



Children's  
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Kids deserve the best.

# Liver transplant

Children's Wisconsin has been a pioneer in pediatric heart, liver, kidney and bone marrow transplants for more than three decades now – helping hundreds of children with end-stage diseases survive and thrive.

## Why choose us?

- Our outcomes include excellent survival rates.
- Our liver transplant program offers expertise in both whole and partial liver transplantation.
- Our liver transplant team performs live donor liver transplantation, where a portion of liver from a healthy individual is surgically removed and transplanted to a recipient. In addition, our team's expertise in split liver transplantation, where a single donated liver from a deceased donor is divided into two functional liver halves, provides a unique opportunity to save two lives from a single deceased donor.
- Our liver transplant team performs combined organ transplants, such as kidney-liver or heart-liver transplants.
- Children's Gastroenterology, Liver and Nutrition Program is recognized internationally for diagnosing and treating children with a wide variety of digestive tract and liver disorders, including those who may require a liver transplant.
- The care team includes board-certified pediatric transplant hepatologists and transplant surgeons, as well as certified transplant coordinators.
- We partner with experts in our genetics program to offer transplant as a treatment for metabolic liver disorders. We also have a close partnership with our colleagues in the MACC Fund Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders for liver tumors requiring transplantation.
- Dedicated to improving the standard of care nationwide through research initiatives, including studies which have been funded by the NIH on pediatric liver transplant outcomes, quality of life and vulnerability in pediatric transplant recipients, and transition to home and chronic illness care after a solid organ transplant.



## Family-centered care

Our transplant coordinators manage all care requirements needed to ensure a smooth transplant experience from hospital admission through recovery.

In addition to our dedicated physician and nursing specialists, our multidisciplinary team also includes a liver transplant social worker, dietitian, pharmacist and child psychologist to ensure that our families' needs are met.

We offer many family support services, including:

- An Access Center to assist with coordinating hospital visits
- Child Life Services, which provides emotional support and coping techniques for the patient and their siblings
- A Family Resource Center that provides valuable tips and advice to help families flourish

## Contact us

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## Access Center

**childrenswi.org/access** • (855) 331-6300

Highly trained access navigators help families coordinate visits to Children's Wisconsin. They help gather medical records, schedule appointments and assist with financial approvals and lodging.

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## Transplant Center

Our Transplant Center is a joint program of Children's Wisconsin and Froedtert & the Medical College of Wisconsin with vital support by the Versiti Blood Center of Wisconsin for tissue typing and research initiatives. Representing the most comprehensive pediatric and adult transplant care in Wisconsin, the program is recognized for nationally ranked outcomes, internationally known transplant specialists and end-stage disease management: a critical resource for Wisconsin and beyond.

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