

How can you join the Kidney/Pancreas Transplant Program?

Step 1: Talk to your Nephrologist

If your physician feels that you may be a candidate for transplantation, please call (518) 262-8945. Before a formal evaluation appointment, you must complete any necessary tests and attend an education seminar. Test results can be forwarded to us via fax at (518) 262-5571 or brought to your education seminar.

Step 2: Attend the education seminar

You will learn about the transplantation process to determine if transplantation is something you would like to pursue by attending the educational seminar. When we have all the results of your testing, we will contact you to see if you would like to come in for a formal evaluation.

Step 3: Come to the formal evaluation

You will meet with the transplant surgeons, coordinators, and social workers at your formal evaluation. A surgeon will discuss the results of your testing with you, to determine if you need further testing. You may be eligible to be waitlisted for a transplant that same day.

For a happier, healthier rest of your life!

91.86% Expected kidney transplant graft survival for one year, based on national experience.

97.63% Albany Medical Center kidney transplant graft survival for one year.

As reported by the Scientific Registry of Transplant Recipients, January 2007

Albany Medical Center: *Improving Patient Care, Educating Tomorrow's Doctors, Advancing Medical Science.*

Albany Medical Center is the region's only academic health sciences center. It serves more than three million people in northeastern New York and western New England. One of only 125 medical centers in the country and the only one in the region, Albany Medical Center consists of a teaching hospital with biomedical research facilities.

Not only is Albany Medical Center the region's largest hospital with 631 beds and approximately 30,000 patient admissions annually, it has the region's only heart, kidney and pancreas transplantation programs.



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Experience

Established in 1969, the Transplant Program at Albany Medical Center has performed nearly 2,000 kidney transplants. This nationally acclaimed transplant program has some of the best outcomes in the country. The wait periods are among the shortest in the Northeast.

David Conti, MD, Director of Albany Medical Center's Transplant Program, is a nationally-recognized transplant surgeon and Chairman of the New York State Transplant Council. As a leading researcher in the field of transplant immunology, he has kept the program on the leading edge of innovative drug studies. The results have helped transform the nation's post-transplant experience from its early days of high rejection and infection rates, to recent studies resulting in steroid-free immunosuppressive regimens with a low incidence of rejection and infection.

Albany Medical Center's multidisciplinary approach to the care of transplant recipients is a close cooperative effort among surgical, anesthesiology, nephrology, endocrinology, infectious disease and social work specialists. This provides for excellent outcomes in recipients of organ transplants. In addition, there is a dedicated 13-bed transplant unit providing focused expertise.

“Up until I actually had my transplant, I never really understood the way it would impact my life. Now I get it. One day I was a diabetic, the next day I'm not. How cool!”

The staff of Albany Medical Center is the greatest...I have total trust in their care. They wanted me to have a better life. I have and will continue to recommend Albany Medical Center to anyone in need of a transplant.”

— Mary D., kidney/pancreas transplant recipient

Patient Care

From the moment you contact the Transplant Program, you will feel a difference. That difference is experience, at every level. Dr. Conti has been performing transplants for over 20 years and has been with the Albany Medical Center Transplant Program since 1989. Michael Gallichio, MD, attended Albany Medical College, practiced for several years at one of the nation's busiest transplant programs, and chose to join the Albany Medical Center Transplant Program in 2005. Our Transplant Program Manager has been with the program for 28 years. The pre-transplant coordinator is a 17-year veteran and our 2 post-transplant coordinators combine 35 years of experience. The average staff member has been with the program 10 years. *Caring, continuity and experience* define our staff.



National Recognition

In 1999, Dr. Conti and his Renal Transplant Quality Improvement Team placed 1st in the health care category of the prestigious “Quality Cup Awards” sponsored by the Rochester Institute of Technology and USA Today.

Living Donation

More than 500 family members and friends have donated a kidney to a loved one at Albany Medical Center in the past 30 years.

There are significant advantages for patients receiving live-donor kidneys, including:

- Advanced planning for surgery
- Kidney usually functions immediately
- Kidneys last longer according to both local and national data
- Patients may receive transplant prior to requiring dialysis



Daniel donated a kidney to his sister in 1975. Thirty + years later, Martha is still dialysis-free.

Additional Information

There are many excellent websites to help you determine if living donation might be right for you.

They include:

- **The United Network of Organ Sharing**
www.transplantliving.org
- **The National Kidney Foundation**
www.kidney.org/transplantation/livingDonors