

Mayo Clinic Medical Edge
Liver Transplant Rankings

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Intro with music	GIVING YOU THE EDGE ON HEALTHY LIVING, HERE'S MAYO CLINIC'S MEDICAL EDGE.
	IT ONLY MAKES SENSE; THOSE WHO ARE MOST IN NEED OF A TRANSPLANT SHOULD BE THE FIRST TO GET ONE. MAYO CLINIC RESEARCHERS HAVE DEVELOPED A NEW GAUGE FOR RANKING LIVER TRANSPLANT CANDIDATES WHICH THEY BELIEVE...
Ray Kim, M.D.	"CAN MORE ACCURATELY PREDICT WHO'S GOING TO HAVE A WORSE OUTCOME, MEANING DYING EARLIER WHILE ON THE WAITING LIST."
	DR. RAY KIM IS A LIVER TRANSPLANT SPECIALIST WHO ALSO LED THE RESEARCH TEAM.

	<p>DR. KIM ADVOCATES FACTORING IN THE LEVEL OF SODIUM IN THE BLOOD TO THE CURRENT FORMULA THAT IS USED TO RANK THE SICKEST PATIENTS. YOU SEE, IN SOME PATIENTS, A LOW SODIUM LEVEL IS A CLEAR INDICATOR OF THE STATE OF THEIR DISEASE.</p>
<p>Dr. Kim</p>	<p>“IT DOESN’T AFFECT A LOT OF PEOPLE. BUT IN THOSE PEOPLE, IT WILL MAKE A LIFE OR DEATH KIND OF DECISION BECAUSE THEIR PRIORITY WILL CHANGE SIGNIFICANTLY.”</p>
	<p>MAYO CLINIC RESEARCHERS ALSO DEVELOPED THE FORMULA THAT’S CURRENTLY USED TO RANK TRANSPLANT CANDIDATES.</p>
	<p>FOR MORE INFORMATION, TALK TO YOUR DOCTOR OR VISIT MAYOCLINIC.ORG. I’M VIVIEN WILLIAMS.</p>