

Singapore establishes pancreas transplantation service as national programme

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With the approval by the Ministry of Health (Singapore) for the pancreas transplantation service as a national programme in April 2021, Singapore's National University Hospital (NUH) and Singapore General Hospital (SGH) will continue to collaborate and bring together best practices to further enhance patient care and outcomes in deceased donor pancreas transplantations.

With this programme, Singapore will be the only Southeast Asian country with a pancreas transplant service. The programme is intended for Singaporeans and permanent residents.

The Director of the National Pancreas Transplant Programme (NPTP) is A/Prof Tiong Ho Yee, who is a Senior Consultant in the Adult Kidney & Pancreas Transplantation Programme at National University Centre for Organ Transplantation (NUCOT), and in the Department of Urology at NUH.

NUH and SGH will continue to work together to build expertise and experience in pancreas transplantation. This includes rigorous monitoring of clinical outcomes as well as strengthening of transplant education and research. The national programme will also strengthen processes and outreach efforts to ensure that potential patients at all hospitals are identified and screened for pancreas transplant suitability.