

- 1984 Kidney transplant program established by Dr. Lynn Banowsky at Methodist Specialty and Transplant Hospital. This program is now the busiest in Texas, with over 2,600 patients receiving kidney transplants over 20 years.
- 1985 Kidney transplant residency program established.
- 1986 First heart transplant performed. To date, this program has performed nearly 300 heart transplants.
- 1988 First ventricular assist device implanted at Methodist Specialty and Transplant Hospital as a bridge to transplant.
- 1990 Dr. C. Fred LeMaistre becomes director of a regional blood and marrow stem cell transplant program including transplant services at Methodist Hospital in San Antonio. He continues to guide Methodist Healthcare blood and marrow stem cell transplant services and with the launch of Texas Transplant Institute in 1999, becomes director. He also serves as Medical Director of the Texas Transplant Institute's blood and marrow stem cell transplant program.
Dr. Lynn Banowsky begins intensive research regarding the placement of pediatric kidneys into adult recipients. He and the kidney transplant center become pioneers in pediatric cadaver kidney placement.
- 1993 Blood and marrow stem cell transplant established at Methodist Hospital in San Antonio. Over 1,500 adults and children have since received blood and marrow stem cell transplants.
- 1994 Dr. Francis H. Wright joins Dr. Banowsky's kidney transplant program. Dr. Wright would eventually go on to become the Director of Solid Organ Transplantation at Texas Transplant Institute.
- 1995 Blood and Marrow Stem Cell Cryopreservation Laboratory is established at Methodist Hospital to process and store hematopoietic progenitor cell products.
Pediatric blood and marrow stem cell transplant program developed at Methodist Hospital.
The pancreas transplant program is established at Methodist Specialty and Transplant Hospital as the first pancreas transplant is performed simultaneously with a kidney transplant.
Blood and marrow stem cell program recognized as a National Marrow Donor Program (NMDP) collection center.
- 1996 Texas Transplant Institute formally develops its Research Department which 11 years later continues to be an integral part of the Institute.
Blood and marrow stem cell program recognized as NMDP transplant center; and remains the only facility in South and Central Texas for both pediatric and adult blood and marrow stem cell transplants.
- 1998 Pediatric blood and marrow stem cell transplant services move from Methodist Hospital to dedicated unit at newly opened Methodist Children's Hospital.
The blood and marrow stem cell transplant program was one of the first two programs in North America accredited by the Foundation for the Accreditation of Hematopoietic Cell Therapy (FACT).
Kidney transplant program initiates only renal pulsatile perfusion program in Texas to maximize the preservation of donor kidneys until they can be transplanted.
Kidney transplant program celebrates 1,000th kidney transplant.
- 1999 **Texas Transplant Institute is formed** with the union of the solid organ transplant programs and the blood and marrow stem cell transplant programs.
Sean Elliott, NBA world champion and former all-star forward with the San Antonio Spurs receives a kidney transplant at Texas Transplant Institute; the resulting media attention boosts the awareness of the program and the need for organ donation.
Methodist Specialty and Transplant Hospital dedicates three laparoscopic operating room suites to support one of the largest living donor kidney programs in the nation.
San Antonio Community Hospital changes its name to Methodist Specialty and Transplant Hospital reflecting its dedication to transplantation.
Methodist Specialty and Transplant Hospital performs its first pancreas-alone transplant.
- 2000 Heart Failure Clinic established as resource for busy cardiology practices to provide early transplant evaluation, medical management, a hospital-based cardiac rehabilitation program and education therapy programs.
Kidney program celebrates its 1,500th kidney transplant.
Rio Grande Valley Satellite Transplant Clinic established.
First HeartMate® left ventricular assist device implanted successfully as a bridge to heart transplant.



- 2000 Texas Transplant Institute joins the National Coalition of Major Transplant Centers.
Austin blood and marrow stem cell clinic established.
- 2001 First liver transplant at Methodist Specialty and Transplant Hospital, with 142 transplants performed to date.
Corpus Christi Satellite Transplant Clinic opens.
UNOS approval of Texas Transplant Institute adult liver transplant program obtained.
The first Heart Symposium "Deep in the Heart of Texas" is held.
Designated as Children's Oncology Group (COG) Transplant Center.
- 2002 Texas Transplant Institute holds a transplant reunion for recipients, donors and families breaking a world record of largest assembly of transplant patients with 700; a record that would be broken by the 2004 reunion with 1,200 in attendance, and again by the 2007 reunion with 1,600 attending.
AST approved fellowship program initiated in the kidney program.
First blood and marrow stem cell program to be re-accredited by FACT.
Began participation in NHLBI sponsored cord blood transplantation clinical trial (COBLT)
Began participation in NIAAD sponsored Severed Combined Immunosuppression Deficiency Syndrome (SCIDS) transplant trial.
Dr. Donna Wall named Chair of Children's Oncology Group Stem Cell Transplant Discipline.
- 2003 Methodist Specialty and Transplant Hospital certified by Medicare as the first site in South Texas approved for implantation of cardiac assist devices for destination therapy.
Dr. Fred LeMaistre is named president of FACT.
Began participation in NIH sponsored Bone Marrow Transplant Clinical Trials Network (BMT, CTN).
- 2004 Kidney program celebrates its 2,000th kidney transplant.
Blood and marrow stem cell program celebrates its 1,000th transplant.
Heart Failure/Transplant fellowship rotation is initiated.
Methodist Specialty and Transplant Hospital surpasses 300 laparoscopic donor nephrectomies. Nearly all kidneys are now removed using this minimally invasive technique. To date, over 500 have been performed.
- 2005 New blood and marrow transplant clinic opens at Methodist Hospital to provide improved space and newer resources for the growing adult program.
Methodist Specialty and Transplant Hospital certified by Medicare and Medicaid for liver transplantation.
Kidney transplant program establishes its third regional satellite clinic in Waco, Texas.
Construction begins on the new solid organ transplant clinic space. The \$1.5 million project was completed in spring of 2007.
- 2006 Fernando Membreno, MD, and Juan Palma-Vargas, MD join abdominal program team.
Liver Tumor Consortium created.
Live Donor Kidney program celebrates its 1000th transplant.
Liver program celebrates its 100th transplant.
Developed the first treatment for BK viral nephropathy in conjunction with University of Chicago.
- 2007 Completion of the new integrated abdominal transplant clinic opens in Spring 2007.
Kidney program celebrates its 2,500th kidney transplant.
Heart Failure and Transplant Clinic relocates to Methodist Hospital to align with other heart services within the Methodist Healthcare System.
Adam Bingaman, MD joined the abdominal transplant program team.
New radioactive microspheres treatment for liver cancer patients introduced.



2008 The Kidney Transplant Live Donor Program makes history by performing the first simultaneous paired kidney exchange and the first simultaneous three-way paired kidney exchange in Texas history.

The Liver Transplant Program 1-year patient and graft survival rates are the best in Texas.

Solid Organ Programs – kidney, liver, pancreas and heart – rank above national average for patient survival 1-year after transplant.

Texas Transplant Institute physicians practice now called Texas Transplant Physician Group.