

Mayo Clinic Medical Edge
Liver Transplant for Hepatitis C

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Intro with music	GIVING YOU THE EDGE ON HEALTHY LIVING, HERE'S MAYO CLINIC MEDICAL EDGE.
	ENJOYING THE OCEAN'S CREATURES IS A PASSION JOHNNY AGUIRE SHARES WITH HIS FAMILY.
	"WE DO SOME COLLECTING OF ANEMOMIES, SEA URCHINS, AND SHELLS."
	BUT THE OCEAN'S BEEN OFF LIMITS FOR A WHILE. LIVER FAILURE CAUSED BY HEPATITIS C KEEPS HIM OUT OF THE WATER. WHAT HAPPENS IS THE VIRUS INFECTS YOUR LIVER CELLS. YOUR BODY'S IMMUNE SYSTEM THEN ATTACKS THESE CELLS AND FORMS SCAR TISSUE. WHEN

	ENOUGH SCAR TISSUE FORMS, THE LIVER STOPS FUNCTIONING.
David Mulligan, M.D.	“AND SO THE TREATMENT IS TO REMOVE THE OLD DAMAGED CIRRHOTIC LIVER AND REPLACE IT WITH A NEW LIVER FROM A DONOR.”
	MAYO CLINIC DR. MULLIGAN SAYS PEOPLE WHO GET LIVER TRANSPLANTS USUALLY DO VERY WELL. THE PROBLEM IS...
Dr. Mulligan	“WE JUST DON’T HAVE ENOUGH ORGANS TO MEET THE DEMAND.”
	JOHNNY WAS ONE OF THE LUCKY ONES. HE’LL SOON BE WELL ENOUGH TO ENJOY THE OCEAN DEPTHS WITH HIS FAMILY AGAIN.
	FOR MORE INFORMATION, TALK TO YOUR DOCTOR OR VISIT MAYOCLINIC.ORG. I’M VIVIEN WILLIAMS.