

Mayo Clinic Medical Edge
Live Donor Liver Transplant

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Intro with music	GIVING YOU THE EDGE ON HEALTHY LIVING, HERE'S MAYO CLINIC MEDICAL EDGE.
	LAST YEAR APPROXIMATELY 6-THOUSAND PATIENTS RECEIVED DONATED LIVERS. BUT THE NEED IS MUCH GREATER. THE STUMBLING BLOCK IS THAT THERE JUST AREN'T ENOUGH DONOR ORGANS TO MEET THAT NEED. AN EMERGING OPTION FOR SOME PATIENTS IS LIVE DONOR LIVER TRANSPLANTATION. THAT'S WHERE DOCTORS...
Hugo Vargas, M.D. Track 2 (6:55)	"TAKE SEGMENTS OF LIVER FROM VERY HEALTHY DONORS AND GIVE THEM TO PATIENTS WHO NEED LIVER TRANSPLANTATION."

	<p>DR. HUGO VARGAS IS A TRANSPLANTATION SPECIALIST AT MAYO CLINIC. HE SAYS LIVE DONOR LIVER TRANSPLANTATION BEGAN ABOUT 20-YEARS AGO WITH PEDIATRIC CASES WHERE THE AMOUNT OF LIVER NEEDED IS MUCH SMALLER. THE QUESTION WAS HOW WOULD A SMALLER LIVER WORK IN ADULTS?</p>
<p>Dr. Vargas Track 2 (8:20)</p>	<p>“THE LIVER IS KIND OF SMART IN THAT WAY. IT WILL ACTUALLY ENLARGE ITSELF TO MEET THE DEMANDS.”</p>
	<p>LIVE DONOR TRANSPLANTATION IS GIVING MORE PATIENTS HOPE OF RECEIVING A LIFE-GIVING ORGAN.</p>
	<p>FOR MORE INFORMATION, TALK TO YOUR DOCTOR OR VISIT MAYOCLINIC.ORG. I’M VIVIEN WILLIAMS.</p>

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