

Turn to Baylor



Recognition and Research Make Baylor a Great Choice for Care • BY STEPHANIE THURROTT

When Baylor All Saints Medical Centers became part of the Baylor Health Care System earlier this year, the centers joined a system renowned for excellence in health care. In fact, the system's cornerstone medical center, Baylor University Medical Center, has been noted as being in the top 50 in the United States in at least one medical specialty every year since 1993 by *U.S. News & World Report*.

The system is a recognized leader in transplants, with heart transplants dating back to 1986. Surgeons in the heart transplant program performed the world's first heart/kidney transplant in 1988, and in 1989 surgeons performed the first heart/lung/heart domino procedure in Texas. In the domino transplants, a terminal emphysema patient received a heart/lung transplant, while another patient with cardiomyopathy received the emphysema patient's good heart.

Baylor also excels in cardiovascular services. Baylor performs more cardiac catheterization procedures than any other laboratory in North Texas. Its surgeons perform procedures that

are not done anywhere else in North Texas, including operations involving the vascular structures of the kidneys, the arteries and veins within the spine, and complex aneurysms.

Research is another one of Baylor's strengths. Baylor Research Institute conducts more than 300 active, experimental trials annually. Studies are under way in cardiology, cancer, organ transplantation, metabolic diseases and immunology. Physicians and researchers on staff at Baylor have published research in leading medical journals, such as *Science*, *The New England Journal of Medicine*, *Transplantation* and *Lancet*. In 2001, researchers received nearly \$7 million in federal research awards and \$1 million in private awards.

Transplants in Tarrant County

Baylor All Saints Makes Leap into Organ Transplantation

Baylor All Saints Medical Centers' transplant team performed its first transplant in July after training for several months at Baylor University Medical Center, one of the nation's top 10 transplant centers.

Fifty-one-year-old Joseph Land (left) from Denton, whose bile ducts were scarred inside and outside the liver, received a liver transplant, after waiting for the new liver for more than eight months. "The transplant appears to be a complete success and Mr. Land will likely see a dramatic improvement in his quality of life," says Göran Klintmalm, M.D., Ph.D., on the medical staff at Baylor All Saints and chairman and chief of the Baylor Regional Transplant Institute and the Baylor All Saints transplant program.

Marlon F. Levy, M.D., surgical director of the Baylor All Saints transplant program and on the medical staff at Baylor All Saints, received the all important call that a suitable organ was available for Mr. Land. Dr. Levy then quickly assembled the transplant team for surgery. "We are ready to rapidly respond to calls from the organ donation center to serve the Baylor All Saints patient community," Dr. Levy says.

Patrick Flynn, president of Baylor All Saints, says, "We are pleased to offer residents of Tarrant County access to a world-class liver and kidney transplant program in their own neighborhood."

