Adult heart transplants

How long do I have to wait once I’m listed for a heart transplant?

Most UW Health patients wait about two months to get a heart transplant.

UW Health is usually faster than other hospitals in our region and in the nation.

How does my blood type impact my wait time at UW Health?

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Some patients may wait up to five months, depending on blood type.

Adult heart transplant waiting list data
Candidates registered on the waiting list between 1/1/2016 and 6/30/2021.
Source: Scientific Registry of Transplant Recipients (SRTR). Data published at srtr.org

Heart transplant waiting times by blood type at UW Health
Data represents median values. The median is the middle number of the data set; half of the patients will wait more days and half will wait fewer. The table represents the median waiting time for patients in that blood group. Blood type is only one factor in waiting time to transplant.

The median wait time at UW Health for all heart transplants from 6/1/2021 to 5/31/2022 was 68 days. Wait times will vary based on your listing status, body size and blood type.

None observed means no patients in this blood group received transplants during the reporting time period.

* Region includes transplant hospitals in Wisconsin, Illinois and Minnesota
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**How long could I live?**

About eight of ten adult heart transplant patients at UW Health survive **at least one year** overall.

This is close to what we expect to see at UW Health and to other transplant centers in the U.S.

About eight of ten adult heart transplant patients at UW Health survive **at least three years** overall.

This is better than what we expect to see at UW Health and better than other transplant centers in the U.S.

**How long will my new heart work?**

About eight of ten hearts transplanted at UW Health will work **at least one year** overall.

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**Survival rate data – A closer look**

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Survival rate data is updated approximately every six months. For future data, visit [uwhealth.org/transplant](http://uwhealth.org/transplant).

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To better understand the data and the Scientific Registry of Transplant Recipients (SRTR) visit [uwhealth.org/SRTRFAQ](http://uwhealth.org/SRTRFAQ).
Frequently asked questions about the Scientific Registry of Transplant Recipients

What is the Scientific Registry of Transplant Recipients (SRTR)?
The SRTR provides data about transplant centers’ volume and outcomes to the Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network (OPTN) who runs the national transplant program.

What is the website and how do I use it?
Visit srtr.org to review transplant center’s data.

What is the transplant rate?
It is data that tells us how quickly patients get transplanted at each center. If you want a shorter wait time, you should look at centers with higher transplant rates.

Why can the transplant rate be higher than 100?
The rate is not a percentage. It tells how many patients would receive a transplant if 100 patients waited 1 year. A center with a higher rate would have a larger number of patients on their list who are getting transplanted.

What does transplant volume mean?
Volume tells you how many transplants a center does each year. A higher volume means the center does more transplants.

Why are outcomes longer than 3 years (5 or 10 years) not shown?
Outcomes longer than 3 years may not show what is happening at that center today. Many things can change over time at a center. Patient follow-up after 3 years can be very different at each center. Data on longer patient outcomes can be found at: https://srtr.transplant.hrsa.gov/annual_reports/Default.aspx

If I want or need to transfer to another center, will my priority on the list change?
No. Your priority transfers with you.

Can I get on the list at more than one center?
Yes, this is called “multi-listing” or “dual-listing.” It may help you get a transplant sooner. You will need to contact each center and have an evaluation and testing at each center.

How long will it take to get a transplant?
This is difficult to predict. Many factors affect waiting time, including your blood type and tissue type. Information about past transplant volume and transplant rates at the center may be helpful to predict waiting time.

Does the time to transplant consider the severity of illness or the priority level of the candidate?
The approximate time to transplant does not reflect patient characteristics such as severity of illness, geography, donor type or age. It is an overall estimate of the past average waiting time. The organ-specific data has tables that indicate the percentage of patients who have received a transplant by certain times after listing broken down by various patient characteristics.

Who do I contact if I have questions about the SRTR website?
Please email transplant@uwhealth.org