

Advanced Heart Failure and Cardiac Transplantation Program

The Advanced Heart Failure and Cardiac Transplantation Program at Froedtert & The Medical College of Wisconsin offers comprehensive diagnosis, treatment and management for advanced heart failure and cardiac transplant patients. Our experienced team of specialists offers patients leading-edge treatment choices found only at an academic medical center.

Caring for patients with advanced heart failure requires a host of expertise, resources, experience and compassion. Our Advanced Heart Failure and Cardiac Transplantation Team provides comprehensive treatment for the whole patient, across the entire spectrum of care, including ventricular assist devices (VAD) for both “bridge-to-transplantation” and “destination therapy” as well as cardiac transplantation.

overview

- Experts at Froedtert & The Medical College of Wisconsin have been performing cardiac transplants since 1985. The team has extensive experience in transplant procedures, which have offered excellent long-term outcomes.
- Medical College of Wisconsin physicians are continually participating in and conducting significant research studies to further understand the causes of heart failure and identify innovative treatments.
- Patients may participate in local and national clinical trials, which can give them access to the latest treatment options.
- Not every patient referred to us for possible cardiac transplant will need one. We assess each patient individually to develop the best possible long-term plan of care.
- We pay close attention to where our patients are in their disease and their treatment. Heart failure is a chronic disease requiring lifelong care, and our goal is to help our patients feel as good as they can for as long as possible.
- Medical therapy is generally the first treatment approach for heart failure patients. Our experts aim to optimize individual medication regimens to each patient’s needs.
- A full spectrum of treatment options is offered including state-of-the-art short, intermediate and long-term mechanical circulatory support, as well as both “bridge-to-transplantation” and “destination therapy” ventricular assist devices (VADs).
- The Heart Transplant Clinic provides a central place for pre-transplant evaluation and comprehensive post-transplant care.

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