

A MULTIDISCIPLINARY  
APPROACH TO  
**TREATING  
LUNG DISEASE**

**UPMC**  
LIFE CHANGING MEDICINE



# EXPERTS

IN **ADVANCED LUNG  
DISEASE MANAGEMENT  
AND TREATMENT**



UPMC is home to one of the most experienced comprehensive lung centers in the country. Our pioneering history in the management and treatment of lung disease has helped strengthen our position as national leaders in patient care and research.

At UPMC, we provide patients from across the nation with a single point of care for a wide range of lung conditions. Collaboration between the UPMC Comprehensive Lung Center and the UPMC Lung Transplant Program facilitates a seamless continuum of care for patients who may need support for a newly diagnosed lung disease, access to innovative treatment options, or a lung transplant.

*“It is truly a multidisciplinary approach to lung disease that few other centers have the resources, experience, and team of experts to deliver. For many patients, this level of care can be life-saving.”*

**Pablo Sanchez, MD**  
*Surgical Director, UPMC Lung Transplant Program*

## CONDITIONS WE TREAT

With a long-standing history of treating patients with lung disease, our team at UPMC cares for patients diagnosed with common to complex lung conditions, including:

- Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)/emphysema
- Pulmonary fibrosis
- Cystic fibrosis and drug-resistant infections
- Primary pulmonary hypertension
- Sarcoidosis
- Alpha 1 anti-trypsin deficiency
- Bronchiectasis
- Secondary pulmonary hypertension (caused by lung or heart disease)
- Scleroderma



## UPMC Comprehensive Lung Center

Experts from the UPMC Comprehensive Lung Center are dedicated to diagnosis and intervention for patients with early onset to advanced lung disease. Our patients also have access to cutting-edge clinical trials and providers who participate in the teaching and training of new physicians and conduct research in all types of respiratory conditions.

*"We are the front door for patients with lung disease at UPMC. We work closely with other specialties within the system to ensure that patients have access to the right care at the right time based on their condition and disease progression."*

### Alison Morris, MD

*Chief, Division of Pulmonary, Allergy and Critical Care Medicine*

The Comprehensive Lung Center at UPMC is home to world-renowned pulmonologists who collaborate across 10 key clinical programs for advanced specialty care in a broad range of respiratory disorders.

- Adult Cystic Fibrosis and Bronchiectasis
- Asthma and Airway Inflammation
- Allergy and Immunodeficiency Disorders
- Diagnostic Pulmonary Medicine
- Emphysema and COPD
- HIV-Associated Lung Disease
- Lung Transplantation and Advanced Lung Disease
- Pulmonary Hypertension
- Simmons Center for Interstitial Lung Disease
- UPMC Sleep Medicine Center



## UPMC LUNG TRANSPLANT PROGRAM

Since the inception of the UPMC Lung Transplant Program in 1982, our surgeons have performed more than 2,350 lung and heart-lung transplants. We are one of only a few lung transplant centers in the United States that has achieved this volume while maintaining outcomes that are consistent with national averages. We have attained this level of success by working closely as a team with the UPMC Comprehensive Lung Center to provide exceptional care for patients along the entire spectrum of life-threatening lung diseases.



Our clinical experience, dedicated team, and resources have allowed our specialists to medically manage the most complex cases and have enabled us to offer innovative transplant options including:

- Sequential lung and bone marrow transplant for patients with underlying immunodeficiency disorders who have been declined for transplant at other centers due to increased risk of infection
- Lung transplant for systemic sclerosis and other rheumatologic diseases
- Lung transplant for cystic fibrosis and drug-resistant pathogens

We also do not have an age restriction for lung transplant referrals. Our experts have lung transplant experience with older adults and consider patients older than 70 on a case-by-case basis.

### A Collaborative Approach

At UPMC, we provide the full scope of lung disease management and treatment. From diagnosis and disease management through the Comprehensive Lung Center, to expert transplant care at the Lung Transplant Program, to innovative research and education, we are all one cohesive team.

Our team also includes you – the referring physician. We will work with you and your team to ensure a seamless referral process and will collaborate with you to develop an individualized treatment plan that best fits the unique needs of your patient.

*“Treating a patient with lung disease is not the job of a primary care provider, pulmonologists, or a transplant surgeon alone. It requires an entire team to fully understand the patient and offer consistent collaborative care.”*

**Chadi A. Hage, MD**

*Medical Director, UPMC Lung Transplant Program*

To best implement this model of care, it is important that we start working with you and your patients early in their disease progression. Early referral allows us to become familiar with your patient and their specific needs before they are facing transplant.

For patients who do require transplant, early referral helps us to address barriers, provide education about the transplant process, and increase their chances of receiving a successful lung transplant.



### PARTNER WITH UPMC LUNG EXPERTS

We value partnerships with referring physicians. We are committed to transparent collaboration and will keep you informed on the status of your patient throughout the transplant process.

For more information, or to meet with our team, email [cttransplant@upmc.edu](mailto:cttransplant@upmc.edu).





### CONTACT US

#### UPMC Lung Transplant Program

UPMC Presbyterian  
200 Lothrop St., Suite C-900  
Pittsburgh, PA 15213

To refer a patient, email [cttransplant@upmc.edu](mailto:cttransplant@upmc.edu).

#### UPMC Comprehensive Lung Center

Falk Medical Building, Fourth floor  
3601 Fifth Ave.  
Pittsburgh, PA 15213

To refer a patient, call **412-648-6161**.

Learn more about our program by  
visiting [UPMC.com/LungReferral](https://www.upmc.com/LungReferral).



UPMC policy prohibits discrimination or harassment on the basis of race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, age, sex, genetics, sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, familial status, disability, veteran status, or any other legally protected group status. Further, UPMC will continue to support and promote equal employment opportunity, human dignity, and racial, ethnic, and cultural diversity. This policy applies to admissions, employment, and access to and treatment in UPMC programs and activities. This commitment is made by UPMC in accordance with federal, state, and/or local laws and regulations.