

HEART FAILURE AND HEART TRANSPLANT PROGRAM

The Children's Minnesota Heart Failure and Heart Transplant (HFHT) program was launched in 2018. The addition of the HFHT services has allowed Children's Minnesota to provide the most comprehensive pediatric cardiac care to children in the region. In February 2020, the HFHT program received certification from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). Our experienced team and strong commitment to care for these patients have made this a highly successful program.

The HFHT multidisciplinary team includes medical and surgical experts in heart failure and heart transplantation, transplant nurse practitioners, pharmacists, nutritionists and social workers. Additionally, the team is supported by specialists in immunology, infectious disease and palliative care. This allows us to provide complete care to pediatric heart failure and heart transplant patients.

Since the program began, there have been 26 patients listed for transplant, 125 heart failure consults and six heart transplants. We evaluate and treat heart failure patients using the latest approaches and technology, including pediatric ventricular assist devices (VADs). These surgically implanted heart devices help the sickest patients survive until a suitable donor heart becomes available.

Our transplant outcomes are among the best, which has gained attention in the HFHT community and attracted patients from across the region. Children's Minnesota is well on its way to becoming a high-volume pediatric heart transplant center.

2018 to present:

26

patients listed for transplant

6+

transplanted patients

6

VADs

125

heart failure consults