

Transplant Program Wins UNOS Approval

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Nevadans are one step closer to being able to receive kidney transplants in their home state.

Dr. Robert M. Daugherty, dean of the University of Nevada School of Medicine announced a new kidney transplant program, jointly sponsored by University Medical Center (UMC) and the medical school, has received approval from the United Network of Organ Sharing (UNOS), which oversees the National Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network. UNOS Approval is based on the qualifications of the medical personnel involved in the program and the facilities where the transplants will be performed.

This approval is an important step in establishing the first kidney transplantation program in Nevada. The first step was accomplished when the medical school recruited Dr. Victor Bowers, a transplant surgeon from the University of Iowa to work with Las Vegas nephrology transplant physicians, and when UMC prepared facilities to handle the program.

The final step before transplants can begin is state approval, which will be applied for through the State Health Department.