In February 2015, UMHS patient Kyle Clark (left) became the first in Michigan to receive a transplant with lungs maintained on a new machine capable of sustaining the organs outside of the body for up to six hours.

Those extra hours give transplant teams more time to thoroughly evaluate the functionality of the donor lungs and to “recondition” marginal organs, if necessary.

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QUICK FACTS

- The state’s first organ transplant was performed at the University of Michigan in 1964. Since then, the UM Transplant Center has grown into one of the largest in the nation and our teams have performed more than 10,000 adult and pediatric transplant procedures.

- We are more than 250 faculty and staff working in Ann Arbor, Kalamazoo, Rochester Hills, Midland and Lansing, and 30 volunteer peer mentors who are past recipients and donors trained through our Patient & Family Centered Care program to assist current patients.

- Dozens of surgical and medical residents and clinical fellows train with our transplant teams each year.

- We currently receive more than $19 million in sponsored research funding and are conducting more than 20 clinical trials.

- With seven competitors in the statewide market, UM performs 40% of all organ transplants done in MI.

- In FY14, we evaluated 1,689 patients for possible organ transplant, including some who need specialized care provided only at UMHS. That same year, we performed 361 adult and pediatric transplant procedures (40 hearts, 35 single or double lung, 82 livers, 216 kidneys or kidney/pancreas combinations).

- More than 1,313 people are on the waiting list to receive an organ transplant at UMHS.

- UM medical personnel volunteer their time and expertise at Camp Michitanki, a donor-funded summer camp for children who received a solid organ transplant.

- More than 50% of Michigan adults have signed the Organ Donor Registry, representing an increase of 27% since 2010 when we established the Wolverines for Life community donor awareness campaign.