



Help Us Give Life through Organ Transplantation

For patients experiencing end-stage organ failure, an organ transplant offers the only hope for a second chance at life. Approximately 119,000 people on the United Network for Organ Sharing's national transplant registry hope to be given that chance.

Nationally, more than 30,000 organ and tissue transplants are performed each year. About 80 people undergo organ transplants every day. Banner – University Medical Center Phoenix ushered in organ transplantation in Arizona in 1969, with a kidney transplant. It performed the state's first liver transplant in 1983. Pancreas and combined kidney/pancreas transplants soon followed.

Banner – University Medical Center Tucson also recorded several transplantation firsts. It completed the state's first heart transplant in 1979, first combined heart/lung transplant in 1985, first single lung transplant in 1990, and first double lung transplant in 1993.

These esteemed programs have blazed the trail for organ transplantation for nearly five decades. Banner – University Medical Center Phoenix ranks among the nation's top one percent of transplant programs, distinguished as a leading performer by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Banner – University Medical Centers Phoenix and Tucson collaboratively serve transplant patients. Their multidisciplinary teams include physicians, transplant

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surgeons, transplant nurses, nutritionists, social workers, pharmacists, and more. These health care professionals also provide expert, non-surgical care to patients with chronic heart, lung, liver and kidney diseases, including heart failure, diabetes, hepatitis, renal failure and more.

Patients and families require expert care, education, and support throughout the transplant process, including pre-transplantation, surgery and beyond.

As a nonprofit organization, Banner relies on philanthropic support to deliver superior transplant care. The programs outlined below need your support the most.

PATIENT ASSISTANCE

Organ disease does not discriminate, spanning all ages, races and socioeconomic classes. Treatment is expensive. Health plans and insurance continually increase the upfront financial requirements for patients, and the cost of vital anti-rejection medications continues to rise. Transplant patients are often unable to work due to their condition, resulting loss of income that compounds their financial constraints. Helping to bridge the financial gap for those undergoing transplantation is a patient assistance fund that provides monetary support for transportation, lodging, and related services.

PATIENT RESIDENCE

Affordable lodging is a key concern for transplant patients and families traveling from outside the local area. A patient residence creates a home away from home

close to the hospital where patients and families can stay during the transplant process. It alleviates the hefty cost of extended-stay accommodations, keep patients near their medical teams, and ensure families can stay close to provide critical support throughout the healing process.

TRAINING THE NEXT GENERATION OF TRANSPLANT PHYSICIANS

To ensure top-notch transplant surgeons and physicians in the future, we also seek funding to attract the best medical residents to train at Banner – University Medical Centers Phoenix and Tucson. Competition for the best-and-brightest residents is fierce. Fellowship support will enable us to recruit the very best candidates and also provide them with resources for conference travel and other enrichment opportunities.

TRANSLATIONAL RESEARCH

Research drives health care. Banner – University Medicine is committed to conducting translational research to enhance care and treatment for an array of complex conditions and diseases. Collaboration between the varied institutes of excellence at Banner – University Medical Centers Phoenix and Tucson will continue to improve care and outcomes for transplant patients. Your support of translational research will undoubtedly help spark novel ideas and initiate new protocols, leading to healthier outcomes for generations to come.