



Liver Transplant Program

For decades, the comprehensive Liver Transplant Program at Banner – University Medical Center Tucson has been helping patients manage the effects of cirrhosis and other life-threatening liver diseases through medical treatment and liver transplantation. Here, a multidisciplinary team, which includes transplant surgeons and other transplant experts, works alongside hepatologists at the UA Thomas D. Boyer Liver Institute on the University of Arizona campus to provide the latest treatments through all stages of liver disease. This includes giving eligible patients access to investigational medications and therapies that are available only through clinical trials. Banner – University Medical Center Tucson is one of only two transplant programs in Arizona capable of performing multiple-organ procedures on site, such as combined heart/liver transplants. The hospital's longstanding history of organ transplantation and commitment to clinical excellence has distinguished it as a leader in transplant medicine.

Multidisciplinary care teams

The Liver Transplant Program takes a multidisciplinary approach to care. Patients are supported through all phases of the liver disease management, treatment and transplant process by a robust and diverse care team that may include:

- Transplant hepatologists
- Transplant surgeons
- Transplant nurse coordinators
- Pharmacists
- Nutritionists
- Social workers
- Financial counselors
- Liver transplant-trained anesthesiologists
- Advanced hepatobiliary gastroenterologists
- Hepatopathologists

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- Transplant infectious disease physicians
- Oncologists
- · Advanced body-imaging radiologists
- Interventional radiologists
- Radiation oncologists
- Psychology experts who help patients:
- Navigate the emotional and psychological aspects of their diagnosis and treatment
- Work through drug and/or alcohol addiction
- Cope with the long-term implications of transplantation

Liver cancer care planning

The hospital brings together surgeons, hepatologists, oncologists, radiologists, pathologists and others for weekly tumor board meetings. This enables liver disease, transplant and oncology experts to collectively review cases and outline treatment plans, which may include liver transplantation. Team members also collaborate with community physicians to promote early intervention, which maximizes treatment options and health outcomes.

Conditions treated

Liver Transplant Program experts treat patients with liver disease related to a wide range of causes and conditions, including:

- Non- alcoholic fatty liver disease (NAFLD)
- Hepatitis C
- Hepatitis B
- Hepatocellular cancer
- Acute liver failure
- · Cirrhosis of the liver
- Bile duct cancer and other diseases of the bile ducts
- Hepatopulmonary syndrome
- Portopulmonary syndrome
- Hepatorenal syndrome
- Alcoholic liver disease
- Autoimmune hepatitis
- Primary biliary cholangitis (PBC)
- Primary sclerosing cholangitis (PSC)
- Pregnancy-induced liver disease
- Wilson's disease
- Alpha-1 antitrypsin deficiency
- Hereditary Hemochromatosis
- Liver cysts and masses
- Drug-induced liver injury

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Treatment options

Fulfilling a commitment to providing compassionate, comprehensive care, the program provides a wide range of liver disease diagnostic, treatment and care services, including:

- Fibroscan (non-invasive assessment of liver fibrosis)
- Image-guided liver biopsy and paracentesis
- Minimally invasive treatments for liver cancer
- Medication management for hepatitis
- Liver resection
- · Complex bile duct surgery
- Whipple procedures
- Surgical/nonsurgical treatment for variceal bleeding related to portal hypertension
- Liver transplantation
- Participation in clinical trials for various liver diseases

Transplant resources

Learn more about organ transplantation from the following trusted health resources:

- Banner Health bannerhealth.com/services/transplant
- Donate Life organdonor.gov
- Donor Network of Arizona dnaz.org
- Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network optn.transplant.hrsa.gov/
- Scientific Registry of Transplant Recipients srtr.org
- Transplant Living transplantliving.org
- United Network for Organ Sharing unos.org
- American Liver Foundation liverfoundation.org

