Emory Center for Heart Failure Therapy & Transplantation

**Heart Failure Program**

The Center for Heart Failure Therapy (CHFT) at EMORY HEALTHCARE provides evaluation and management services for adult patients with heart failure across the entire spectrum and at all stages of the disease. From asymptomatic left ventricular failure to progressive congestive heart failure, our physician team is skilled in the most advanced medical interventions to improve heart function, prolong life, avoid unnecessary hospitalizations and enhance quality of life.

The Center offers a patient- and family-centered approach to care in which communication with health care providers is encouraged, education about the disease and self-care is provided and decisions regarding care and treatment are made jointly between patients, family members and providers.

In addition to the standard medications, the Center offers cutting-edge options such as FDA-approved and investigational drugs and devices, remote monitoring with implanted physiological sensors, innovative cardiac surgery, heart transplantation and ventricular assist device (VAD) implantation.

**Heart Transplantation Program**

Emory's Heart Transplantation Program ranks among the top centers in the nation. Emory cardiothoracic surgeons have performed:

- More than 500 adult heart transplantations
- More than 200 pediatric heart transplantations

Emory's surgeons perform an average of 23 adult heart transplantations each year, and have a one-year post-transplantation survival rate of 91 percent.

**Ventricular Assist Device (VAD) Program**

Our surgeons are highly experienced with implanting artificial heart pumps, also known as VADs. These devices can be used as bridges to transplantation if a suitable donor is not available for urgent cases or as “destination therapy” in some cases in which transplantation is not an option.

For more information about VADs, visit www.emoryhealthcare.org/lvad.

With the combined strengths of the medical and surgical cardiac teams, heart transplantation and VAD patients can be sure they are receiving the most innovative and sophisticated care available anywhere.

In addition, the CHFT is closely aligned with the Emory Adult Congenital Heart Center (EACH), which focuses on the evaluation and treatment of adults with congenital heart diseases. For more information about this program, visit www.emoryhealthcare.org/cardiac-surgery-congenital.

**When to Refer Your Patient**

Our Heart Failure Therapy & Transplantation Team is dedicated to providing state-of-the-art evaluation and management for adult patients in various stages of heart failure. Those with advanced symptoms may be evaluated for cardiac transplantation, VAD therapy or investigational drug therapy. Our focus is to improve patients heart function, help them feel better, empower them with self-care knowledge and tools to improve their quality of life, decrease their symptoms and reduce their need for repeated hospitalizations.

If your patient has heart failure and you would like a second opinion or to refer him or her for heart transplantation or VAD therapy, consider referring to our highly specialized team.

**How to Refer Your Patient**

To schedule an appointment or make a referral for a patient with heart failure, call 404-778-5273.

The Emory Heart Failure patient referral form is located at www.emoryhealthcare.org/heartfailure. Please fill out this form and fax it back to 404-778-5278.

For more urgent patient transfers and evaluations, please call the Emory Heart & Vascular Transfer Service at 404-778-4930 or 800-43-HEART.

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- 404-778-4930 or 800-43-HEART
- Emory Physician Consult Line:
  - 404-778-5050 or 800-22-EMORY
- Emory HealthConnection™:
  - 404-778-7777 or 800-75-EMORY

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