Organ Transplantation

Offering hope to those facing end-stage organ failure

For the estimated 119,000 people currently included on the United Network for Organ Sharing’s national transplant waiting list, an organ transplant offers hope and a second chance at life. Banner – University Medical Center Tucson has been delivering hope to patients facing end-stage organ failure for more than 40 years. The hospital is home to many of Arizona’s organ transplant firsts, including the state’s first heart transplant in 1979, first combined heart/lung transplant in 1985, first single lung transplant in 1990, and first double lung transplant in 1993. Today, the hospital’s suite of transplant services includes kidney, heart, liver, lung, pancreas, and combined kidney/pancreas and heart/lung transplants. It operates a successful living kidney donor program and provides care and support services for patients, donors and their families. Among the most comprehensive and longest-running programs in the Southwest, Banner – University Medical Center Tucson is a destination transplant facility, serving patients from across the country.

Transplant services

Banner – University Medical Center Tucson operates five robust transplant programs, each catering to a specific organ and disease type. Surgeons and transplant experts collaborate with their colleagues as well as primary care doctors and referring physicians to ensure comprehensive care that addresses patients’ unique needs. Following transplant and post-operative recovery, the team transitions patients back to their community physicians to ensure continuity of care. However, the transplant team remains a resource for patients and physicians alike.

The hospital’s five transplant programs are centered on the following:

- Heart transplants
- Lung transplants
- Liver transplants
- Kidney and Pancreas transplants
- Living kidney donor transplants

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Multidisciplinary care
Regardless of whether they’re battling hepatitis, renal failure, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, heart failure, diabetes, cystic fibrosis or something else, transplant patients receive expert medical and surgical care from a multidisciplinary team that includes:
- Transplant surgeons
- Transplant physicians
- Transplant nurse coordinators
- Pharmacists
- Nutritionists
- Social workers
- Financial counselors

Patient support
Banner – University Medical Center Tucson is committed to providing patient-centered care. Patients and families receive personalized education and support through each phase of the transplant journey, including:
- Pre-surgery evaluation and testing
- The waiting process
- Transplant surgery
- Care after transplantation

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