Advanced Heart Failure and Heart Transplant Program
THE TRANSPLANT CENTER

Heart failure is a major health problem in the United States. It currently affects more than five million people. Each year, 400,000 more people are told they have heart failure. It is most common in people who are 65 or older, but it can occur in men or women of any age.

At University of Minnesota Medical Center, our cardiologists are at the forefront of a generation of breakthroughs in advanced heart failure and heart transplant. We are national leaders in innovative research and are equally committed to providing the best possible care for patients and their families. Our 30-year-old heart transplant program is one of the longest-running programs in the world.

Our University of Minnesota Physicians offer the most recent and promising array of treatment options to adults living with advanced heart failure, including heart transplant. Our surgeons have performed more than 680 heart transplants since our program began in 1978.

Adult heart transplant facts

• 75 percent of heart transplant patients at our center survive five years or more. Our 10-year survival rate is well above the national average.

• We are a recognized pioneer in mechanical circulatory support (MCS) bridge to transplant clinical trials. We are one of a handful of sites in the nation that trains surgeons to implant these state-of-the-art technologies. Circulatory support devices implanted at our hospital include Thoratec®, HeartMate II®, Centrimag®, Berlin Heart® and, starting in Fall of 2009, HeartWare®.

• We are a national leader in implanting ventricular assist devices (VADs). We implant about 60 VADs each year.

To make an appointment in the Cardiovascular Center, please call: 612-625-3600.

For more information or to make a referral to the Heart Transplant Program, please call: 612-625-9922 or 800-478-5864.

Clinic Locations:
The Transplant Center, Clinic 2A
Cardiovascular Center, Clinic 3B
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Our experience and innovation makes it possible for most patients to leave the hospital less than two weeks after heart transplant.

Currently we perform about 40 heart transplants annually. This places our program among the top 10 to 15 percent in the nation.

From innovative research to advanced patient care

Our researchers continue to develop innovative strategies to improve outcomes for our patients after transplant. We have ongoing research, both in the lab and in the clinic, related to advanced heart failure, transplant and mechanical assist devices. Our physicians use the most current, proven immunosuppression regimens to prevent organ rejection. We also perform heart transplants in patients with highly advanced and complicated heart failure.

Collaborative, lifelong care

At the Transplant Center, we monitor the patient’s health both before and after transplant in partnership with his or her primary care provider. Our team of dedicated clinicians provides ongoing personalized care for all of our patients, for the rest of their lives. The nation’s longest living heart transplant recipient benefited from our innovative care for more than 25 years following surgery.

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