

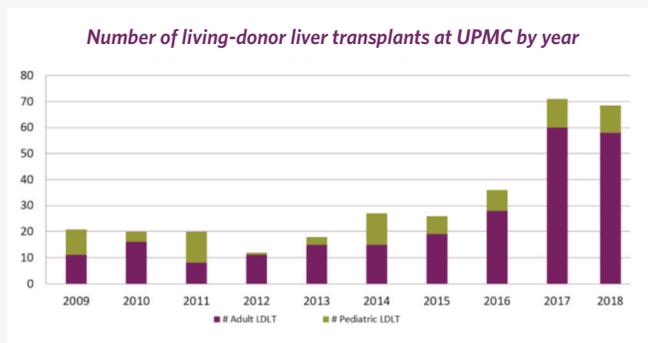
# Why Living-Donor Liver Transplant For Your Patient?

If you have a patient who requires a liver transplant, a living donor transplant may save his or her life. Living donation allows patients to receive a transplant sooner, with improved outcomes compared to deceased-donor liver transplants. At UPMC, we believe living-donor liver transplants are a first-line treatment, not a last resort. Additional advantages include:

- Significantly shorter waiting time
- Shorter hospital stay
- Significantly lower waiting list mortality
- Decreased cold ischemic injury
- Expansion of donor pool
- Ability to offer transplants to patients not qualifying for deceased donor transplants

Since our program's inception and the pioneering work of Dr. Thomas E. Starzl, UPMC has been a leader in the field of organ transplantation for more than 30 years. When it comes to the number of living-donor liver transplants performed each year, we are one of the top programs in the country. Given the complexity of this procedure, expertise is critically important and research shows that high-volume centers have better outcomes for surgical procedures like living-donor liver transplantation. Our advanced clinical research continues to shift the paradigm, giving hope to thousands of people with liver disease. In 2018, UPMC was the only center in the U.S. to perform more living-donor liver transplants than deceased-donor liver transplants.

## Our Volumes and Outcomes



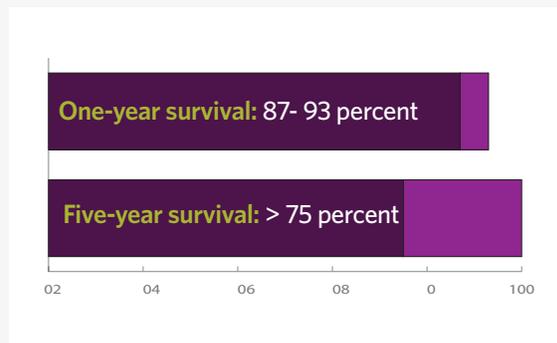
## Liver Transplant Criteria

At the UPMC Liver Transplant Program, we consider each person referred to our program. We're committed to providing liver transplant services to anyone who will benefit, including those who are high-risk. We even extend our criteria and protocols to patients with low MELD scores as well as several other conditions that may not qualify the patient for a deceased donor transplant, or may involve a very long waiting time.

**A candidate for liver transplant may suffer from any of the following liver conditions:**

- Hepatitis C
- Hepatitis B
- Alcoholic liver disease
- Non-alcoholic steato-hepatitis or fatty liver disease
- Primary liver cancers
- Primary biliary cirrhosis
- Autoimmune hepatitis
- Primary sclerosing cholangitis
- Acute liver disease from toxins including Acetaminophen/Tylenol
- Alpha 1 Antitrypsin deficiency
- A failed prior liver transplant
- Polycystic disease
- Hemochromatosis
- Venous-occlusive disease
- Wilson's disease

## Survival Rates



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Additionally, UPMC works with hospitals that have an existing liver transplant program and want to provide patients the option of a living-donor liver transplant through UPMC's Complex Care Connect™ clinical partnership program. When partnering with another hospital, UPMC provides pre- and post-surgery consultation and training for clinicians, while the surgery itself occurs at UPMC.

## How to Refer a Patient

When you refer your patient to UPMC, please include the following information to expedite the referral process:

### Demographic information

- Patient name
- Patient date of birth
- Patient address
- Patient phone number
- Emergency contact information (including emergency contact's home and cell phone numbers)

### Insurance information

- Name of subscriber
- Subscriber's relationship to patient
- Identification number
- Group number

### Clinical summary

- Most recent outpatient records
- Discharge summaries from prior hospitalizations
- All operative notes, including surgically placed lines
- Radiologic studies
- Recent laboratory reports
- If your patient is currently hospitalized, current hospital records
- Reports from previous transplant evaluations, including letters of acceptance or decline, if applicable

### Referring physician information

- Referring physician name
- Referring physician phone and fax numbers
- Primary care physician name

### Patient records may be mailed to:

UPMC Transplant Services  
Attn: Liver Transplant Team  
UPMC Montefiore, 7 South  
3459 Fifth Ave.  
Pittsburgh, PA 15213

### For more information or to refer a patient, contact:

24-hour toll-free physician referral line: **1-800-UPMC-LIVER**

Email: [transplant@upmc.edu](mailto:transplant@upmc.edu)

At UPMC, we believe living-donor liver transplants can minimize the time a patient spends on the waiting list and help decrease the organ shortage by reducing the number of people waiting for deceased-donor organs. We welcome the opportunity to partner with you to offer this life-saving option to your patients.

To learn more about our program and resources we offer to help our patients identify a living donor, visit

**[UPMC.com/LiverTransplantReferral](https://www.upmc.com/LiverTransplantReferral)**.