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## KIDNEY, PANCREAS, LIVER AND HEART TRANSPLANT PROGRAMS AT METHODIST HEALTHCARE ARE TOP RANKED NATIONALLY

*Doctors at Texas Transplant Institute and the solid organ transplant teams  
at Methodist Hospitals have reason to celebrate!*

Solid organ transplant programs at Methodist Healthcare in San Antonio surpass the national average for transplant patient one-year survival outcomes according to the Scientific Registry of Transplant Recipients (SRTR) organization's July 2008 transplant centers specific reports ([www.ustransplant.org](http://www.ustransplant.org)).

**The report illustrates that the transplant programs at Methodist Healthcare rank among the nation's leading transplant institutions.** The Kidney, Pancreas, Liver and Heart Transplant Programs rank above the national average for patient survival outcome one year after transplant. Program highlights include:

- The kidney program is the most experienced program in Texas and ranks in the top 9 percent nationally. Just recently, the program made history by being the only program in Texas to perform two simultaneous kidney paired donor exchange transplants involving two and three incompatible recipient and donor pairs.
- The liver program has achieved national recognition by repeatedly achieving the best one-year patient survival rate among all liver transplant programs in Texas.
- The pancreas program is the most experienced program in Texas and boasts at 100 percent patient one-year survival rate.
- The heart program is the largest program in South Texas and the only approved destination therapy program in San Antonio offering left ventricular assist devices as a bridge to transplant or transplant alternative.

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.

Methodist Healthcare is San Antonio's largest and most preferred health care provider with facilities including seven acute care hospitals: Methodist Hospital, Methodist Children's Hospital\*, Methodist Heart Hospital\*, Methodist Specialty and Transplant Hospital\*, Northeast Methodist Hospital\*, Metropolitan Methodist Hospital\*, and Methodist Stone Oak Hospital – *The Hospital of the Future* – scheduled for completion in Spring 2009.

For more information on transplant services at Methodist Healthcare or to refer a patient, please call (210) 575-8400 or (800) 888-0402.

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