





## ROBOTIC LUNG TRANSPLANTATION

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Lung transplantation is an e/ective treatment for respiratory diseases in which medical treatment has been exhausted.

It is a technique that is usually performed using an open approach with a clamshell thoracotomy or two bilateral thoracotomies.

It is usually an aggressive approach for very debilitated patients who are on a transplant waiting list.

Minimally invasive techniques are presented as an alternative to this traditional approach. Although video-assisted thoracoscopic surgery has not been explored in a standardized way in lung transplants, robot-assisted surgery is presented as a feasible, reproducible and minimally invasive technique.

In April 2023, the Vall d'Hebron hospital presented the first fully robot-assisted lung transplant in the world and since then, more procedures have been performed and other transplant centers have started robotic lung transplant programs.