VA Portland Health Care System (VAPORHCS)

What Makes our Transplant Center Unique & Why Should you Choose Us for Your Veterans?

- Level 1A facility with access to world class specialty services, Veteran-centric staff, and a well-established transplant team to give your Veterans the highest quality of care.

- Our UNOS region offers some of the shortest waiting times to transplant.

- Advanced customer service with a team of dedicated nurses available to track your patients 24/7/365. Physicians and surgeons are always available on standby for any urgent questions or issues.

- The only VA transplant center with a dedicated transplant lodging unit. Private rooms for Veterans and caregivers with abundant support services and an exercise and work room. Common spaces are available to allow Vets to share experiences and provide support to one another as only Veterans can do for Veterans.

- Lodging provided with free shuttle service to the main hospital minimizes travel expenses for Veterans and the hassle of filing for reimbursements.

**Median Time to Kidney Transplant (years)**

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Scientific Registry of Transplant Recipients (SRTR)
ORVA report Release Date January 7, 2020
Liver Transplant Program
*Making history since 1988*

In 1988, the Portland VA became the first VA in the nation to provide liver transplant services for Veterans. The Portland VA remains a national leader in transplant and maintains some of the best outcomes in the country.

We continue to show better successful transplant outcomes compared to transplant centers nationally:

» Shorter hospital stays after transplant

» Greater post-transplant survival rates

Renal Transplant Program
*Beginning in 2001*

The kidney transplant program has been active at the Portland VA since 2001. Since then we have performed over 550 kidney transplants and each year we continue to grow.

We continuously strive to provide the newest options to expand Veteran access to organs:

» In 2017 we began offering hepatitis C positive kidneys that had been cleared of active virus

» In 2019 we began offering hepatitis C positive organs with active infection with protocols in place to treat the infection immediately after transplant.

Living Kidney Donation

» A dedicated Living Donor nurse coordinator and patient advocate

» 10% of our transplants are from live donors
How Can You Contact Our Team?

**For Transplant:**
TRACER is still your avenue to submit transplant referrals. Each VA site has a referral coordinator to assist you.

**Our Team:**
Our team is available to discuss complex patients or situations, just pick up the phone and call us: *(503) 721-7860.*