



# UAMS HEALTH TRANSPLANT AND LIVER CANCER PROGRAM

## UAMS is the home of **Arkansas' only adult kidney and liver transplant center**,

with transplants beginning in 1964 with the state's first kidney transplant. UAMS also performed the state's first liver transplant in 2005. The UAMS Organ Transplant team has performed over 1,800 kidney transplants and over 400 liver transplants.

Through collaboration with Arkansas Regional Organ Recovery, UAMS has achieved wait times among the shortest in the nation for kidney and liver transplantation, as well as patient outcomes that consistently exceed national benchmarks.

## Multi-Disciplinary Organ Transplant Team

To ensure the most thorough and collaborative approach to care, UAMS uses a team of caring and compassionate staff including dedicated transplant surgeons, nephrologists (kidney doctors), hepatologists (liver doctors), nurse practitioners, and specially-trained support staff including nurse coordinators, pharmacists, dietitians, financial coordinators, and social workers.

## Patient-Centered Care

Our team's extensive expertise in organ transplantation means that Arkansans and those from the surrounding region can stay close to home and receive the world-class care they need before, during, and after an organ transplant.

We provide the best in patient education so that patients and their families can actively and informatively collaborate with the team in all stages of their care. Patients and families will receive in-person education to learn about transplantation requirements, information about the surgery, transplant-specific medications, and post-transplant lifestyle considerations.

## Nationally Ranked Kidney and Liver Transplant Program

The Scientific Registry of Transplant Recipients has again ranked the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences' (UAMS) kidney and liver transplant programs among the top in the nation.

The registry gave the UAMS kidney transplant program five bars - the highest ranking possible - in: the speed of obtaining donor kidneys and four bars for patient survivability one year after transplant. This ranks UAMS in the top 5 centers in the nation for renal transplant.

UAMS' liver transplant program scored four bars for the speed of obtaining a transplant and four bars for survival of patients one year after the transplant. Nationwide, there are 256 kidney transplant programs and 147 liver transplant programs.

## UAMS is the only hospital in the state to perform HIV-to-HIV kidney transplants

In 2021, UAMS performed the first transplant in Arkansas from an HIV-positive donor to an HIV-positive recipient.

The successful kidney transplant from a deceased person who had the human immunodeficiency virus was performed in May by Emmanouil Giorgakis, M.D., a transplant surgeon in the UAMS College of Medicine.

It was performed as part of a national clinical trial, led and sponsored by Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, which was made possible by the HIV Organ Policy Equity (HOPE) Act that Congress passed in 2013. UAMS is one of 27 transplant centers nationwide that are taking part in the HOPE in Action clinical trial of deceased HIV-positive donor kidney transplants to HIV-positive recipients. This multicenter pilot study evaluates the safety of HIV-positive deceased donor kidney transplants in HIV-positive recipients.

UAMS is also one of the 17 US transplant centers participating in the HOPE in Action Trial of HIV-positive deceased donor liver transplants for HIV-positive recipients.

Stable HIV-positive adult liver or kidney transplant candidates are currently being offered enrollment in the clinical trial study at UAMS.



See reverse for information about Satellite Clinics!

**UAMS Transplant Satellite Outreach Now in Fayetteville • Jonesboro • Texarkana • Pine Bluff • NEW! Fort Smith**

**APPOINTMENTS Kidney: 501-686-6640 | Liver: 501-686-8962**

For more information, visit  
[UAMS.Health/LiverKidney](https://UAMS.Health/LiverKidney)

**UAMS Health**

# UAMS Health Transplant Satellite Clinics

Transplant patients are seen at the following UAMS Health Family Medical Center locations:

## Fayetteville, AR

1125 N. College Ave  
1st Friday of the month

## Jonesboro, AR

311 E Matthews Ave.  
4th Friday of the month

## Pine Bluff, AR

1601 W. 40th Ave.  
2nd Tuesday of the month  
Office: 870-541-6000  
Referral Fax: 870-541-7618

## Texarkana, AR

3417 U of A Way  
4th Friday of the month

## Fort Smith, AR

1301 S. E. St.

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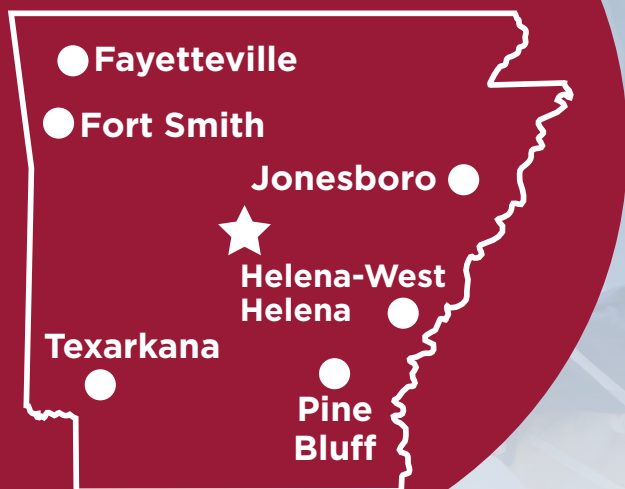
## Helena-West Helena, AR

1393 Highway 242 South

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SOON

## Services provided:

- Liver & Kidney Transplant care
- Dialysis Access Evaluation
- Liver, Pancreatic & Cancer Evaluation and Care
- Management of Disorders of the bile ducts
- Liver Failure/Liver Dysfunction care



## Providers

- Mauricio Garcia Saenz de Sicilia, M.D.
- Sushma Bhusal, MD
- Lyle Burdine, MD, PhD
- Michelle Estrada, MD
- Matthew Deneke, MD
- Emmanouil Giorgakis, MD
- Sumant Inamdar, MD
- Venkata Manchala, MD
- James Meek, DO
- Mollie Meek, MD
- Raj Patel, MD
- Katie Rude, MD
- Aparna Sharma, MD
- Ragesh Thandassery, MD
- Nasir Khan, M.D.



**Michelle Estrada, M.D.**, has joined the Department of Surgery as an assistant professor in the Division of Transplant Surgery.

Dr. Estrada received a Bachelor of Science in neuroscience with a minor in cultural anthropology.

She received her medical degree from the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine in Cincinnati, Ohio. Dr. Estrada completed a general surgery residency at the University of Texas McGovern School of Medicine in Houston, Texas, followed by a fellowship in abdominal transplant surgery at the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine in Cincinnati, Ohio. She is board certified by the American Board of Surgery.

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