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**UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL LIVER TRANSPLANT PROGRAM,
LED BY RUTGERS NEW JERSEY MEDICAL SCHOOL PHYSICIANS,
REMAINS RANKED AS NO. 1 IN THE TRI-STATE REGION**

*For Second Consecutive Evaluation Period, New Jersey's First Liver Transplant Center
is Among the National Leaders in One-Year Survival Rate*

NEWARK, NJ — For the second consecutive evaluation period, the Scientific Registry of Transplant Recipients (SRTR) has rated the liver transplant program at the University Hospital Center for Advanced Liver Diseases and Transplantation, as the regional leader in one-year survival rates.

The Center is led by the nationally-recognized physicians at Rutgers New Jersey Medical School. With an estimated one-year survival rate of 98.75%, the Center was rated as one of the top centers from all hospitals in the New York Tri-State area of New Jersey, New York and Connecticut.

University Hospital is ranked No. 4 in the country – a mere 1.25 percentage points behind national co-leaders University Hospitals of Cleveland and Temple University Hospital in Philadelphia. Montifiore Medical Center in the Bronx and New York University Langone Medical Center in Manhattan are the closest-ranking New York Tri-State area hospitals.

The Center for Advanced Liver Diseases and Transplantation at University Hospital and Rutgers New Jersey Medical School is the first in New Jersey and one of 61 such centers nationally. Since it opened in 1989, the center has performed more than 1,500 liver transplant surgeries, including over 80 transplants in the last two years alone.

The SRTR, operated by the Chronic Disease Research Group, a division of the Hennepin Healthcare Research Institute, is a federally supported program. Evaluations of liver transplant programs are released twice a year, in January and July.

“We are proud that SRTR continues to recognize us as one of the top liver transplant programs in the region and one of the highest ranked programs in the entire nation,” said **Dr. Nikolaos Pyrsopoulos, Medical Director of the Liver Transplant Program at University Hospital**. “The awareness generated by the SRTR ranking helps patients know that excellent care is available in Newark, thanks to the accomplished team at University Hospital and our healthcare partners at Rutgers New Jersey Medical School.”

“Our exceptional transplant outcome data showcase the skill and dedication of the University Hospital transplant surgeons and physicians, but even more importantly are evidence of the seamless integration of an outstanding multidisciplinary team,” said **Dr. James V. Guarrera, Program Director of Liver Transplantation at University Hospital.**

“This ranking reinforces what many patients already know – the Center for Advanced Liver Diseases and Transplantation is doing amazing work to save lives of people in our community throughout the region,” said **Shereef Elnahal, MD, MBA, President and CEO of University Hospital.** “We are thankful for the leadership of Drs. Pyrsopoulos and Guarrera, our dedicated hospital care team members, and the active support of our partners at Rutgers New Jersey Medical School.”

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About University Hospital

University Hospital is part of one of the nation’s leading academic medical centers and is the Level 1 Trauma Center for Northern New Jersey. Located at University Heights in Newark, University Hospital is a principal teaching hospital of Rutgers Biomedical and Health Sciences and a regional resource for advanced services across many medical specialties. For more information about University Hospital, please visit www.uhnj.org.

About Rutgers New Jersey Medical School

Founded in 1954, Rutgers New Jersey Medical School is the oldest school of medicine in the state. Today it is part of Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey and graduates approximately 170 physicians a year. In addition to providing the MD degree, the school offers MD/PhD, MD/MPH and MD/MBA degrees through collaborations with other institutions of higher education. Dedicated to excellence in education, research, clinical care and community outreach, the medical school comprises 20 academic departments and works with several healthcare partners, including its principal teaching hospital, University Hospital. Its faculty consists of numerous world-renowned scientists and many of the region’s “top doctors.” Home to the nation’s oldest student-run clinic, New Jersey Medical School hosts more than 50 centers and institutes, including the Public Health Research Institute Center, the Global Tuberculosis Institute and the Neurological Institute of New Jersey. For more information please visit: njms.rutgers.edu.

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