productive life.

Kidney Transplant

In 1969, Arizona's first organ transplant, a kidney transplant, was performed at Banner Good Samaritan. Having now performed more than 2,900 kidney transplants, we are one of the largest providers of kidney transplants in Arizona.

Kidneys for transplant come from two sources. Deceased donors are individuals who have suffered brain death and their organs are donated to patients in need. A living donor transplant involves removing a

kidney from a person who is alive and healthy. In 1999, the Banner Good Samaritan program started using laparoscopy donor nephrectomy, a less-invasive technique for living kidney donation. This procedure usually results in the donor experiencing less post-operative pain and a shorter recovery time.

This allows the donor to return to work and resume normal activities earlier than with the traditional surgery. In 2007, the first Paired Exchange Kidney Living Donor Program for the state of Arizona was started at Banner Good Samaritan.

Liver Transplant

The state's first liver transplant was performed at Banner Good Samaritan in 1983. Liver transplant is offered to adults with irreversible liver failure not responsive to other medical or surgical management.

Living donor donation is now an option in liver transplantation. In this procedure, half of the liver is taken from a healthy living donor and donated to a person waiting on the liver transplant list. In the



"I wanted to still be a mom, surgeon, wife and community servant. My husband, Alex, gave me all of this through his love and the gift of one of his kidneys."

- Dana Jamison, MD

Kidney transplant patient Orthopedic surgeon, Banner Good Samaritan Wound Care Program



"The transplant not only gave me the time to be with my family, but just a few months after the transplant I was able to return to work and play golf again. What an amazing difference it made!"

- Eric Pratt
Liver transplant patient
Truck driver, avid golfer

months following the transplant, both the donor and the recipient end up with a full sized liver, because of the ability of the liver to grow back to normal size. Living donors need to be closely related to the recipient or very close friends.

Kidney-Pancreas and Pancreas Transplant

Banner Good Samaritan continues to be one of the leading providers of pancreas and simultaneous kidney-

pancreas transplants in the Four Corners region. Patients with kidney failure as a result of Type I diabetes have benefited from this type of transplant. The goal of kidney-pancreas transplant is to correct the end stage kidney disease and prevent the long-term consequences of diabetes.

Support Services

Liver Support Group (602) 839-7000

A support group for liver transplant patients throughout Phoenix is available on a regular basis, sponsored by the Transplant program. These patients and their families are at all stages in the transplant journey: Pre-transplant, recent transplant and many years post-transplant. The group is a tremendous benefit in helping patients and their families understand the transplant process. For more information, please speak with a transplant social worker.

Transplant Mentor Program (602) 839-7000

Transplant patients know more about transplants than anyone. That's why a unique mentoring program was established by the Transplant Center that pairs a patient with a mentor who has experienced a transplant. The mentor provides invaluable support and can share their personal transplant experience.

Spiritual Care Department (602) 839-4324

Stress and anxiety are common during hospitalization. To help transplant patients and their families, hospital chaplains who work in the Spiritual Care Department at Banner Good Samaritan are available to attend to spiritual needs for all faiths, and help reduce stress and anxiety.

Guest Lodging

Banner Good Samaritan offers limited hotel service to families of patients who wish to stay close to their loved one during hospitalization. If the service is filled, arrangements can be made for lodging at nearby hotels at reasonable rates. You can make reservations by calling the Guest Lodging Service Desk, (602) 839-4944, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. MST

In Focus

Save a life, be an organ donor

More than 100,000 people are currently awaiting a lifesaving organ transplant in the U.S.; more than 1,000 of those are Arizonans. Tragically, 18 people on the national waiting list die every day because no organ was available.



Banner Health and Banner Good Samaritan Medical Center—one of Arizona's leading transplant centers for kidney, liver and pancreas transplantation—have been strong partners with the Donor Network of Arizona and the Arizona Coalition for Transplantation in raising awareness for organ donation.

One donor can save several lives through solid organ transplants—heart, lungs, liver, kidneys and pancreas. Dozens more benefit through donations of corneas, skin, bone, large veins and other tissues. Several local surveys continue to show that Arizonans are overwhelmingly supportive of organ donation.

To learn more about organ donation in Arizona or to register as an organ donor, please contact the Donor Network of Arizona, (602) 222-2200 or toll free 1 (800) 94-DONOR, or visit their Web site at www.dnaz.org.