Your Liver Transplant Team

Transplant Coordinator

The professional responsible for managing your case to ensure each detail required for clearance to transplant has been reviewed and approved. Transplant coordinators are the primary communication link between you and your physicians through the process prior to transplantation.

Transplant Coordinator Name _______________________________________________________
Telephone Number ________________________________________________________________

Hepatologist

A physician who is an expert in liver disease. Your hepatologist is responsible for determining your medical need for a transplant, managing your medical needs prior to transplant and managing your medical care following transplant.

Transplant Hepatologist Name _____________________________________________________
Telephone Number _______________________________________________________________
Transplant Surgeon

A physician who performs the liver transplant surgery. Your surgeon is responsible for evaluating your medical condition in preparation for transplant surgery, will discuss the transplant with you, will perform the surgery, and will provide post operative care for a defined period following surgery. Since the surgeons on the transplant team have a rotating schedule, the surgeon who performs your surgery may not be the same surgeon you see during the inpatient stay or at clinic visits.

Transplant Surgeon Name ______________________________
Telephone Number ____________________________________

Transplant Physician Assistant

Physician Assistants (PA) are licensed practitioners who work closely with the hepatologists and transplant surgeons to provide medical care to patients before and after transplant. Physician Assistants may be involved in the initial diagnosis of your liver disease, the transplant evaluation, the management of active medical problems and/or medication adjustments.

Physician Assistant Name ______________________________
Telephone Number ____________________________________

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**Pre-Transplant Nurse**
A registered nurse (RN) who specializes in liver disease, and more specifically in patients preparing for transplantation. An RN assists the team in the evaluation, education and pre-transplant care of the patient. An RN maintains patient medical information, monitors labs and medications, and works closely with the transplant physicians on patient care issues.

Pre-Transplant Nurse Name _____________________________________________________________
Telephone Number _________________________________________________________________

**Post-Transplant Nurse**
A registered nurse (RN) who specializes in liver disease, and more specifically in patients after transplantation. 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 post-transplant care.

Post-Transplant Nurse Name __________________________________________________________
Telephone Number _________________________________________________________________
Transplant Unit Staff Nurse

Unit staff nurses work closely with the patient during the transplant inpatient stay. They are responsible for providing patient care, education, and training on tests, medications and follow-up care. Since unit nurses work as a team on a rotating schedule you may have several nurses during your inpatient stay.

Staff Nurse Name(s) ____________________________________________________________
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Telephone Number ___________________________________________________________

Transplant Social Worker

A professional who helps patients and their families understand and cope with a variety of problems (such as emotional, family, financial, vocational) associated with liver disease and the transplant process. Social workers provide ongoing education and support throughout the transplant process and beyond.

Social Worker 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 ____________________________

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.

Financial Coordinator Name __________________________________________________________
Telephone Number ____________________________

Nutritionist

A nutritionist will 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.

Nutritionist Name ____________________________
Telephone Number ____________________________
Clinical Research

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.

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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 for providing you general medical care and to authorize patient referrals for specialty care. If you do not have a managed care insurance policy, the term “family physician” would be more appropriate.

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