



Please refer to “Our Team” section of the Avera McKennan Transplant Institute web site ([www.averamckennantransplant.com](http://www.averamckennantransplant.com)) for information about the many professionals involved in your care, including their training and experience.

Patients on the wait list are kept informed of transplant physician and surgeon coverage. There may be times when our transplant program holds offers due to a surgeon being unavailable. The Transplant Institute at Avera McKennan has a full-time lead program surgeon, usually supplemented by a full-time second surgeon. When the full-time second surgeon position has had a personnel change, the Transplant Institute attempts to obtain additional coverage with part-time locum tenens surgeon coverage. At those times, it is possible that neither the full-time or part-time surgeon is available, and the program may not be able to take all organ offers. However, this is less likely than programs with only one full-time surgeon and no other coverage plans. At those times, patients who have sufficient time and other factors to receive organ offers continue to accrue time and eligibility for upcoming organ offers. Avera Transplant’s full-time lead kidney and pancreas program physicians are covered by a group of nephrologists with transplant patient care experience, one of whom is on call 24 hours per day, seven days per week, 365 days per year.