One Center. Saving Many.



St. Luke's Cooley Transplant Center™

EXPERIENCE

St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital (St. Luke's) has provided comprehensive transplant care, since 1982, to patients referred for heart, lung, kidney and liver transplantation, as well as implantation of left-ventricular assist devices (LVAD). The newly named St. Luke's Cooley Transplant Center™ provides a complete continuum of care, from initial counseling and evaluation, to surgery, rehabilitation and post-transplant follow-up. St. Luke's transplant programs are consistently recognized for their successful outcomes.



HISTORY

OF TRANSPLANTATION AT ST. LUKE'S

In May of 1968, Denton A. Cooley, MD, and his associates made news around the world by taking the still-beating heart of a 15-year-old girl whose brain had ceased to function and placing it into 47-year-old patient Everett Thomas. Mr. Thomas was the first successful heart transplant recipient in the United States.

Dr. Cooley spearheaded a successful drive to educate the public on heart transplantation, telling *Life* magazine:

"The heart has been considered the seat of the soul, the source of courage. But I look upon the heart only as a pump, the servant to the brain. Once the brain is gone, the heart becomes unemployed."

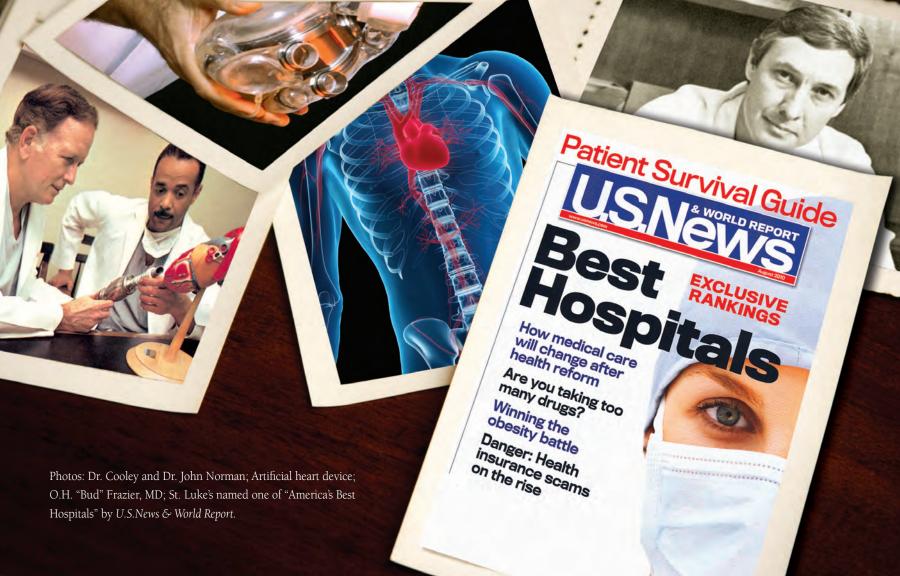


Between 1975 and 1978, Dr. Cooley and John Norman, MD, performed a series of implantations of a newly-created LVAD. This "bridging" device is used to support patients whose hearts had not responded to surgery, which led to the development of more sophisticated devices.

In 1982, transplantation of human hearts resumed with the FDA's approval of the anti-rejection drug cyclosporine and additional artificial heart advances. Our current chief of transplantation, Dr. O.H. "Bud" Frazier, and confident medical scientists directed their energy toward advancing the procedure and refining "bridging" devices that could prolong a patient's life until a heart transplant could be performed.

TODAY, St. Luke's Cooley Transplant Center™ CONTINUES TO DEVELOP NEW APPROACHES

to treat patients with organ failure by offering a full spectrum of transplant services, including the heart, lung, kidney and liver transplant and LVAD programs. St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital is consistently ranked as one of the nation's best hospitals by *U.S.News & World Report*.



St. Luke's Cooley Transplant Center™ PROGRAMS OF EXCELLENCE

Heart Transplant Program

The Heart Transplant Program has a rich history in the field of transplantation, boasting the first successful heart transplant in the United States. Since the program's beginning, and in collaboration with the Texas Heart® Institute at St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital, more than 1,100 transplants have been performed and it's one of few programs in the nation to have a single surgeon perform more than 900 heart transplants.

Lung Transplant Program

The Lung Transplant Program has been performing lung and heart-lung transplants since the 1990s and is committed to decreasing the number of lives claimed by lung disease through innovative clinical practice and compassionate care.

LVAD Program

With the largest LVAD program in the U.S., St. Luke's Cooley Transplant Center™ has implanted nearly 700 devices to date—more than any other center in the world. The program, in collaboration with the Texas Heart® Institute, is a leader in the development, testing and application of heart-assist devices. It also was among the nation's first LVAD programs to offer destination therapy (permanent implant) for end-stage congestive heart failure patients who do not qualify for heart transplantation.



Kidney Transplant Program

Caring for more than 1,600 patients since 1986, the Kidney Transplant Program offers a robust living donation program, with the option for patients to participate in both related and unrelated donation, as well as paired kidney exchange. More than 25 percent of the total kidney transplant volume is derived from living donation.

Liver Transplant Program

Since 1998, our surgeons in the Liver Transplant Program have performed more than 1,000 transplants. When compared to other liver transplant programs in the U.S. that perform 40 or more transplants per year, our survival rates are the highest in the nation. Our patients benefit from short hospital stays and low complication and re-transplantation rates, which makes the program one of the premier centers in the country.

Source: The Scientific Registry of Transplant Recipients (SRTR)





Surrounding Our Patients with Care

Transplant patients have access to a wide range of consultative services while receiving care at St. Luke's. From radiology, infectious disease, hematology, and neurology to physical therapy, our patients receive optimal treatment and follow-up. A strong collaboration with the Histocompatibility and Immune Evaluation Laboratories at The University of Texas Medical School at Houston ensures that we are providing patients with comprehensive pre- and post-transplant immune evaluation testing to decrease the likelihood of rejection. St. Luke's Cooley Transplant Center™ is committed to providing exceptional, full-service patient care.







BODY, MIND & SPIRIT

St. Luke's is deeply committed to healing the whole person—body, mind and spirit. Our highly skilled medical professionals understand the importance of delivering *Faithful*, *Loving Care*®, which encourages a holistic approach to healthcare while respecting the patient's values and beliefs. Our chaplains, dedicated to the spiritual well-being of all our patients, provide worship opportunities for diverse faiths.







REBECCA'S STORY



Born with cyanotic congenital heart disease, Rebecca Butler-Holder believes she's beaten the odds of survival once her journey began as a St. Luke's patient at age 12 and continued through adulthood.

Despite warnings from medical professionals, Rebecca gave birth to a son in 1984, which caused her disease to rapidly progress. Through the gift of organ donation, Rebecca received a heart and double lung transplant in 1999. Today, she lives a fulfilling life as a wife, mother, past president of The Heart Exchange and volunteer champion for St. Luke's Cooley Transplant CenterTM and organ donation.

REBECCA BUTLER- HOLDER
HEART-LUNG RECIPIENT

"The doctors and nursing staff at St. Luke's are very caring and

SUPPORTIVE. I WOULDN'T CONSIDER GOING ANYWHERE ELSE. I'M AN EXAMPLE THAT ORGAN DONATION DOES WORK. MY TRANSPLANT HAS GIVEN ME A SECOND

CHANCE AT LIFE."



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