#### SPLIT LIVER TRANSPLANTATION

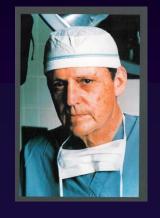
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Jean de Ville de Goyet

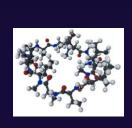
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First clinical Transplant

3 yrs old BA





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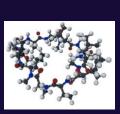


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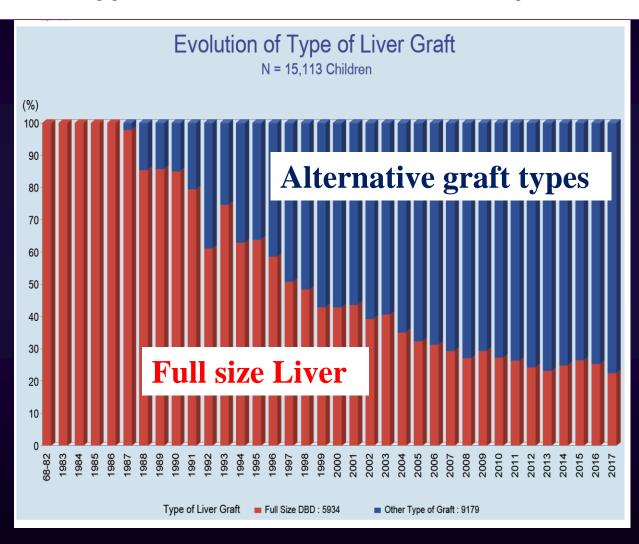
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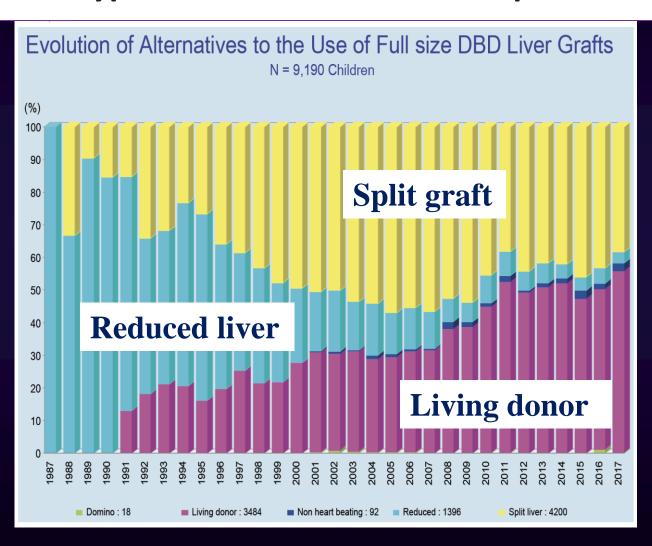


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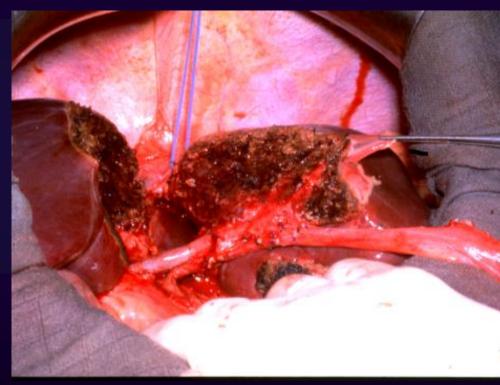


## The TECHNIQUES

## Ex-situ

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#### **Ex-situ**

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Split at Tx center

**Transfert of second graft** 

**Assessment** detailed

**Hemostasis** partial

Ischemic time prolonged

Adaptable ++++

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Logistics	Single donor Team Split at Tx center Transfert of second graft	Two teams in donor hospital
Assessment Hemostasis Ischemic time	detailed partial prolonged	limited excellent standard
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# Split Ex-Situ Back-Table assessment +/- Imaging

Macro + Compare Weigth



**Explore** 

Cholangio

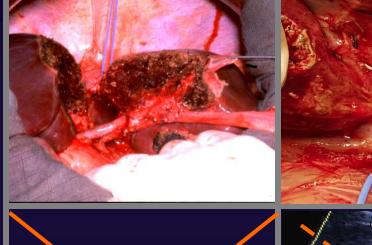




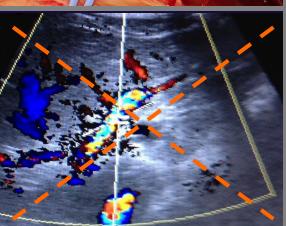
Angio

## Split In-Situ Extemporaneous Surgical assessment

Macro







Limited exploration

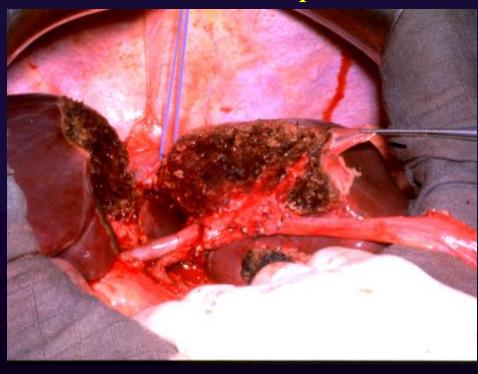
NO Cholangio Usually NO Angiografia

? TAC

? USD

### In-situ splitting in deceased donor

#### Split at Procurement in The donor hospital





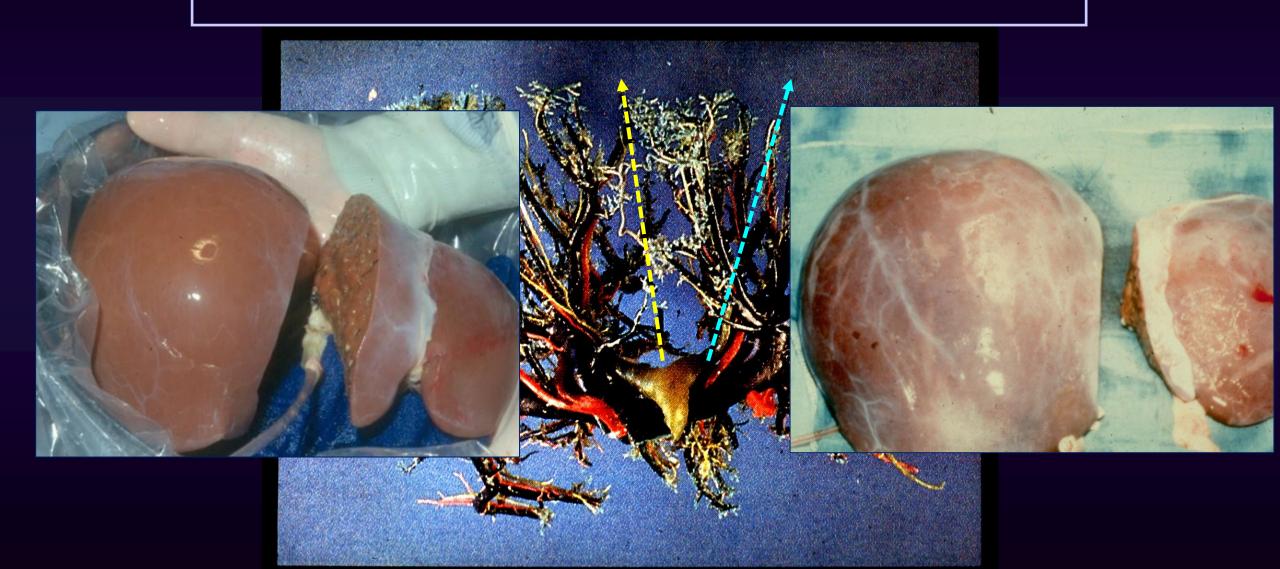
The Liver graft is READY to implant as it arrived in recipient hospital

## The TECHNIQUES

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#### TECHNICAL VARIATIONS

and

#### MOST COMMON LIVER DIVISION

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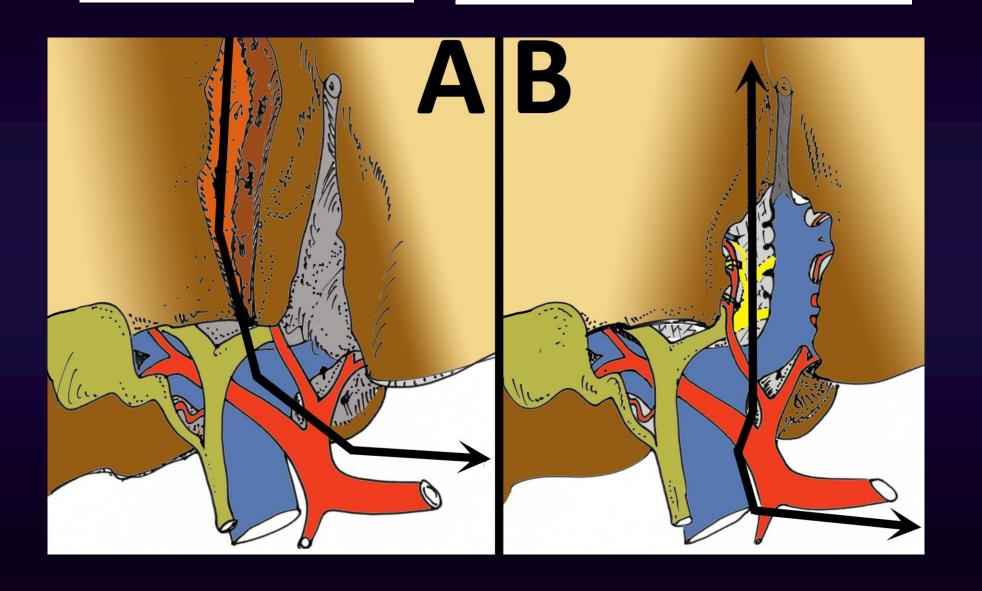
Left lobe liver split graft is the most common split graft (Seg. II + III ) =

- around 300 gr of liver
- with a relatively small cut surface
- and fitting well in the abdomen of most infants

Most frequent division line for In-situ in deceased donor

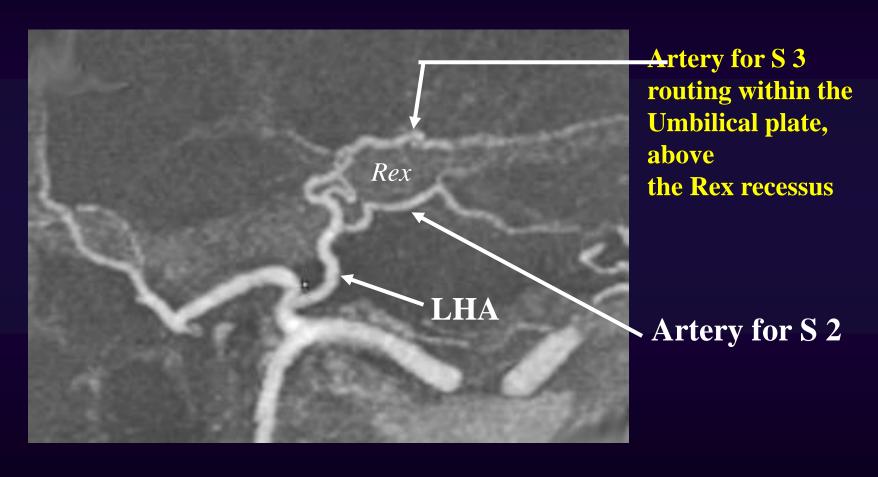
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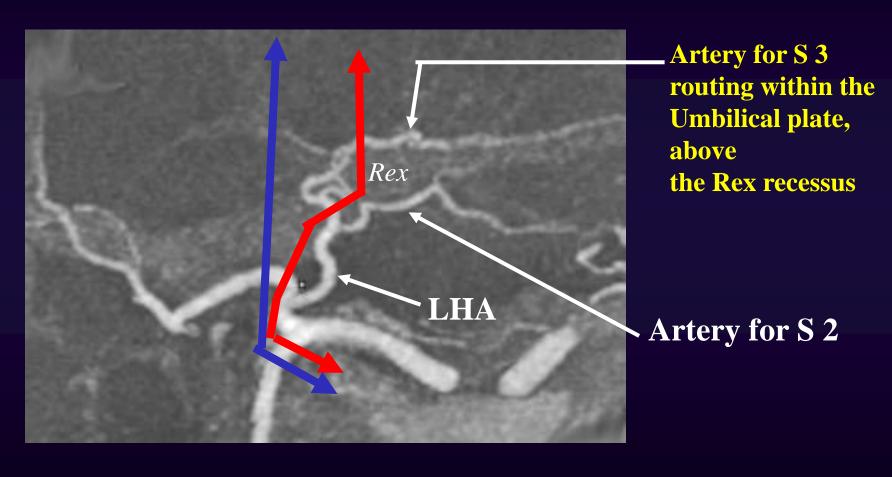
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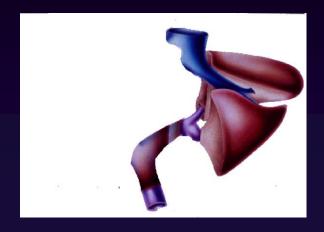


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### More about VARIATION of TECHNIQUE

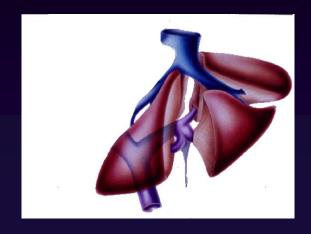
## Adapt to Recipient needs ...



STANDARD LLS (2+3)



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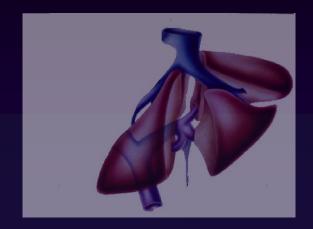


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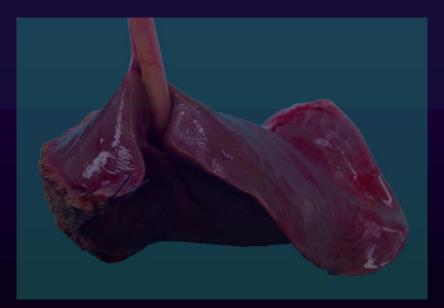
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Reduced LLS graft







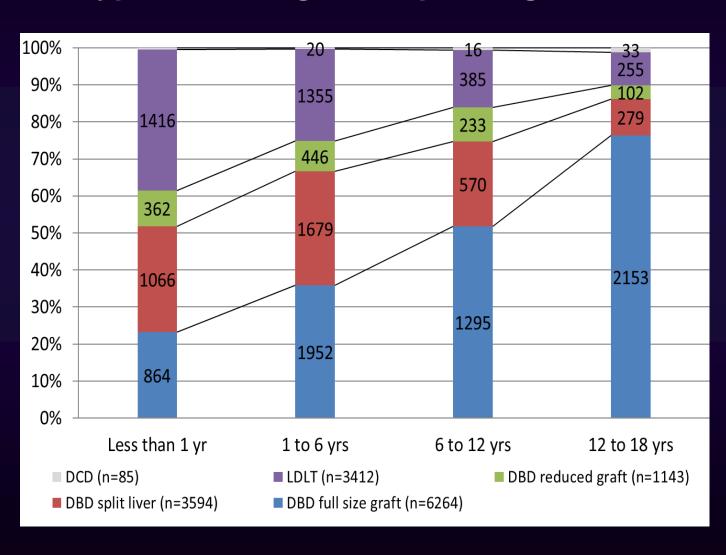
# Adapt to Recipient needs ... Kgs **35**

#### **OUTCOME**

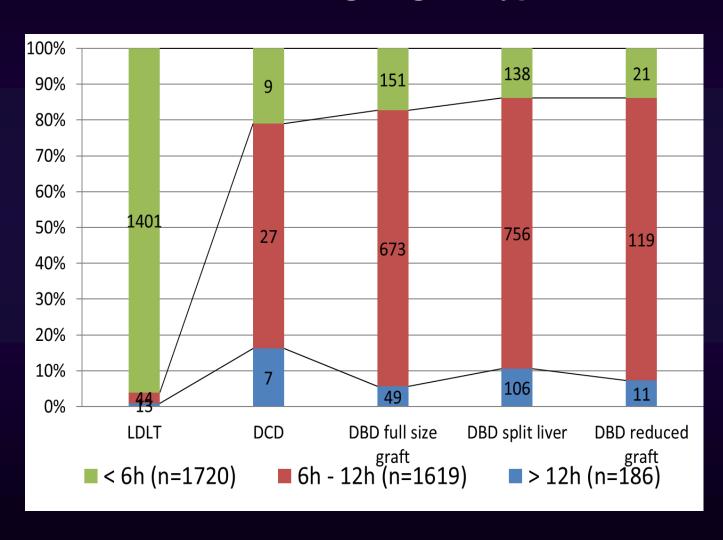
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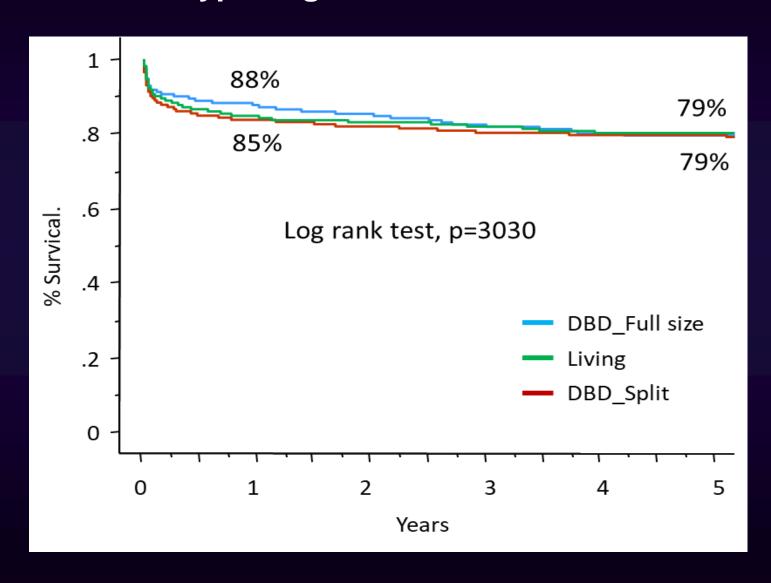
#### **Graft type according to recipient age (2010-2017)**



#### Ischemic time according to graft type, since 2009.



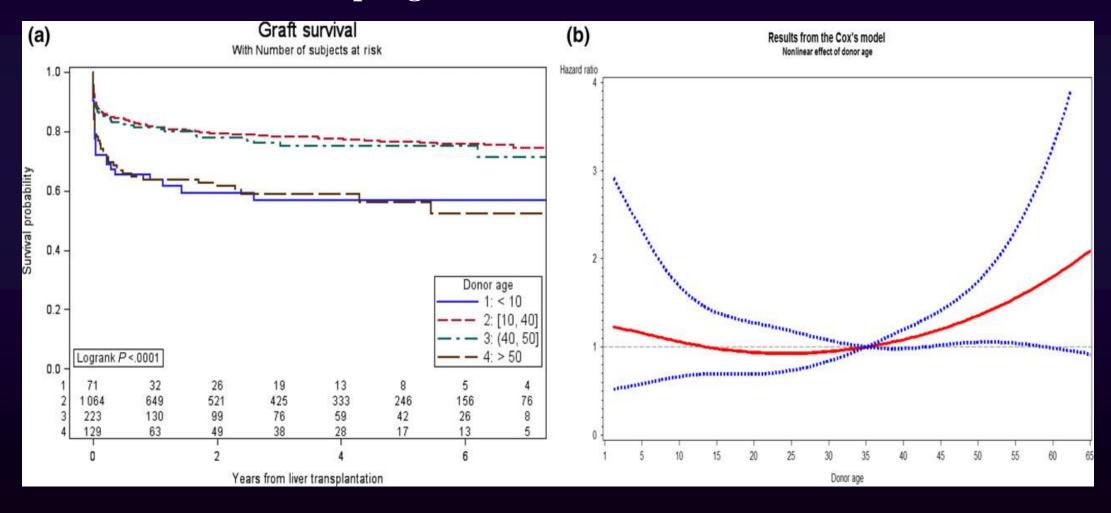
ELTR: Graft survival according to the type of graft since 2010.



#### **DONOR SELECTION**

**Age and Condition** 

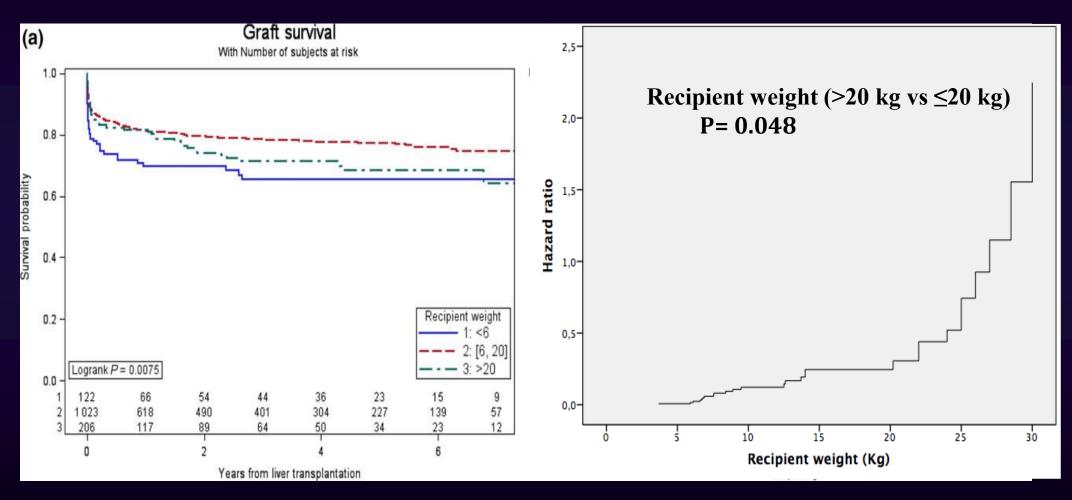
## LEFT SPLIT Graft survival according to donor age (1500 split grafts in children / 2006 - 2016)



#### RECIPIENT SELECTION

Graft weight to recipient weight ratio

# Left split graft survival and estimated hazard ratio according to recipient body weight.





Right lobe split liver graft versus whole liver transplantation: A systematic review by updated traditional and cumulative meta-analysis. *Gavriilidis P, Roberts KJ, Azoulay D.* Dig Liver Dis. 2018

#### Fourteen studies - 6791 patients

Outcome of interest	Number of studies and patients	P value
Primary non-function	5, 4310	.41
3-Month patient survival	3266	.80
1-Year patient survival	6, 3124	.63
3-Year patient survival	5, 4060	.20
5-Year patient survival	6, 2215	.47
3-Month graft survival	2242	.76
1-Year graft survival	7, 3749	.43
3-Year graft survival	6, 3718	.28
5-Year graft survival	7, 3749	.18

Despite the higher postoperative complication rate in the RLSG cohort compared to the WLT cohort,

patient and graft survival were similar between the two groups.

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#### In a context of

- Steadily improving outcomes after liver transplantation
- Growing needs for liver replacement in infants and children
- Decreasing number of pediatric multiorgan donors
- Worsening organ shortage in general
- Splitting livers is a mandatory solution to maximize the number of liver grafts to allocate to those who need Tx
- In combination with living donor option, split transplantation offers a solution for transplanting most children in need

Thank you