Our Pediatric Liver and Intestinal Transplant Program is one of the largest in the country with a long history of transplant innovation and superior outcomes, which has contributed to our worldwide reputation as a leader in the field.

Our surgeons perform liver-only and combined organ transplants as well as utilizing living donors. This broad range of options and the use of novel techniques to increase the donor pool allow us to minimize wait times and to provide children with better chances for a successful transplant. Our team offers extensive work up and treatment options for children with liver tumors in conjunction with our oncology team, including expertise in hepatoblastomas. We are also recognized for our success in transplants for metabolic disorders.

Liver & Intestinal Program: Overview

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Liver & Intestinal Program: Milestones

A dedicated **teen clinic** for liver transplant patients helps transition patients to **adulthood** through **education** by promoting responsibility to help them take care of themselves effectively.

**Intestinal Rehabilitation Program** demonstrates efficacy of ethanol lock therapy in dramatic reduction of central line infections and the need for line removal.

**Our Median Wait Time for a Liver (months)**

1.9

National Average 14.5

**Received a $6.9M grant from the National Institute of Health to study post-transplant lymphoproliferative disorder (PTLD), which targets a form of cancer that strikes children who received solid organ transplants.**

**13th in the nation for Gastroenterology**

U.S. News & World’s Report

2014–15 Best Children’s Hospitals Report

**Established in 1995. Our team has performed over 600 liver transplants.**
Liver & Intestinal Program: Volume & Recipient Age

Transplant Volumes

As a national leader in liver and intestinal transplant volume, we have continued growth since 1995.

Recipient Age

The most common age group to receive liver transplants is made up of patients under the age of 5, but we also transplant a significant amount of children and adolescents suffering from liver failure.

*Chart data represents patients from 2009-2013.*
Liver & Intestinal Program: Survival Rates

Graft Survival Rates (Liver Only)
The graphs below show the liver only survival rates of the transplanted liver one year and three years after it was transplanted. A high graft survival rate means the organ is doing well in the child who received it. Our program was the only one in the U.S. to achieve statistically higher than expected survival rates.

Patient Survival Rates (Liver Only)
The graphs below show the liver only survival rates of the patient one year and three years after they received a liver transplant. Our program was the only one in the U.S. to achieve statistically higher than expected survival rates.