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These are stories of some of the highest-stakes battles in medicine today, told by the people who are pushing the boundaries of medical science – scientists, doctors and researchers, as well as patients and their families. LIFELINE also gives viewers a clear understanding of the medical and scientific issues involved. Topics include the race against time for donor transplants, the increasing success rate of children battling cancer, and more.

## EPISODES INCLUDE:

### Racing Time

Nearly 18,000 people are on the list for liver transplants in this country. This year, fewer than a third of them will receive a liver, and more than 1,000 will die waiting. At New York University, a team of surgeons headed by Dr. Lewis Teperman, works at the cutting edge of science to circumvent the problem of this shortage of available organs.

### Little Miracles

In the past 30 years, due to the work of laboratory scientists and clinical doctors, the survival rate for children with cancer has risen from 20% to 70%. Ultimately, the knowledge gleaned from the treatment of these children is utilized by hospitals around the country, and eventually around the world.

### Solutions For Life

Within the walls of NYU Medical Center, in different disciplines of medical care, teams of doctors are developing techniques and treatments not only to curtail the spread of disease and illness, but also to forever cure patients of their afflictions. Dr. Patrick Kelly is doing cutting edge work in the field of deep brain stimulation, which uses pacemaker-like implants and small electrical shocks to correct disorders that affect the body but originate in the brain.

### The Gene Factor

At Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, a clinical trial for gene therapy treatment of hemophilia is garnering international attention. Hemophilia is a hereditary disease where the gene that produces one of the normal blood clotting factors is missing, causing severe and spontaneous bleeding. We follow trial volunteer Jim Johnson, a 45-year-old hemophiliac from Oklahoma City who is himself a doctor. Growing up in the 1960s, Jim's treatment used to consist of cold packs, bed rest, and occasional blood transfusions. Medicine has come a long way since then.

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