

Meld Score & Transplant Evaluation

About This Resource

These resources explain how the Model for End-Stage Liver Disease (MELD) score helps determine medical urgency and priority for liver transplantation. They include major regional transplant centers, national education programs, and patient support resources to help you stay informed and prepared throughout the evaluation process.

Regional Transplant Centers (Texas)

- **UT Southwestern Medical Center – Liver Transplant Program**

Comprehensive adult and living-donor liver transplant center, nationally recognized for outcomes and academic excellence. One of only two living-donor programs in DFW.

 (214) 645-1919 |  utswmed.org/conditions-treatments/liver-transplant/

- **Baylor University Medical Center – Simmons Transplant Institute**

High-volume program offering living and deceased-donor liver transplantation for adults. Known for regional outreach and multidisciplinary coordination.

 (214) 820-2050 |  bswhealth.com/locations/hospital/dallas/transplant

- **Baylor All Saints Medical Center – Fort Worth**

 (817) 922-4650 |  bswhealth.com/locations/hospital/fort-worth/transplant

- **Medical City Dallas – Liver Transplant Center**

 (972) 566-7000 |  [Medical City Transplant \[medicalcityhealthcare.com\]](http://MedicalCityTransplant.medicalcityhealthcare.com)

- **Methodist Dallas Medical Center – The Transplant Institute**

 (214) 947-4400 |  [Methodist Dallas Transplant \[methodisthealthsystem.org\]](http://MethodistDallasTransplant.methodisthealthsystem.org)

Other Major Texas Centers

- **UT Health San Antonio – University Hospital Transplant Center**

The largest living-donor liver transplant program in Texas.

 (210) 567-5777 |  uthscsa.edu/physicians/services/liver-transplant

- **Houston Methodist J.C. Walter Jr. Transplant Center**

The state's highest-volume liver transplant program, accepting broad indications and complex cases.

Often considered for patients seeking re-evaluation after being declined elsewhere.

 (713) 441-5451 |  houstonmethodist.org/transplant/liver/

For Support & Coordination

- **Texas Liver Care**

Pre-transplant evaluation, MELD monitoring, and close coordination with regional transplant centers.

 (682) 427-0200 |  TexasLiverCare.org

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Educational Resources

- **UNOS – Understanding the MELD Score**

Explains how the MELD score determines organ allocation and waitlist priority.

 unos.org

- **OPTN – Liver Transplant Patient Information**

The official national resource from the U.S. Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network, explaining evaluation, waitlist procedures, and allocation policies.

 optn.transplant.hrsa.gov/patients/by-organ/liver

- **American Liver Foundation – Transplant Information**

Education, support, and community programs for pre- and post-transplant patients.

 liverfoundation.org

TLC Tips – Staying Ready for Transplant Evaluation

- Keep an updated medication list and your transplant coordinator's contact information easily accessible.
- Complete labs on schedule - your MELD score updates automatically with each new set of results.
- Notify your care team promptly about any hospitalizations or major health changes.
- Attend transplant education sessions when available to better understand the process.
- Ask your team about living-donor options and evaluation pathways when appropriate.

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