

Mayo Clinic Medical Edge

Domino Liver Transplant

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Intro with music	GIVING YOU THE EDGE ON HEALTHY LIVING, HERE'S MAYO CLINIC MEDICAL EDGE.
[BRAH-ZELL]	JOE BRASSELL SAYS THERE'S STILL LIFE IN THIS 37 PLYMOUTH.
Joe Brassell, patient	"MY IDEA IS TO TAKE THE CAR APART, PUT IT BACK TOGETHER AGAIN."
	JOE SAYS HE'S BEEN TAKEN APART AND PUT BACK TOGETHER TOO. HE HAD HIS HEART AND LIVER TRANSPLANTED AT MAYO CLINIC BECAUSE OF AN INHERITED DISEASE CALLED FAMILIAL AMYLOIDOSIS. IT CAUSED HIS LIVER TO PRODUCE AN ABNORMAL PROTEIN CALLED AMYLOID. THIS PROTEIN BUILDS UP IN OTHER

<p>[NEED-HAM]</p>	<p>PARTS OF THE BODY, ESPECIALLY THE HEART, CAUSING PERMANENT DAMAGE. BECAUSE IT TAKES 30 OR MORE YEARS FOR THE DAMAGE TO SHOW UP, JOE'S LIVER COULD BE TRANSPLANTED INTO SOMEONE ELSE—SOMEONE OVER 50 WHO WON'T LIKELY EXPERIENCE NEGATIVE EFFECTS OF THE PROTEIN. IT'S CALLED A DOMINO TRANSPLANT. AND THAT SOMEONE WAS THOMAS NEEDHAM</p>
<p>Thomas Needham, patient</p>	<p>"THEY SAID YOU HAVE TWO WEEKS TO LIVE. AND I THOUGHT, OH MAN, THAT'S NOT GOOD."</p>
	<p>JOE'S LIVER GAVE THOMAS ANOTHER CHANCE AT LIFE.</p>
<p>Thomas Needham</p>	<p>"EVERY DAY YOU GET UP IS A GIFT."</p>
	<p>FOR MEDICAL EDGE, I'M VIVIEN WILLIAMS.</p>