

JEFFERSON TRANSPLANT INSTITUTE YEAR IN REVIEW HIGHLIGHTS



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JEFFERSON TRANSPLANT INSTITUTE PROGRAM UPDATES

- Opened Jefferson's first dedicated abdominal transplant unit on the 3rd Floor of the Gibbon Building
- Maintained Scientific Registry of Transplant Recipients (SRTR) ratings among the best in the region for all organ programs
- Established Major General A.K. Singh Transplant Transportation Fund, raising more than \$23,000 to date to alleviate transportation financial burdens for our patients
- Consented 70 patients to receive hepatitis C virus (HCV) positive donor to HCV negative recipient transplants and transplanted 9 HCV+ organs
- Worked closely with Jefferson's histocompatibility lab to improve access to available organs for patients who experience long wait times and reduced access due to an immunologic barrier, enabling kidney transplantation of 3 patients
- Created electronic Living Donor Health Assessment form with seamless submission to our team resulting in 42 submissions within the first 3 months
- Created electronic kidney transplant referral form and shared with referring physicians and dialysis centers resulting in 25 referrals received electronically within the first 2 months
- Went "live" with kidney transplant decision support-referral at Jefferson's hospitals in Center City, South Philadelphia and New Jersey which to date has resulted in 9 additional referrals per week
- Revised transfer center process for heart transplant to streamline notifications, enhance huddle coordination and eliminate third-party expense
- Opened new satellite clinic for kidney transplant evaluations in Bala Cynwyd, PA
- Completed offsite DaVita/FMC social work and financial education sessions via Zoom
- Established twice monthly liver transplant support group via Zoom

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- Established Kidney Champion Buddy Program and Kidney Champion Support sessions
- Secured on-site phlebotomist in Nicoletti Kidney Transplant Center for post-transplant clinic to enhance the patient experience
- Hosted 6 HCV patient-facing education sessions for waitlisted patients with support of the multidisciplinary team
- Established twice monthly Living Donor Educational Sessions to target recent recipient evaluation and waitlisted patients
- Completed numerous outreach sessions with hospitalists throughout Jefferson Health and consulting nephrology practices
- Relocated surgery post-liver transplant clinic to the Medical Office Building (MOB) to enhance patient and provider experience
- Successfully educated patients and altered processes due to liver allocation changes
- Developed comprehensive heart pre-transplant/VAD educational materials
- Re-designed Jefferson Transplant Institute's mortality committee
- Abstract submission for quality initiatives to the Health Care Improvement Foundation and UNOS Transplant Management Forum
- Finalized telehealth publications and represented Jefferson by presenting at national webinars
- Developed structure for quarterly business reviews with partnering specialty pharmacies

JEFFERSON TRANSPLANT INSTITUTE & COVID-19

- Developed voluntary weekly COVID-19 testing on transplant unit, testing over 170 employees per month
- Coordinated direct admission process for patients coming in for transplant to avoid admission via ED
- Immediately modified in-office and clinic setting practices to adhere strictly to social distancing, mask and face shield usage, and sanitation guidelines to secure patient and staff safety
- Quickly pivoted to utilizing telehealth to continue care of our patients during the COVID-19 crisis, converting hundreds of appointments over a few short weeks from in-person to telehealth
- Communicated numerous updates to our patients and colleagues via MyChart and email throughout the pandemic
- Hosted three webinars with our physicians and surgeons to directly connect with our patients
- Collected informative data on all COVID-19 positive post-transplant and waitlisted patients

