

Advanced Heart Failure, Heart Transplant & Mechanical Circulatory Support Programs

AdventHealth Transplant Institute

In 2012, AdventHealth established the first and only heart transplantation program in Orlando. This comprehensive program provides patients with access to the most advanced sub-specialized care available. Our skilled team of registered nurses, licensed clinical social workers, registered dietitians and transplant coordinators is committed to working with our patients throughout the transplantation process.

Our Physicians



Nirav Y. Raval, MD
Medical Director of Thoracic Transplant Programs
Education: Northern Ohio University
Residency: Barnes-Jewish Hospital/ Washington University
Fellowship: Tulane University

Prior to joining AdventHealth, Dr. Raval served as the medical director of the heart transplantation and circulatory device program at Piedmont Heart Institute in Atlanta, Georgia.



Donald M. Botta, Jr., MD
Surgical Director of Heart Transplant and Mechanical Circulatory Support Programs
Education: University of Alabama
Residency: University of Tennessee
Fellowship: Yale University

Prior to joining AdventHealth, Dr. Botta served as the surgical director of cardiac transplantation and director of mechanical circulatory support at Yale University School of Medicine in New Haven, Connecticut.



Scott C. Silvestry, MD
Surgical Director of Thoracic Transplant
Education: University of Pennsylvania
Residency: Duke University
Fellowship: Duke University

Prior to joining AdventHealth, Dr. Silvestry served as associate professor and surgical director of the cardiac transplantation and ventricular assist division of cardiothoracic surgery at Barnes-Jewish Hospital/Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, Missouri.



Linda Bogar, MD
Heart and Lung Transplant Surgeon
Education: Temple University School of Medicine
Residency: Temple University Hospital and Thomas Jefferson University Hospital
Fellowship: Temple University Hospital

Prior to joining AdventHealth, Dr. Bogar served as the Surgical Director of the Heart Transplant and Mechanical Circulatory Support program at Inova Alexandria Hospital in Alexandria, VA.



Simon F. Shakar, MD
Advanced Heart Failure/ Transplant Cardiologist
Education: University of Saint Joseph, Lebanon
Residency: University of Mississippi
Fellowship: University of Colorado

Dr. Shakar served as the director of heart failure services and was an associate professor in the department of medicine at the University of Colorado prior to joining AdventHealth.



Andrija Vidic, DO
Advanced Heart Failure/ Transplant Cardiologist
Education: Des Moines University
Residency: St. Louis University
Fellowship: St. Louis University, University of Utah

Prior to joining AdventHealth, Dr. Vidic was at the University of Utah, where he completed his advanced heart failure and cardiac transplant fellowship.



Naveen Bellam, MD, MPH
Advanced Heart Failure/Transplant Cardiologist
Education: Marshall University
Residency: Emory University
Fellowship: Thomas Jefferson University, University of California Los Angeles

Prior to joining AdventHealth, Dr. Bellam was part of one of the busiest heart transplantation centers in the world at UCLA, where more than 2,000 such operations have taken place.



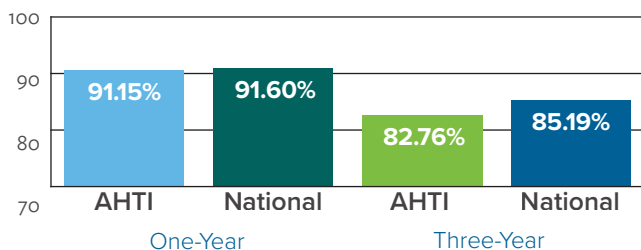
Joseph Boyer, MD
Heart and Lung Transplant Surgeon
Education: Marshall University
Residency: SUNY Upstate Medical Center
Fellowship: SUNY Upstate Medical Center, Loyola Chicago Stritch School of Medicine

Treating Advanced Heart Failure

The heart program at AdventHealth Transplant Institute treats patients with advanced heart failure through medical management in our advanced heart failure clinic, heart transplant, thoracic surgery and/or ventricular assist device (VAD) implants. VADs can be used as a bridge to help a heart failure patient survive while awaiting a heart transplant, or as a permanent treatment for a patient needing chronic heart failure support, but who is not a candidate for heart transplant.

Our Outcomes & Wait Times

HEART PATIENT SURVIVAL RATES*



*Source: Scientific Registry of Transplant Recipients, January 2019



MEDIAN WAIT TIME:

2.8 MONTHS

For Region and US, median wait times are 9.4 and 8.4 months respectively.

AdventHealth Transplant Institute
 2415 North Orange Avenue, Suite 700
 Orlando, FL 32804
 407-303-2474 | 407-303-0684 FAX
 Satellite Advanced Heart Failure Clinic** located at:

The Villages Center for Health
 8575 Northeast 138th Lane, Suite 101
 Lady Lake, FL 32159

To request an appointment at our Villages location, please contact Celeste Wilburn at 407-303-2965.

**3rd Thursday of each month

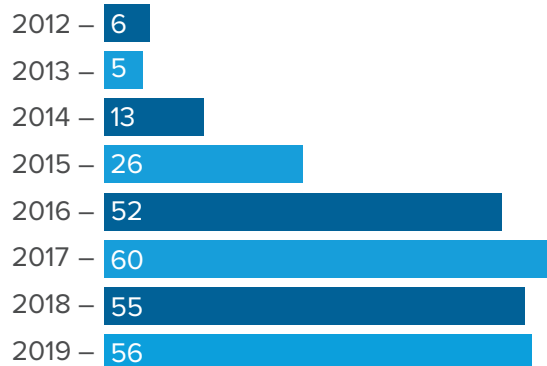
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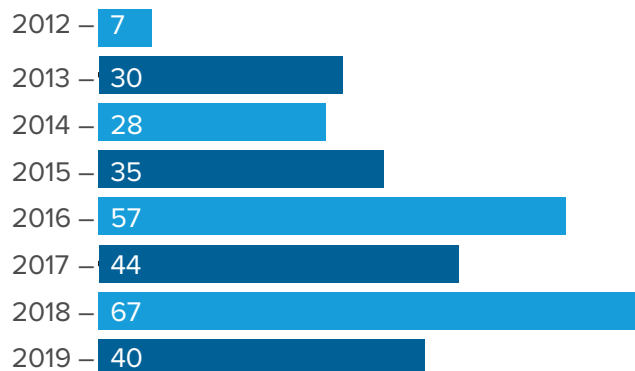
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Our Volumes

HEART TRANSPLANTS



VAD IMPLANTS



For new patient referrals, please contact one of our dedicated intake specialists 407-303-2474 or fax records to 407-303-0894.

