

About Our Program



Liver transplantation is a life-saving procedure for people with conditions such as acute and chronic viral hepatitis (B and C), autoimmune hepatitis, cirrhosis and liver tumors. One of only two facilities in the state approved to perform liver transplants, the Center for Organ Transplantation at Our Lady of Lourdes Medical Center is focused on providing the highest quality care and new leases on life to adults with these conditions.

Lourdes is the only provider of transplant services in southern New Jersey. Since the liver transplant program began in 2000, our staff of experienced doctors, nurse coordinators, social workers and other specialists have been utilizing the latest techniques and technologies to give the best possible care before, during and after surgery.

Directions to Our Lady of Lourdes Medical Center Center for Organ Transplantation

Liver transplant patients are seen at Our Lady of Lourdes Regional Transplant Center located directly across from Our Lady of Lourdes Medical Center at 1601 Haddon Avenue, Camden, NJ, 08103. Conveniently located near historic Collingswood, the center is located in the Elizabeth Corry Ambulatory Care Building. Parking is available in front of the building. Complete directions are available on our Web site, www.lourdesnet.org. Click on "Organ Transplant."



Call for an appointment 856-757-3840



The Adult Liver Transplant Program



"Everyone and everything was like a dream come true."

"My overall experience was very, very good."

"The doctors and nurses really care about me."



Liver Transplantation at Our Lady of Lourdes Medical Center

Sources of Organs

Today, more than 17,000 people in the United States are on waiting lists for liver transplants. In adults, most transplanted livers come from deceased donors, who most likely died suddenly in an accident but who were otherwise in good health.

People in need of a liver transplant are placed on a list kept by UNOS (www.unos.org). A candidate's priority for a transplant is based on the Model for End-Stage Liver Disease, or MELD, score. The score is determined from:

- the liver's ability to make bile;
- the liver's ability to produce clotting factors; and
- the patient's kidney function.

The score also considers if there is a tumor present. The score can change over time, and those with higher scores are considered for transplant first.

Rules governing organ donation and listing services, allow patients to be listed with multiple transplant centers as long as they are affiliated with different procurement organizations. Because of this, patients listed at Philadelphia hospitals can also be listed at Our Lady of Lourdes Medical Center, which is served by a different organ procurement organization than Philadelphia centers, thereby increasing the opportunity to receive a liver transplant.

A Highly Skilled Team

Lourdes' medical staff is skilled in the latest treatment options and surgical techniques. Our transplant surgeons and hepatologists are fellowship trained, and work closely with our nurse coordinators, dietitians, social workers and other specialists in a team approach to care.

The team develops individualized treatment plans for each patient and consults with their families from the very beginning. That close relationship is maintained after surgery and during regular checkups to evaluate the new organ's function and the patient's overall health.

Every organ recipient at our center is forever a member of Lourdes family.

To Contact the Transplant Team

To learn more about the liver transplant team, including profiles of our physicians, we invite you to visit the Lourdes Web site at www.lourdesnet.org. Under "Programs and Services" click on Organ Transplant.

To schedule an appointment or speak to a member of the Lourdes Transplant team, call 856-757-3840.

Free parking is available.

About Our Lady of Lourdes Medical Center

Our Lady of Lourdes Medical Center is a regional referral center, which provides the most sophisticated levels of care. For more than five decades, the medical center has been committed to enhancing the health and well-being of southern New Jersey's residents, particularly those most in need.

Sponsored by the Franciscan Sisters of Allegany, NY, Lourdes is a 410-bed teaching hospital. It is particularly known for the Center for Organ Transplantation providing kidney, pancreas and liver transplants; the Southern New Jersey Regional Dialysis Center; the New Jersey Heart Institute at Lourdes, one of the largest providers of cardiac services in the Delaware Valley; the Regional Perinatal Center for high-risk mothers and infants; and the Lourdes Regional Rehabilitation Center. The Stroke Program at Lourdes is certified by the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services as Certified Primary Stroke Center.

Our Lady of Lourdes Medical Center is part of the Lourdes Health System. It is a member of Catholic Health East, a health system with 31 hospitals on the East Coast.