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A second seven-member cross-liver transplant was performed at İnönü University.

The Council of Higher Education (YÖK) announced that the second seven-part cross-liver transplant performed by the İnönü University Liver Transplant Institute has been successfully completed.

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NOAccording to the statement made by; Inonu UniversityThe Liver Transplant Institute has performed a groundbreaking operation for the second time, one that will go down in world medical history. Seven-way cross liver transplantThe operation, in which a team of 120 people, including 50 surgeons, worked simultaneously and actively in 14 operating rooms, was successfully completed.



Prof. Dr. Sezai Yılmaz, Director of the İnönü University Liver Transplant Institute, stated that they performed a sevenfold cross-liver transplant involving seven donors and seven recipients, adding, "This operation is being performed for the second time in world history, and the first was also carried out in Malatya. I don't think it's possible to perform an operation of this magnitude anywhere else in the world in the next 50 years."

'WE WERE THE ONES WHO DID THE FIRST ONE.'

Yılmaz stated that 17 triple cross-liver transplants have been performed worldwide to date, 14 of which were carried out at İnönü University, and added, "So far, 7 quadruple cross-liver transplants have been performed worldwide, all of which were carried out in Malatya. 3 sextuple and 3 quintuple cross-liver transplants have been performed. All of these were also carried out here. We were the first to perform a septuple cross-liver transplant, and today is a historic day; we have performed the second septuple cross-liver transplant."

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Professor Dr. Yılmaz, stating that the surgical team in Malatya consists of a strong staff and is among the best in the world, said regarding the sevenfold cross-liver transplant that made world history: "It was performed simultaneously in 14 operating rooms, and 50 surgeons actively worked. Including anesthesiologists, nurses, support staff, anesthesia and radiology technicians, a total of 120 people

were involved in these operations. Such complex operations require a strong team, advanced physical facilities, and cutting-edge medical equipment. There is incredible educational potential here; young academics are being trained, and although some have emigrated to the West, this does not weaken this strong structure in any way."

'200TH LIVER TRANSPLANT OF THE YEAR'

Yılmaz emphasized that many patients from Turkey and abroad have regained their health by applying to the İnönü University Liver Transplant Institute, stating, "We have incredibly advanced equipment. A world-class liver transplant program has been established. Today, I believe we are performing our 200th liver transplant of the year. The number of cross-liver transplants we have performed so far will be 157. Patients from countries such as Azerbaijan, Saudi Arabia, Crimea, and Yemen also have the chance to receive treatment thanks to cross-liver transplants."

'OUR PATIENT APPLIED FROM CRIMEA'

Emphasizing that cross-liver transplants are a method achieved through the collaboration of multiple scientific disciplines, Yılmaz said, "We are working with two scientists from Boston College. Prof. Dr. Tayfun Sönmez and Prof. Dr. Utku Ünver are economists who played the most important role in the team that won the Nobel Prize in Economics in 2012 for cross-kidney transplants. Thanks to the algorithm they developed, multiple cross-transplants are possible. Cross-liver transplantation is truly an extremely innovative approach. Today, among the 7 living donor liver transplants, one of our patients applied from Crimea. She is originally Turkish but lives in Crimea. She came with her mother, a young girl who had been waiting for a liver transplant for a long time. Thanks to this cross-liver transplant, we were able to find a liver graft from one of our patients, and her mother donated a liver to another patient. I can say that we have achieved an extremely good result."

'WE NEED TO INCREASE ORGAN DONATION'

Yılmaz emphasized the importance of organ donation, saying, "We absolutely need to increase organ donations, and I believe our people are sensitive to this issue. NewHealthI know that our Minister, Mr. Kemal Memişoğlu, is also extremely willing and active in this matter," he said.