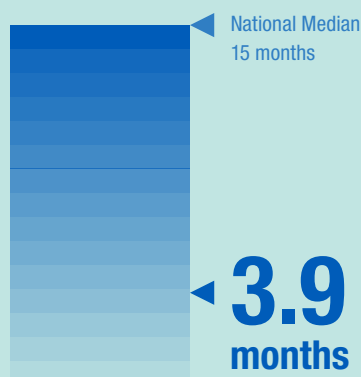


Liver Transplant

537

Isolated liver transplants
performed since 1986



**Median wait time for transplant
at Cincinnati Children's**

(Scientific Registry of Transplant
Recipients. Center and OPO-specific
reports. June 2014. Accessed 8/5/14)

100%

**30-day post-transplant
patient and graft survival**

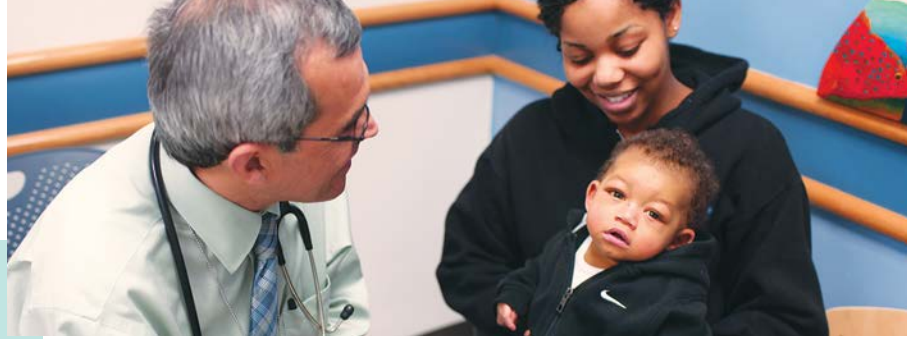
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The Liver Transplant Program at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center provides comprehensive, interdisciplinary care for pediatric patients with irreversible liver disease. Founded in 1985, the program is a national leader in liver transplant surgery and research. Our experienced specialists are committed to open communication and teamwork, qualities that translate into a thoughtful and efficient patient selection process, strong surgical outcomes and innovative post-transplant management.

HOW WE'RE DIFFERENT

The Liver Transplant Team at Cincinnati Children's is one of the most experienced in the United States, performing an average of 23 transplants each year.

- Cincinnati Children's has special expertise in liver transplantation for patients with unresectable liver tumors. Oncologists are regarded as integral to the care team and contribute their expertise throughout the treatment process. Patients can undergo cancer therapies at Cincinnati Children's before or after transplantation. Such therapies include chemotherapy and targeted radiofrequency ablation.
- Our team has been offering living donor liver transplantation since 1997.
- Our team of hepatologists, hepatobiliary surgeons, nutritionists, transplant pharmacists, nurse care managers, interventional radiologists, pathologists and other pediatric subspecialists has worked together for many years and represents a broad diversity of knowledge. Clinical decisions are made in a collegial atmosphere in which open discussion is highly valued.
- The care team is balanced with strong representation from both medical and surgical pediatric specialties. This is essential, given the complexity involved in caring for this patient population.
- Integral to our program is a commitment to maintaining high standards for patient safety and continuous quality improvement. This commitment is evident at every stage of care, from pre-transplant to long-term follow-up.



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TREATMENT APPROACH

The Liver Transplant Program provides an efficient pre-transplant evaluation process. Planning begins before the patient's first visit, when the team conducts a structured review of all medical records. This review allows the team to identify which specialists need to see the patient and what diagnostic tests are needed.

Once the initial evaluation has taken place at Cincinnati Children's, our goal is to review it with the entire interdisciplinary team and provide a recommendation regarding listing within 14 days.

Because long-term follow-up care is critical to maintaining the health of the liver graft and ensuring optimal medical and functional outcomes, we partner with families and their local physicians (primary care or gastroenterology) to provide continuity of care into adulthood. **Our team follows more than 370 patients post-transplant**, many of whom reside outside of the Cincinnati area.

RESEARCH TO IMPROVE CLINICAL CARE

Cincinnati Children's researchers are focused on identifying new therapies and care protocols for pediatric liver transplant recipients. Areas of research include:

- The study of acute liver failure to explain variations in patient outcomes
- Medication adherence following liver transplantation
- Immunosuppression withdrawal for stable pediatric liver transplant recipients

Researchers at Cincinnati Children's participate in a variety of national and international multicenter research trials as well as conduct their own research studies. Their commitment to cutting-edge research is helping to stimulate therapeutic advancements for patients with pediatric liver disease and those who have undergone liver transplantation.