

Transplant Services

Adult Liver Transplant Program



SOUTH FLORIDA
Transplant
CENTER



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A History of Surgical Excellence

Liver transplants provide hope for patients facing end-stage liver disease. Since February 2004, the multidisciplinary medical team at the South Florida Transplant Center at Broward Health Medical Center has performed over 350 liver transplants. These surgeries have provided patients in Dade, Broward, Palm Beach, Collier and Monroe counties a chance to live longer, more active lives.

Candidates for Liver Transplant

Liver transplantation is an option for patients facing end-stage liver disease. The transplant involves surgically replacing the diseased liver with a healthy, new one, restoring the functions performed by the liver. A liver transplant is considered for individuals with conditions including:

- *Alcoholic cirrhosis*
- *Cancerous tumors of the liver or bile duct*
- *Drug-induced liver injury*
- *Noncancerous tumors of the liver*
- *Problems with the major blood vessels that supply the liver*
- *Sudden liver failure*
- *Viral hepatitis*

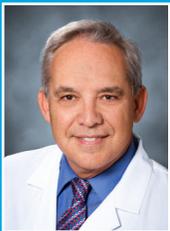
Our Approach

The South Florida Transplant Center at Broward Health Medical Center offers adults with severe liver disease the expertise of a multidisciplinary team which integrates the efforts of hepatologists, gastroenterologists, liver transplant surgeons, anesthesiologists, diagnostics and pathology experts, advanced-care nurses and patient support staff. A dedicated inpatient unit provides state-of-the-art transplant care.

Patients are referred to our program by a primary care physician or gastroenterologist. Appointments are scheduled after medical records are received and radiological and lab testing is completed. During an initial evaluation, patients are seen by a dedicated multidisciplinary transplant team including a surgeon, hepatologist, pre-transplant coordinator nurse, social worker, pharmacist and dietitian. Follow-up appointments are scheduled on a case-by-case basis, tailored to the needs of each individual patient.

Since organ transplant patients require a high level of attention during and following transplant surgery, the medical team works closely with the consulting physician throughout the transplant process. Additionally, weekly multidisciplinary rounds are held to maximize integration of different aspects of patient education and discharge planning.

Meet Our Transplant Surgeons



COSME MANZARBEITIA, MD, FACS
DIRECTOR, ABDOMINAL AND
HEPATOBIILIARY SURGERY

Cosme Manzarbeitia, MD, FACS, is a board certified transplant surgeon. He earned his medical degree from Autonomous University of Madrid and completed

his residency in general surgery at North General Hospital in New York. His fellowship in transplant surgery was completed at Mount Sinai Medical Center in New York. Dr. Manzarbeitia has special interests in hepatobiliary and abdominal transplant surgery, multi-organ transplantation and liver and kidney transplant. Dr. Manzarbeitia is fluent in English, Spanish and French.



EMMANOUIL PALAIOS, MD

Emmanouil Palaios, MD, is a board certified transplant surgeon. He earned his medical degree from the University of Padova, Italy. Dr. Palaios completed a residency in general surgery at University Medical College of Georgia. He also completed

a residency in general surgery and surgical critical care at Jackson Memorial Hospital in Miami, Florida. His fellowship in abdominal surgery was conducted at Cleveland Clinic in Cleveland, Ohio. Dr. Palaios is fluent in English, Italian and Greek.



EDSON S. FRANCO, MD, MBA, FACS

Edson S. Franco, MD, MBA, FACS, is a board certified transplant surgeon. He earned his medical degree from the University of California San Diego School of Medicine in La Jolla, CA and completed his residency in general

surgery at the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio, TX. Dr. Franco completed his fellowship in transplant surgery at the University of Miami School of Medicine at Jackson Memorial Hospital. Dr. Franco is fluent in both English and Spanish.

Preparing for Transplant

After a patient has been evaluated and placed on the list for a liver transplant, the transplant team is notified when an organ donor becomes available. A patient who is awaiting transplant is then matched to the donor. Because many factors can influence how quickly an organ becomes available, the wait time for qualified liver transplant candidates varies. During the wait for an organ match, it is important to follow your physician's instructions to remain as active and healthy as possible and take prescribed medications.

A liver transplant comes with the risk of complications and the need for lifelong treatment with anti-rejection therapies to control the body's natural tendency to reject the new liver tissue. The medical team continues to work with each patient after the liver transplant to maximize the positive outcomes.

Additional Services

Our team of physicians is dedicated to the care of patients living with liver cancer. A multi-modal approach which includes the use of radiofrequency ablation, trans-arterial chemo-embolization and laparoscopic liver resection is available to patients. Complex hepatobiliary surgery cases, including biliary reconstruction after bile duct injury and liver resections for benign and malignant disease, are performed by our expert team of surgeons.

To learn more, please visit [BrowardHealth.org/SFTC](https://www.browardhealth.org/SFTC), email LiverTransplant@BrowardHealth.org, or call **954.831.2763**.

Our transplant donor desk can be reached 24 hours a day, seven days a week.