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LIVER FAILURE AND TRANSPLANT PROGRAM AT METHODIST SPECIALTY AND TRANSPLANT HOSPITAL IS TOP RANKED NATIONALLY

Liver transplant patient survival rates continually rank among top nationwide.

The Liver Failure and Transplant Program at Methodist Specialty and Transplant Hospital in San Antonio surpasses the national average for transplant patient one-year survival outcomes according to the Scientific Registry of Transplant Recipients (SRTR) organization's July 2009 transplant centers specific reports (www.ustransplant.org).

The report illustrates that the program ranks among the nation's leading transplant institutions as well as having the best rating among all transplant programs in Texas. Program highlights include:

- Achieved national recognition by repeatedly attaining the best one-year patient survival rate among ALL liver transplant programs in Texas.
- Improved one-year patient survival outcomes more rapidly than the national trend – from January 2007 to July 2008 the national patient survival average improved by 1%, the outcomes at Methodist Specialty and Transplant Hospital's Liver Program improved by 6% (graphic attached).
- Consistently accomplishes better survival outcomes than other San Antonio based programs.

The SRTR is a national database of statistics related to solid organ transplantation - kidney, liver, pancreas, intestine, heart, and lung. The registry covers the full range of transplant activity, from organ donation and waiting list candidates to transplant recipients and survival statistics. Its purpose is to support the development of sound policy, to encourage research on issues of importance to the transplant community, and to facilitate responsible analysis of transplant programs.

Other well-known transplant programs at Methodist Healthcare include: Adult and Pediatric Stem Cell, Kidney, Pancreas, and Heart. For more information on transplant services at Methodist Healthcare or to refer a patient, please call (210) 575-8400 or (800) 888-0402.

Methodist Healthcare is San Antonio's largest and most preferred health care provider with 24 facilities including eight acute care hospitals: Methodist Hospital, Methodist Children's Hospital*, Methodist Heart Hospital*, Methodist Specialty and Transplant Hospital*, Northeast Methodist Hospital*, Metropolitan Methodist Hospital*, Methodist Ambulatory Hospital and Methodist Stone Oak Hospital.

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Note: If interested in developing this story to include interview with program physicians and a transplant patient, please contact Palmira Arellano at (210) 575-0172.

1 YEAR PATIENT SURVIVAL

