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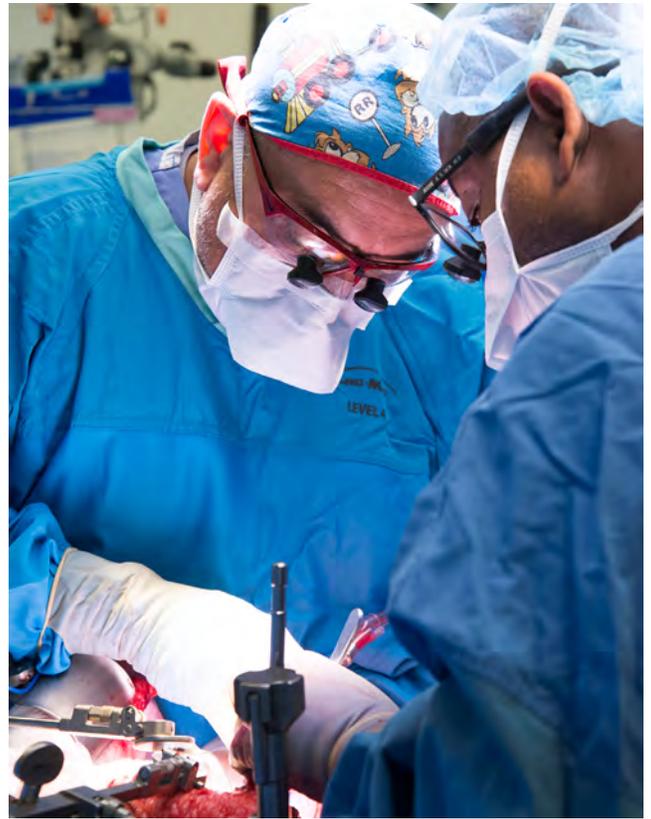


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The UW Medicine liver transplant service, initiated in 1990 by Dr. [James Perkins](#) and led by Dr. [Jorge Reyes](#) since 2004, is the largest program of its kind in the Pacific Northwest and has been recognized as having higher than expected patient outcomes by the Surgical Registry of Transplant Recipients. However, the dire need of critically ill patients requiring liver replacement provides a constant stimulus to this UW Medicine surgical division to develop clinical innovation and accessibility to transplant. Well over 1,000 Americans die annually on the liver transplant waiting list and many regions of the country have a waitlist mortality upwards of 20%. In order to expand its utilization of deceased donors, the UW Medicine liver transplant group has recently been at the forefront of emerging concepts and technologies such as the utilization of advanced hypothermic liver preservation (LIVERguard™) and the use of COVID positive deceased donors. Dr. [Reyes](#) collaborated with [Ajit Limaye](#), Director of UW Medicine's Solid Organ Transplant Infectious Disease Program, to write impactful guidance papers which played a prominent role in establishing evidence-based practice internationally. The division's dedication to the establishment of a living donor liver transplant (LDLT) program is also starting to increase transplant accessibility to UW Medicine patients in a significant manner. As program director, Dr. [Mark Sturdevant](#) has reinvigorated the LDLT program along with Dr. [Ramasamy Bakthavatsalam](#), Dr. [Kiran Bambha](#), Associate Professor, Department of Medicine, and [Winnie Hu](#), ARNP. Since August 2020, 28 adult-to-adult LDLTs have been performed, including the [region's first LDLT for metastatic colorectal cancer](#), and UW Medicine is now one of only six centers nationwide to have performed more than two LDLT procedures monthly in 2022. Close collaborations with Dr. [Patrick Healey](#) from Seattle Children's Hospital (SCH) and the UW Medicine hepatobiliary group (Drs. [Raymond Yeung](#), [Jim Park](#), and [Jonathan Sham](#)) have optimized care for liver donors, increased the LDLT activity at SCH, and have advanced the role and concept of transplant [oncology](#) at UW Medicine.



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The first living donor liver transplant between unrelated adults in the Pacific Northwest. The surgical team included Drs. Jorge Reyes (left) and André Dick.



Surgeons Mark Sturdevant, left, and Ramasamy Bakthavatsalam prepare the liver for the region's first LDLT for metastatic colorectal cancer.
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