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**WORLD'S SECOND ABIOCOR IMPLANT PERFORMED BY  
LOUISVILLE MEDICAL TEAM**

**Jewish Hospital/University of Louisville team confirms surgery**

(Louisville, Ky.) – The University of Louisville surgeons who implanted the world's first totally implantable heart at Jewish Hospital on July 2 announced today that they performed the second such surgery today. Drs. Laman Gray and Rob Dowling report that the patient, a male in his 70s, is recovering in the intensive care unit and is resting comfortably.

The clinical team requests that members of the media and general public respect the privacy of this patient and his family.

Additional information will be available as the clinical team and patient family feel it is appropriate. The medical team is devoting their time to patient care, their families and mourning over the tragic events of September 11, 2001. Given the circumstances, no current plans have been made regarding news conferences or briefings.

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Jewish Hospital is among the top ten cardiac centers in the United States and, along with the University of Louisville, is dedicated to excellence in clinical care, research and education. University of Louisville surgeons at Jewish Hospital have performed many heart care "firsts," including Kentucky's first heart transplant, the world's first heart transplant following the use of a Thoratec bi-ventricular assist device, the world's first endoscopic saphenous vein harvest and the first ventricular remodeling in the region.