

Second U.S. baboon liver transplant

Doctors at Pittsburgh University have transplanted a baboon liver into a man suffering from Hepatitis B, a viral disease which destroys the human liver but to which baboons are immune. Animal organ transplants began in 1963.

No patient has yet survived longer than nine months but doctors were encouraged to try the liver transplant for a second time after the last patient survived for 70 days, with few signs of rejection, before dying from an alternative complication in September 1992

Year/Location	Donor/Number
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Heart

1964 – Mississippi	Chimpanzee 1
1977 – South Africa	Baboon 1
1977 – South Africa	Chimpanzee 1
1984 – California	Baboon 1

Liver

1969/74 – Denver	Chimpanzee 3
1992 – Pittsburgh	Baboon 1
1992 – Los Angeles	Pig 1
1993 – Pittsburgh	Baboon 1

Kidney

1963 – Minneapolis	Baboon 1
1963/64 – N Orleans	Chimpanzee 12
1963/64 – Denver	Baboon 6
1964 – Virginia	Chimpanzee 1
1964 – New Orleans	Monkey 1