

Exceptional care for all forms of heart failure

The Advanced Heart Failure Program of the OHSU Knight Cardiovascular Institute delivers comprehensive and world-class care for patients with some of the most difficult clinical problems in cardiovascular health.

Our board-certified heart failure specialists have expertise in caring for this difficult and multi-morbid disease. Patients receive a collaborative, heart team approach for all stages of heart failure and cardiomyopathy, including mechanical circulatory device implantation and cardiac transplantation.

OHSU relaunched the cardiac transplantation program in 2019, following a brief, elective pause. We resumed transplantation services with a dynamic, new faculty, the result of a competitive national recruitment effort. OHSU has the only program in Oregon accredited by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

As part of the premier academic research institution in the region, OHSU Knight Cardiovascular Institute is pushing the boundaries of possibility and delivering breakthroughs for better health. With multiple clinical trials at OHSU, we ensure that our patients receive access to the most current options for their unique circumstances.

When you send a patient to our program, you can contact our team directly to stay involved in his or her care. As the referring physician, you are a critical part of the team. As your partner, we support your patients and their families at every point along the heart failure journey.

Deborah Meyers, M.D. FRACP FACC
Associate Professor and Section Head
Advanced Heart Failure Services and Transplant

In 2020, OHSU became the first institution to receive the Cardiac Center of Excellence certification from DNV GL, recognizing OHSU for meeting rigorous standards in the care of heart failure, Ventricular Assist Devices (VAD) and chest pain.



About the director

Deborah Meyers, M.D., comes to OHSU after directing heart failure programs at the Salinas Valley Medical Center in Salinas, California, and the Texas Heart Institute at Baylor University in Houston, Texas. She has nearly 20 years of leadership experience in heart transplantation, mechanical circulatory support devices, advanced heart failure and more.



Cardiac Transplantation

OHSU Knight Cardiovascular Institute has the largest and longest-running cardiac transplant program in the region, with a history of excellence. To date, we have performed more than 700 heart transplants. With expert surgical, medical, nursing and immunology services combined with a staff who have decades of experience, our multidisciplinary program can assure patients of optimal short- and long-term outcomes. Our program is approved by the United Network for Organ Sharing and is the only program in Oregon accredited by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

Mechanical Circulatory Support

The Advanced Heart Failure Program offers a range of device therapies for both short-term and long-term durable support. We can use short-term support for procedures that confer a high risk and to support cardiogenic shock patients. We also offer longer-term support with durable devices as bridges to transplant and destination therapy. Once we implant a long-term device, we will monitor the patient closely.

Heart Failure

As heart failure is often multifactorial, our team collaborates with other disciplines and specialists at OHSU to optimize patient health.



From left to right: Fred Tibayan, M.D., surgical director of Advanced Heart Failure and Transplant; Luke Masha, M.D., M.P.H., cardiologist; Johannes Steiner, M.D., medical director of Mechanical Circulatory Support; Nalini Colaco, M.D., Ph.D., cardiologist; Heather Miller-Webb, R.N., heart transplant coordinator.

Cardiogenic shock

We offer advanced ICU care, ECMO, percutaneous and long-term durable support for selected patients.

Medical management

Carefully individualized for each patient, our team considers the symptomatic and functional status of your patient and existing comorbidities. We educate patients to recognize worsening symptoms to avoid hospitalizations.

Coronary artery services

We work with the surgical, interventional and imaging teams to assess the potential for revascularization to improve heart function, even in high-risk patients.

Heart valve disease

We offer sophisticated therapies in coordination with the nationally recognized OHSU Heart Valve Program, known for pioneering work in nonsurgical valve therapies for all four heart valves.

Arrhythmia and pacemaker services

We work closely with electrophysiology services to facilitate care and to assess medications and ablation options to augment patient health.

Cardiovascular clinical trials

The OHSU Knight Cardiovascular Institute leads and participates in dozens of cardiovascular clinical trials, from cardiac risk factors to technology to improve heart failure. For more information about enrolling trials that may benefit your patient, visit ohsu.edu/heart-trials

CardioMEMs services

We use small, implantable monitoring devices to measure filling and pulmonary pressures to monitor patients at home and avoid hospitalizations.

Heart failure education, rehabilitation and home care

Our care team educates patients about diet, lifestyle and medication management. Once we discharge patients, we continue to support them in managing their chronic disease. We offer cardiac rehabilitation for patients in the Portland area or can help locate a program closer to home. We have a network of partner home care agencies to monitor vulnerable patients.

Multidisciplinary team

Advanced Heart Failure

Deborah Meyers, M.D. FRACP
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Johannes Steiner, M.D.,
Medical Director, Mechanical
Circulatory Support
S. Albert Camacho, M.D.
Nalini Colaco, M.D., Ph.D.
Luke Masha, M.D., M.P.H.
Jayne Mitchell, A.N.P.-B.C., C.H.F.N.
Erin Knoll, RN
Medea Denson, RN

Surgeons

Howard Song, M.D., Ph.D.,
chief of cardiothoracic surgery
Fred Tibayan, M.D.,
surgery director for heart failure
and transplant
Castigliano Bhamidipati, D.O.,
Ph.D., M.Sc.
Gurion Lantz, M.D.

VAD Coordinators

Amanda Thomas, RN, BSN,
Lead VAD coordinator
Joshua Montgomery, RN, BSN
Jennifer Worth, RN, BSN

Transplant Coordinators

Ginger Hawley, RN, BSN, P.C.C.N.
Heather Miller-Webb, RN, BSN,
C.P.T.C.
Lora Schrock, RN, BSN
Tonja Spencer, RN, BSN, M.P.H.

Transplant Pharmacists

Ali Olyaei, Pharm.D.
Alyssa Rabon, Pharm.D.

Social Worker

Kaitlyn Jungblut, MSW

Cardiovascular Resources and Support Services

Multi-organ Failure Services: On-site access to the expertise offered by other organ transplant programs, including liver and kidney.

Immunogenetics and Transplantation Lab: On-site tissue compatibility testing.

Cardiovascular Intensive Care Unit: A 24/7 unit for the sickest cardiovascular patients.

Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation: On-site or emergency transport for cardiogenic shock, heart failure, sepsis.

Cardiac Rehabilitation: A physician-supervised exercise and education program.

Locations

Peter O. Kohler Pavilion
808 S.W. Campus Drive
Portland, Oregon 97239

Physician's Pavilion
3270 SW Pavilion Loop
Portland, Oregon 97239

Center for Health & Healing Building 1
3303 S.W. Bond Avenue
Portland, Oregon 97239

OHSU Beaverton Cardiology Clinic
15700 S.W. Greystone Court
Beaverton, OR 97006

Your partner for cardiovascular disease

Heart failure can be complex to treat, but we are regularly making advances in therapies at the OHSU Advanced Heart Failure Program. That's why as your partner in the comprehensive care of patients experiencing heart failure, we can assure you of our support. We are always happy to discuss a case, provide consultation or a second opinion. To refer a patient, please fax to 503-346-6854.

Make a referral

Find forms and additional information at www.ohsu.edu/health/physician-advice-and-referrals.

- You will be a partner in care, with information at every step.
- OHSU Connect gives you real-time access to your patient's shared electronic medical record.

Physician Advice & Referral Service

Fax patient referrals to 503-346-6854.

For physician advice, call 800-245-6478

OHSU Transfer Center

Call 503-494-7000 or 800-648-6478

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