

Transplant Program

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Stanford Health Care's transplant program is widely considered to be one of the best in the world. It is known for superior quality and outcomes including one-year post-transplant patient survival rates. Our multidisciplinary team is highly experienced in both single and multi-organ transplants.

We offer a complete range of specialty care—from careful, comprehensive pre-transplant monitoring to post-surgical immunosuppression management and long-term follow-up care.

A Multidisciplinary Approach

We are committed to personalized, comprehensive care by ensuring we bring appropriate multidisciplinary expertise to every patient and donor. Our specialized team of surgeons, physicians, immunologists, transplant psychiatrists, and nursing support works in close collaboration to support patients and living donors.

A World Leader in All Types of Transplant Procedures

Blood and Bone Marrow

We treat malignant and nonmalignant diseases, including lymphoma, myeloma, leukemia, myelodysplastic syndromes, and selected solid tumors. In each case, our goal is to help the patient reintegrate into the most normal life possible. To advance blood and bone marrow transplantation techniques and technologies, our team conducts extensive research. Current studies are investigating innovations in bone marrow grafting for leukemia and lymphoma, hematopoietic stem cell transplantation, and new pharmaceutical treatments to manage patients before and after blood and marrow transplant procedures.

Heart

The Stanford Health Care Heart Transplant Program is one of the largest in the world, with high volumes and outstanding outcomes. The program has the highest transplant rate in California and ranks among the top ten in the United States, along with the highest offer acceptance ratio in California and top five nationwide, which makes more transplants possible and faster. The one-year patient survival rate is 92.96%, exceeding the expected and national average of 92.45%.¹

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Stanford Health Care continues to distinguish itself as a national leader in heart transplantation through research and innovation. This includes leading a study that analyzed over 2,600 heart transplant cases, the largest transplant registry of any center, on long-term patient survival. We also conduct research that seeks to further expand access to heart transplantation.

Kidney/Pancreas and Kidney

For patients diagnosed with end-stage renal disease requiring dialysis or with chronic kidney disease stage 5, the Stanford Health Care Kidney and Pancreas Transplant Program achieves superior outcomes as one of the nation's top programs. For kidney transplants, the one-year patient survival rate is 98.64%, exceeding the expected and national average of 97.30%. For kidney/pancreas transplants, the one-year patient survival rate of 100% far surpasses both the expected and the United States survival average of 96.69%.²

Stanford Health Care is leading cutting-edge research on techniques to achieve tolerance in transplant recipients, decrease antibody levels in sensitized patients so they can undergo transplantation, and improve our donor exchange program to include paired exchange and donation chains.

Liver

The Stanford Health Care Liver Transplant Program has consistently achieved outstanding results with a one-year survival rate of 94.58%, which exceeds the expected and national average of 94.34%. Our waitlist mortality rate continues to be lower than the national rate.³

Our legacy of innovation continues with ongoing clinical trials to induce tolerance in transplant recipients. The program is also developing leading-edge new techniques in split liver and living donor transplantation. Our surgeons are highly skilled at laparoscopic surgery for living donors, a minimally invasive procedure to remove a portion of the donor's liver. This procedure helps to shorten a living donor's hospital stay and recovery time.

Lung and Heart/Lung

The Lung Transplant Program at Stanford Health Care specializes in high-risk transplant candidates, treating patients with conditions such as idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis, cystic fibrosis, emphysema, sarcoidosis, lymphangioleiomyomatosis, and primary pulmonary hypertension.

As a high-volume program with excellent outcomes, the Lung Transplant Program leads the United States in successful transplantation and outcomes. Stanford Health Care's one-year patient survival rate for lung transplants is 92.21%, which is higher than the expected and national average of 90.25%. For heart/lung transplants, the one-year patient survival rate is 89.29%, which exceeds the national rate of 84.34%.⁴

Transplant Diabetes

The Stanford Health Care Transplant Diabetes Program is an award-winning world leader in addressing diabetes through innovative, multidisciplinary approaches. We encourage transplant candidates and recipients with diabetes, as well as their family members, to participate. Services include nutrition screening, assessment, intervention, and counseling.

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