

CENTER FOR HEART FAILURE THERAPY AND TRANSPLANTATION

For patients with heart failure, the future has never looked more promising.

The Center for Heart Failure Therapy at Emory Hospitals and The Emory Clinic provides state-of-the-art evaluation and therapy for adult patients in various stages of heart failure. More importantly, it offers hope. From congenital heart disease to asymptomatic left ventricular failure to progressive congestive heart failure, our expert team is skilled in the most advanced medical intervention to improve function, prolong life and enhance quality of life.

The Center's comprehensive evaluation and treatment includes options such as medical therapy, FDA-approved investigational drugs and devices, cardiac catheterization, cardiac surgery and, in select patients, heart transplant. We even have a clinic dedicated to the unique set of problems associated with congenital heart disease.

One of the country's most successful heart transplant programs

The coordination and integration of research, education and patient care make Emory's Heart Transplant program a premiere program ranking among the top in the nation in patient survival. The Center is exceptionally experienced in the ability to support patients on artificial heart pumps, known as ventricular assist devices. With an average of 20 heart transplants performed each year by our renowned cardiovascular surgeons, heart transplant patients can be sure they're getting the most innovative and sophisticated care this country has to offer.

On the forefront of research

Emory is leading the way in transplant immunology research to investigate groundbreaking strategies to stop the rejection of transplanted organs. This invaluable research is directed to help patients minimize the toxic side effects of daily immunosuppressant medicines and achieve permanent, long-term acceptance of donor organs. Emory's heart failure program has been a national leader in providing therapies that improve heart failure and prevent the need for transplant. A recently approved three-lead pacemaker has improved the lives

of patients with heart failure.

Emory led the nation in the investigational trials for this device, and this therapy has benefited more than 2,000 patients referred to Emory. Investigational medicines and methods for improving lifestyle constantly are being improved at the Center.

Outcomes consistently above the national average

Despite the severity and scope of heart failure and heart transplantation, the Emory Transplant Center consistently ranks above the national average in patient survival rates. In fact, more than 500 adult heart transplants have been performed through our program since 1988, with a one-year survival rate of 92 percent. By educating heart failure patients and their families on how to become full participants in their own home care, we have been able to improve quality of life significantly while reducing the need for repeated, long-term hospital stays.

When assessing patient eligibility for a heart transplant, the following criteria must be met:

- End-state cardiac disease as a result of poor cardiac function or uncontrollable ventricular arrhythmia that no longer can be treated with medications and/or other surgeries.
- Absence of serious disease or other medical contraindications to immediate and long-term survival.
- Age 68 or younger with a high likelihood of becoming a healthy, productive, functional individual with a life expectancy of at least five to 10 years.
- Full understanding of transplant procedure, its limitations and long-term compliance to follow-up requirements.
- Strong social support network, especially family.
- Free from active drug, nicotine or alcohol abuse.

All transplant procedures are performed on Emory University's main campus at Emory University Hospital.

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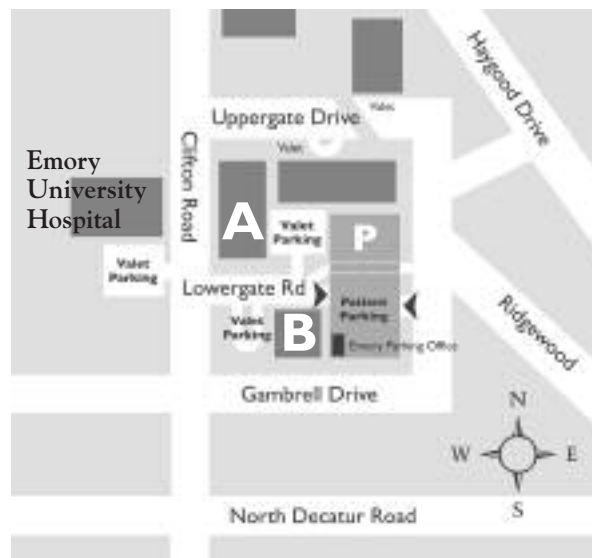
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