

TransMedics notches 1st U.S. "breathing lung" transplant

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TransMedics' Organ Care System notches another 1st in accommodating a "breathing lung" transplant, in which a donor lung was delivered to a recipient while kept warm and functioning inside the company's Organ Care System rather than frozen on ice.



Organ-transport system maker TransMedics notched a U.S. 1st in accommodating a "breathing lung" transplant at Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical center.

Using the same technology that made possible the "heart in a box" experiment, in which a donor heart was delivered warm and beating to a recipient rather than frozen in an ice cooler, doctors implanted a 57-year-old man with a functioning and "breathing" lung delivered in TransMedics' Organ Care System.

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