

# Pediatric Heart Transplant

Just a reminder that we should contact the Pediatric Heart Transplant team IMMEDIATELY upon the presentation of a child that is s/p cardiac transplant. This team is separate from regular Peds Cardiology. The docs have assured me that there should be NO pushback and they are very eager to be involved up front with these very "at risk" patients. Also, they can be an invaluable partner in expediting care and implementing appropriate workup and placement. Their phone numbers are:

Transplant Office 352-265-0665 (to reach coordinators Barbara Williams, Terry Sexton, Kelli Harker)

Dr. Fricker (mobile) 352-262-5532

Dr. Wallis (Mobile) 352-327-8602

The coordinators should be called first but if there is ANY problem getting in touch with them, please call the physician on-call. It will always be either Dr. Fricker or Dr. Wallis.

I have also provided these numbers to Nursing and have asked that if a patient identifies themselves as having had a heart transplant that the RN immediately call the coordinator who should then contact the attending. Please graciously accept this call and realize that it is only an effort to get the children more timely and appropriate care.

Everyone's goal is to provide timely and appropriate care....this process is not meant to usurp our responsibility or ownership but rather to quickly identify a very high risk group of patients.

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