

KIDNEY CARE & TRANSPLANTATION



The UW Medicine Kidney Transplant Program provides comprehensive and compassionate care for people with end-stage renal disease. UW Medicine directs the leading kidney-transplant program in the five-state region of Washington, Wyoming, Alaska, Montana and Idaho. Physicians across the Pacific Northwest and beyond refer into our program - a testament to our staff's experience and our patients' outcomes.

We expertly treat common and rare conditions

UW Medicine's nephrologists provide the full spectrum of kidney care. Our team has acquired expertise over many years of managing cases of diabetes and other conditions that impair kidney function.

We treat conditions such as:

- Acute Kidney Disease
- Chronic Kidney Disease
- Diabetes (congenital, familial, metabolic)
- Glomerular disease
- Hypertensive nephrosclerosis
- Neoplasms
- Polycystic kidneys
- Renovascular/vascular disease
- Tubular and interstitial disease

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UW Medicine has performed over 6,000 organ transplants across our kidney, pancreas, liver, heart and lung transplant programs.

Why patients seek our care

Volume of experience: In the most recent span for which data is available (7.1.12-6.30.13), our surgeons performed 109 kidney transplants – above the range (23-90 procedures) performed at “typical” U.S. kidney-transplant programs in that span, according to the Scientific Registry of Transplant Recipients (SRTR). Volume builds expertise.

Shorter waits: Among our kidney-transplant candidates, half had received a donor organ 34 months after being placed on the wait list; nationwide, it took 54 months to achieve the same portion of kidney candidates transplanted, (srtrr.org).

Research: Patients transplanted at UW Medicine programs have ample opportunities to participate in multiple research trials aimed at better understanding of disease and refinement of treatments.

Managing patients’ health: Among those awaiting kidney transplantation, the percentage of UW Medicine patients alive at six-, 12-, and 18-month intervals exceeded the comparable percentages of patients nationally, according to the SRTR’s most recent data (1.31.14).

Superior outcomes: Our kidney transplant patients’ three year graft survival rate, 95.2 percent, exceeded that measure of patients nationally, 86.3 percent in the SRTR’s most recent data. Consistent superior outcomes, multidisciplinary care and high standards of practice reflect this result.

Multidisciplinary staff: Throughout the pre- and post-transplant process, our 24/7 patient care involves specialists from other disciplines, such as radiology, oncology, cardiology, infectious disease and maternal-infant health. All are experienced in treating kidney dysfunction. As necessary, we can transplant other organs – the pancreas, liver, heart and lung – during the same procedure as the kidney transplant.

