

Transplant Services

Our transplant team at SSM Health Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital enables a comprehensive, multi-disciplinary approach to diagnose and treat children with kidney, liver and heart disorders.

Our world-class expertise in pediatric surgery, pediatric nephrology, pediatric gastroenterology/hepatology, pediatric cardiology and pediatric cardiothoracic surgery are all necessary components for a successful transplant program. SSM Health Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital is ranked each year as a Best Children's Hospital by U.S. News & World Report.

Since the beginning of the program, we have performed 152 kidney transplants, 96 liver transplants, 3 liver/kidney transplants and 70 heart transplants for children in the St. Louis area and beyond. SSM Health Cardinal Glennon is a member of the Pediatric Heart Transplant Study, Studies of Pediatric Liver Transplantation and North American Pediatric Renal Trials and Collaborative Studies.

"Going through the process of a transplant is scary and life altering, not just for you, but for the entire family. The doctors and nurses on the transplant team at SSM Health Cardinal Glennon were there for our family through the entire experience; the before, the during and the after. Any questions or concerns, no matter how big or small, the team was there to help. They are truly the definition of teamwork and they have become part of our family."

-Ami P., mom of kidney transplant patient

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Our transplant team:

Pediatric Surgeons

Chintalapati Varma, MD Surgical Director of the Pediatric Liver and Kidney Transplant Program

Mustafa Nazzal, MD

Pediatric Liver and Kidney Transplant Program

Minh-Tri Nguyen, MD

Pediatric Liver and Kidney Transplant Program

Nephrology

Craig Belsha, MD, Division Director, Medical Director of the Pediatric Kidney Transplant Program

Anne Beck, MD

Richard Feldenberg, MD, FAAP

Joseph Maliakkal, MD

Gastroenterology/Hepatology

Jeff Teckman, MD, Division Director

Ajay Jain, MD, *Medical Director of the Pediatric Liver Transplant Program*

Cardiology/Cardiothoracic Surgery

Kenneth Schowengerdt, MD, Division Director

Andrew Fiore, MD, Cardiothoracic Surgeon

Charles Huddleston, MD, Cardiothoracic Surgeon

Transplant Pediatric Nurse Practitioner

Katherine Gruenkemeyer, CPNP

Transplant Coordinator

Erin Foristal, RN, BSN, CCTC

To make a transplant referral, call **314-577-5351**.

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