Firsts in Florida

UF Health surgeons have been the first in Florida to perform the following:

1966: Deceased donor kidney transplant
1969: Living kidney donor transplant
1986: Pediatric heart transplant
1993: Infant heart transplant
1994: Pediatric heart-kidney transplant
1995: Pancreas transplant
1996: Pediatric lung transplant
1999: Pediatric heart-lung transplant
2002: Double-lung transplant in youngest infant
2020: Double-lung transplant in survivor of COVID-19
2020: First triple-organ transplant of its kind (heart, liver and kidney)
2023: Liver transplant program ranked as best in the country based on patient outcomes

Our Program

With more than 10,650 organ transplants performed, our UF Health teams have the expertise to provide pediatric and adult patients with the best transplant experience possible.

UF Health’s transplant program uses a coordinated team approach to care that includes over 100 highly trained staff, dedicated to assisting our patients and their families through every phase of the transplant journey—from pretransplant to lifelong posttransplant care. These team members include physicians, surgeons, nurses, administrative support staff, social workers, physical and respiratory therapists, psychologists and financial coordinators.

Organ transplant procedures we offer:

**Adult:**
- Heart
- Heart-lung
- Kidney
- Kidney-pancreas
- Liver
- Lung
- Pancreas

**Pediatric:**
- Heart
- Heart-lung
- Kidney
- Lung

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Facts & Figures

Heart Transplant
- UF Health Shands Hospital is recognized as a high performing institute for cardiology and heart surgery by U.S. News & World Report.
- UF Health Shands Children's Hospital is ranked among the nation's best children's hospitals for cardiology and heart surgery by U.S. News & World Report.
- In 2006, UF Health was the first program in Florida to implant a Berlin Heart® ventricular assist device.
- Since 1985, the heart transplant team has performed more than 1,200 adult and pediatric heart transplants.

Kidney Transplant
- UF Health is the No. 1 kidney transplant program in Florida and the No. 2 program in the country, according to the July 2023 Scientific Registry of Transplant Recipients, or SRTR, report.
- Since 1966, our team has performed more than 5,600 deceased and living donor kidney transplants, according to the Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network.

Liver Transplant
- UF Health is the No. 1 liver transplant program in the country with the best one-year survival rate of any hospital in terms of outcome, 99.03%, according to the July 2023 SRTR report.
- Since 1990, the liver transplant team has performed more than 2,300 liver transplants.

Lung Transplant
- UF Health is the No. 8 lung transplant program in the country, with the best three-year survival, according to the July 2023 SRTR report.
- UF Health Shands Hospital is ranked among the best hospitals nationally for pulmonology and lung surgery by U.S. News & World Report.
- UF Health offers XVIVO lung perfusion, an innovative technology used to increase the pool of available donor lungs. This technique helps improve the viability of a donated lung, or donated lungs, shortening the wait time for a transplant and reducing the number of patient deaths while on the waitlist.
- Since 1994, UF Health has performed more than 1,100 adult and pediatric lung transplants.

Multiorgan Transplant
- UF Health is among a select number of hospitals in the country that can perform a heart-lung and a kidney-pancreas transplant.
- According to the July 2023 SRTR report, UF Health is the No. 5 heart-lung transplant program and No. 11 kidney-pancreas program in the country.

Transplant Volume:
- 44 Heart
- 2 Heart-Lung
- 264 Kidney
- 15 Kidney-Pancreas
- 144 Liver
- 56 Lung

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