Your Kidney Transplant Team

Transplant Nephrologist

A physician who is an expert in kidney disease and transplantation. Your transplant nephrologist is responsible for determining your medical need for a transplant, managing your transplant-related medical needs prior to transplant, participates in your care during your transplant admission, and sees you during clinic appointments following your discharge.

Transplant Nephrologist Name __________________________________________________________
Telephone Number ________________________________________________________________

Transplant Surgeon

A physician who performs the kidney and/or pancreas surgery. Your surgeon is responsible for evaluating your medical condition in preparation for surgery, will discuss the transplant with you, will perform the surgery, will monitor your immunosuppressive medications while you are inpatient, and will provide post-operative care for a defined period of time following surgery.

Transplant Surgeon Name ____________________________________________________________
Telephone Number ________________________________________________________________
**Transplant Coordinator (Pre-Transplant)**

A registered nurse who is responsible for managing your case to ensure each detail required for clearance to transplant has been reviewed and approved. Transplant coordinators are the primary link between you and your physicians through the process prior to transplant. Close communication with your transplant coordinator is very important to getting listed, maintaining your listing and being transplanted.

| Transplant Coordinator (Pre-Transplant) Name | ____________________________________________ |
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| Telephone Number | ____________________________________________ |

**Transplant Physician Assistant or Nurse Practitioner**

Physician Assistants (PA) and Nurse Practitioners (NP) are licensed practitioners who work closely with the nephrologists and surgeons to provide medical care to patients before and after transplant. They conduct physical examinations during the pre-transplant evaluation and waiting time. They also follow up with patients in post-transplant clinic under the supervision of the nephrologists or surgeon.

| Transplant Physician Assistant or Nurse Practitioner Name | ____________________________________________ |
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| Telephone Number | ____________________________________________ |
**Transplant Social Worker**

A licensed social worker who helps patients and their families understand and cope with a variety of issues related to their transplant experience such as emotional, family, financial and vocational concerns. The transplant social worker is available to help patients at any point in their transplant care. Transplant social workers also provide a link to resources in the patient’s local community.

Transplant Social Worker Name

Telephone Number

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**Living Donor Advocate (LDA)**

Team member responsible to meet with the potential donors during the evaluation process to represent, advise and protect the living donor, while promoting the best interests of the living donor. They provide education on organ donation, ensure the patient can make an informed decision, ensure they are free from pressure in making their decision, participate in team discussion about living donors, and are available to donors throughout the donation process and beyond. The LDA has the authority to exclude any living donor if they believe donation is not in the best interest of the potential donor and they do not participate in the care of transplant recipients.

Living Donor Advocate (LDA) Name

Telephone Number
Transplant Financial Coordinator

Financial coordinators work with patients and their families to help them understand the various financial aspects of transplantation. They work with your insurance carrier to verify coverage, assist in obtaining prior authorization for transplant services, and work with patients with limited insurance coverage to explore alternative funding opportunities and alert the transplant team of the situation.

Transplant Financial Coordinator Name ____________________________
Telephone Number ____________________________________________

Clinical Research Team

The Clinical Research Team manages the clinical research studies designed to improve the understanding of transplantation and enhance the outcomes for all patients. Research staff responsibilities include identifying eligible patients, informing patients about research options, enrolling patients in research studies, collecting research data and coordinating research care. The research team works closely with the clinical team to provide patients access to cutting edge therapies before they are available everywhere.

Clinical Research Team Names __________________________________
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Telephone Number ____________________________________________
**Transplant Dietitian or Registered Dietitian**

A registered dietician is available to work with you to determine your current nutritional status and then will provide education regarding nutritional needs, restrictions and supplements that may be necessary to keep you as healthy as possible, before and after the transplant.

| Transplant Dietitian or Registered Dietitian Name | ________________________________ |
| Telephone Number | ________________________________ |

**Inpatient Nurse Educator**

A registered nurse who works with you during your transplant admission, teaching you and your family about your medications, wound care, lab schedule and your clinic follow-up plan after discharge.

| Inpatient Nurse Educator Name | ________________________________ |
| Telephone Number | ________________________________ |

**Transplant Pharmacist**

A pharmacist who has knowledge, training and experience in transplant medications is available to work with you, your family and the rest of the transplant team with regard to managing your transplant medications during your entire transplant journey.

| Transplant Pharmacist Name | ________________________________ |
| Telephone Number | ________________________________ |
**Post-Transplant Nurse**

A registered nurse (RN) who specializes in kidney and pancreas disease, and more specifically, in patients with kidney and pancreas transplants. An RN assists the team in providing post-transplant care to the patient. The RN maintains medical information, monitors labs and medications and works closely with the transplant physicians on patient care issues. Patients may have different transplant nurses during the different phases of care post-transplant.

Post-Transplant Nurse Name __________________________________________________________

Telephone Number ________________________________________________________________

**Primary Care Physician (PCP) or Family Physician**

A Primary Care Physician is a title used by insurance companies to identify the physician who is responsible to provide you general medical care and to authorize patient referrals for specialty care.

Primary Care Physician (PCP) or Family Physician Name ________________________________

Telephone Number ________________________________________________________________