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

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**
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