Kidney Transplant Program

The physicians and staff of the UW Health Kidney Transplant Program are nationally recognized experts in kidney transplantation. We are one of the largest kidney transplant programs in the nation. We have a significantly higher transplant rate, superior kidney transplant outcomes and wait times that are significantly shorter than regional and national averages. Our living kidney donation program is also among the nation’s largest, and we partner with the National Kidney Registry to expand kidney donation options. From our extensive patient education program to the use of the latest minimally invasive surgical techniques, our expertise creates a safe, comfortable and rewarding kidney transplant experience. Learn more about kidney transplant at uwhealth.org/transplant

Kidney transplant services

- Education about the kidney transplant process
- Individual patient evaluations
- Living donor kidney transplants
- Deceased donor kidney transplants
- Simultaneous kidney/pancreas transplantation
- Support and education to find a living kidney donor
- Clinical trials
- Desensitization protocol for potential kidney transplant patients more likely to reject a transplanted organ
- ABO incompatible transplants
- Vascular access program for dialysis
- Corticosteroid-free immunosuppression treatment option
- Most active program in the National Kidney Registry

To refer a patient
uwhealth.org/referapatient
Office (608) 263-1384
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Our kidney transplant team

These kidney transplant experts support patients throughout their kidney transplant experience:

- Nephrologists (kidney experts) who specialize in kidney transplant medicine
- Surgeons with expertise in kidney transplantation
- Registered nurse transplant coordinators, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, social workers, dietitians, pharmacists and financial counselors who focus on the physical and emotional needs of kidney transplant patients

**Surgeons**

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Learn more about our transplant physicians at uwhealth.org/findadoctor