

Life Work

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Renovating Rehab

A yearlong fund-raising campaign to organize rehabilitation services at Baylor All Saints into a dedicated inpatient center was completed in January 2003. More than \$840,000 was raised for the program.

"Our family is so touched to have the Rehab Center named in memory of George. He was devoted to All Saints Hospital," says Rudi Kemble, Dr. Kemble's wife. "Sharon Cheng once told me, 'Dr. Kemble may have made a difference in more people's lives by the work he did at All Saints than when he was in private practice as a surgeon.'"

Some of the highlights of the newly renovated center include a home-like environment with new patient rooms, family waiting areas and a computer learning center. Large motivational words cover the walls.

"We want patients and families to know they have left the acute-care setting behind the minute they walk through our door," Cheng says of the Rehab Center's recently completed renovation. "We want our patients to feel they've been promoted."

► **Many opportunities still exist to support this exciting and worthwhile project. Please contact the All Saints Health Foundation at (817) 922-7708 for additional information on donations. Contact Sharon Cheng at (817) 922-1170 for information on rehabilitation services at Baylor All Saints Medical Centers.**

Pancreas and Kidney/Pancreas

Transplants

Now at Baylor All Saints

Last fall, transplant services at Baylor All Saints Medical Center expanded to include pancreas and kidney/pancreas transplants. The transplant program opened in July 2002 offering liver and kidney transplants and performing the first liver transplant in Tarrant County.

"The expansion of our transplant program to include pancreas and kidney/pancreas transplants is a tremendous benefit to patients who are very ill," says Marlon Levy, M.D., surgical director of the transplant program on the medical staff at Baylor All Saints. "A community this size needs local access to medical expertise that can save lives."

People who are candidates for pancreas or kidney/pancreas transplants most often have type 1 diabetes. Type 1 diabetes, historically referred to as juvenile diabetes, is usually diagnosed in young people. According to the American Diabetes Association, type 1 diabetes occurs when the pancreas produces little or no insulin, a hormone the body needs to convert food to energy. Patients typically need daily insulin injections.

Frequently, type 1 diabetes affects the pancreas as well as the kidneys, leading to kidney failure and the need for both a pancreas and a kidney transplant.



"One of the main goals of pancreas transplants is to eliminate the need for insulin injections," Dr. Levy states.

Transplant patients at Baylor All Saints are also benefiting from the expertise of Natalie Murray, M.D., medical director for liver transplant services on the medical staff at Baylor All

Saints. Dr. Murray is a Fort Worth native and a leading expert in hepatology, the study and treatment of liver disease.

"Very few transplant programs exist outside of a university medical school setting," Dr. Murray says. "The expansion of the transplant program at Baylor All Saints demonstrates the hospital's leadership in the medical field and its commitment to the community."

► **For more information about the transplant program at Baylor All Saints Medical Center, please call Transplant Services at (817) 922-4650 or call 1-800-4BAYLOR.**