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The Liver Transplant Program at Loyola Medical Center is a pioneering force in the field of liver transplantation. Recognized for its excellence in patient care, research, and surgical expertise, Loyola Medical Center has established itself as a leading institution in liver transplantation. Below are some highlights that help put Loyola Medical Center above other centers regarding Liver Transplants.

- Getting a deceased donor transplant faster, Loyola is in the top tier.
- Survival of patients on the waitlist is higher than expected and greater than the regional and national average.
- Organ offer acceptance is almost 2.5 times higher than average. As a result, patients receive transplants much faster than other transplant programs in the region.
- Transplants in patients with MELD scores over 21 is 67%. The regional average is only 50%.

The covid-19 pandemic was responsible for many new challenges in healthcare worldwide, and our transplant program at Loyola was no exception. In particular, the liver transplant program at Loyola was impacted by a reduced organ selection pool and staffing changes.

Because of these challenges, our O/E for 1-year graft survival based on the previous 2.5 years is 1.6. In response to these outcomes, which are reflected in the July SRTR data, we have instituted these changes:

- New medical and surgical leadership
- Use of normothermic perfusion to improve organ preservation prior to transplant.
- Updated protocols to improve our cardiac evaluation and ICU post-op care.

As a result of these changes, we have adjusted the trajectory of our program in a positive way:

Current projected data for July 2024 release includes an O/E ratio of 1.07 for 1-year graft survival and 0.72 for 1-year patient survival.

As a testament to its exceptional patient outcomes and commitment to quality care, the Liver Transplant Program at Loyola Medical Center consistently exceeds national benchmarks. These impressive outcomes, combined with a patient-centered approach and a dedication to advancing the field of liver transplantation, make Loyola Medical Center a trusted destination for individuals needing liver transplants.

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