Multispecialty team completes rare lung-liver transplant

Physicians in the Transplant Services Division at Texas Children’s Hospital recently performed a rare 16-hour double lung-liver transplant to treat the effects of cystic fibrosis in a 17-year-old patient.

John Goss, MD, Medical Director of Transplant Services, transplanted the patient’s liver. David Morales, MD, Pediatric Lung Transplant Surgeon, and Jeff Heinle, MD, Surgical Director of the Lung Transplant Program, performed the lung transplantation and Marc Schecter, MD, Medical Director of Lung Transplant and Beth Carter, MD, Interim Medical Director of Liver Transplant monitored the patient’s lung and liver function.

BCM Transplant Hepatology Fellowship

The BCM Transplant Hepatology Fellowship Program is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) to provide advanced training in the science and practice of hepatology and liver transplantation to candidates who have completed a gastroenterology fellowship. Successful completion of the Transplant Hepatology Fellowship allows graduates to seek an American Board of Internal Medicine (ABIM) certification in Transplant Hepatology, as a certificate of added qualification to their ABIM board certification in the subspecialty of gastroenterology.

The Transplant Fellowship Program is directed by John M. Vierling, MD, FACP, Professor of Medicine and Surgery and Chief of Hepatology at BCM. A unique attribute of the Program is the fact that all five of the full-time Baylor hepatology faculty members have triple ABIM certification in internal medicine, gastroenterology and transplant hepatology. The full-time BCM surgical faculty is exclusively focused on orthotopic liver transplantation, hepatobiliary surgery and simultaneous liver and kidney, heart or lung transplantation.
Liver Center

The liver center provides specialty care for the treatment of liver cancer, hepatitis, abdominal paracentesis, fulminant liver failure, end-stage liver disease and the evaluation and treatment of all forms of liver abnormalities.

Specialty physicians in cardiology, nephrology and pulmonology are available for consultation. A wide range of services including liver transplantation and resection are available. Pharmacy, dietary, nursing, and various spiritual affiliations are available to help patients and families cope with their disease.

The Center participates in and conducts several clinical trials, offering the latest therapies, in the areas of chronic viral hepatitis B and C, treatment of thrombocytopenia in liver disease and treatment of liver tumors. The Center also offers the unique services of the Hepatitis Program, which focuses on patient and family education and optimal management of side effects of antiviral therapy. The ultimate goals of the research are to advance the treatment of liver diseases and the field of liver transplantation.

The clinic is located in the Baylor Clinic at 6620 Main, Suite 1450. You may contact the clinic by calling 877.685.0361.

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Tyler, who was diagnosed at birth with cystic fibrosis, was referred by a Fort Worth area pulmonologist to Texas Children’s Hospital, one of the few hospitals in the nation with a comprehensive pediatric organ transplant program. Since 2009, nine patients at Texas Children’s have been transplanted with double organs.

“He has had a long journey with this disease that damaged both his lungs and liver,” said Schecter.

“Because his new lungs are not damaged by cystic fibrosis, he now has four to five times more lung capacity. We expect his recovery to progress well, and we are optimistic he will enjoy a normally active lifestyle.”

To see a video of Tyler’s journey, please visit youtube.com/watch?v=HTrtQpXBG1U.

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Transplant hepatologists and surgeons work together in a multi-departmental, multidisciplinary manner that adds to the education of all trainees. In addition, the Program’s core curriculum in hepatology and liver transplantation provides training to fellows in BCM’s ABIM- and ACGME-accredited Gastroenterology Fellowship.

The training of the next generation of academicians and clinicians in the discipline of hepatology and liver transplantation is crucial to the health and welfare of patients afflicted with diseases of the liver and bile ducts. The BCM Transplant Hepatology Program is committed to this mission.

For more information visit our web site at www.bcm.edu/surgery/abdominal/hepatology.
Honors and Awards

JACQUELINE A. LAPPIN, MD, FACS, associate professor of surgery, was honored for her work in transplantation by the Living Bank at the Celebrate Life 2012 Gala, October 2012.

Dr. Lappin is director of pancreas transplantation at St. Luke’s Cooley Transplant Center. The Celebrate Life 2012 event was held October 19 at The Junior League of Houston. The night’s proceeds benefited programs of the Living Bank. The Living Bank was founded in 1968 to raise awareness of the need for organ donors and to serve as an advocate for living donors.

F. BLAINE HOLLINGER, MD, professor of medicine, was presented with the Advisory Committee Service Award by the US Food and Drug Administration, Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research, in recognition of distinguished service as Chairman of the Blood Products Advisory Committee from 2008-2012.

RISÉ STRIBLING, MD, associate professor of surgery, was featured on Great Day Houston, Channel 11, October 10, 2012. The segment discussed fatty liver disease, prevention and general care of the liver.

SEE VIDEO: http://www.khou.com/video?id=173529611&sec=642524

Dr. Stribling also was nominated to the St. Luke’s Episcopal Hospital Medical Executive Committee “At-large” position.
Presentations

**JOHN A. GOSS, MD**

*Surgical Options in Management of Hepatocellular Carcinoma*, 13th Annual Hot Topics in Liver Disease, Houston, TX, October 13, 2012.

*Cholangiocarcinoma - Current Diagnosis and Management*, 13th Annual Hot Topics in Liver Disease, Houston, TX, October 13, 2012.

**JOHN M. VIERLING, MD**

*Autoimmune Hepatitis*, Hepatology and Liver Transplantation Didactic Lecture Series, Houston, TX, August 1, 2012.

*Primary Sclerosing Cholangitis*, Hepatology and Liver Transplantation Didactic Lecture Series, Houston, TX, August 6, 2012.


*Newer Treatments in HCV*, Johns Hopkins School of Medicine - CME Dinner Program, Houston, TX, October 9, 2012

*Update on Primary Biliary Cirrhosis and Primary Sclerosing Cholangitis*, 13th Annual Hot Topics in Liver Disease, Houston, TX, October 12-13, 2012.

**RONALD H. KERMAN, PHD**


**JEROME SALTARRELLI, PHD**


**KHOZEMA HUSSAIN, MD**

*Alcoholic Liver Disease*, Hepatology and Liver Transplantation Didactic Lecture Series, Houston, TX, August 22, 2012.

*Malignant Tumors: HCC and CCA*, Hepatology and Liver Transplantation Didactic Lecture Series, Houston, TX, August 29, 2012.

*Alcoholic Liver Disease*, 13th Annual Hot Topics in Liver Disease, Houston, TX, October 13, 2012.

**PRASUN JALAL, MD**

*Hemochromatosis*, Hepatology and Liver Transplantation Didactic Lecture Series, Houston, TX, August 8, 2012.

*Wilson Disease and Alpha-1-Antitrypsin Deficiency*, Hepatology and Liver Transplantation Didactic Lecture Series, Houston, TX, August 20, 2012.


*Bile Acid Disorders*, Hepatology and Liver Transplantation Conference, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX, September 10, 2012.


**GAGAN SOOD, MD**


*Genetics of Non-alcoholic Fatty Liver Disease (NAFLD)*, Medicine Grand Rounds, Michael E. DeBakey Veteran’s Affairs Hospital, Houston, TX, October 22, 2012.

**NORMAN SUSSMAN, MD**

*Acute Liver Failure*, Hepatology and Liver Transplantation Didactic Lecture Series, Houston, TX, August 1, 2012.


*Non-Alcoholic Fatty Liver Disease*, Hepatology and Liver Transplantation Didactic Lecture Series, Houston, TX, August 22, 2012.

*Best Practices for the Management of Hepatitis C: Screening, Linkage to Care and Treatment*, Educator Availability Clinical Viewpoints HCV Program, Bryans House/Dallas ANAC Chapter, Dallas, TX, September 17, 2012.

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Obesity Related Liver Disease: Getting Your Just Desserts, Philippine Nurses Association of Metropolitan Houston, Memorial Hermann Southwest Hospital, Houston, TX, October 20, 2012.

A Case of Acute Liver Failure, Hepatology/Liver Transplantation Conference, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX, October 22, 2012.

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DONATE LIFE TEXAS, a nonprofit corporation, has been created with the support of the state’s three organ procurement organizations (OPOs). Donate Life Texas is now responsible for managing the state’s organ, tissue, and eye donor registry—the Glenda Dawson Donate Life - Texas Registry—in an effort to increase the number of Texans who commit to donation. State Representative Glenda Dawson, a kidney transplant recipient herself, led the effort to create the registry before her passing in 2006. Individuals who wish to be an organ/tissue donor no longer need to fill out a donor card or have a sticker affixed to their license; they can simply register online at www.donatelifetexas.org.