



Center for Circulatory Support Program

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Dear Patient,

Welcome to the Center for Circulatory Support Program at the University of Michigan Frankel Cardiovascular Center! Our staff specializes in the care of patients with VADs. We want you to be involved in your care. We encourage you to speak up if you have questions or concerns or if something does not seem quite right.

Meet Our Core Team:

As a patient, it is important to know the members of your care team. We have provided a list of individuals you may have contact with during your hospital stay and ongoing outpatient care.

Multidisciplinary Team

Francis Pagani, MD
*Program Surgical Director
Cardiac Surgeon*

Brad Dyke, MD
Cardiologist

John Nicklas, MD
Cardiologist

Jonathan Haft, MD
Cardiac Surgeon

Reema Hasan, MD
Cardiologist

Maryse Palardy, MD
Cardiologist

Keith Aaronson, MD
*Program Medical Director
Cardiologist*

Scott Hummel, MD
Cardiologist

Audrey Wu, MD
Cardiologist

Abbas Bitar, MD
Cardiologist

Todd Koelling, MD
Cardiologist

Monica Colvin, MD
Cardiologist

Matthew Konerman, MD
Cardiologist

Program Manager

Caty Johnson, MSN, RN



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Clinical Team

Kevin Knott, PA-C
Physician Assistant

Tracey Romans, NP-C
Nurse Practitioner

Angela Rose, PA-C
Physician Assistant

Deb Blissick, BSN, RN,
CHFNP
VAD Coordinator

Heidi Haynes, BSN, RN
VAD Coordinator

MJ Melong, BSN, RN
*Education Nurse
Coordinator &
VAD Coordinator*

Teresa Colaianne, BSN, RN
VAD Coordinator

Rená Lucier, MS, RN
VAD Coordinator

Research Team

Lydia K McGowan, MS,
CCRP
*Clinical Research
Project Manager*

Alondra Dorsey
*Clinical Subject
Coordinator*

Adrienne Porter, BA
*Clinical Research
Coordinator*

Support Team

Stacy Haverstick, BSN, RN,
PCCN
Clinical Information Analyst

Jodi Hutchison
Medical Assistant Specialist

Andy Griffith
Equipment Specialist

Mandi Larson
Administrative Assistant

Shawn Tuck
Equipment Specialist



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What do I do if I have Concerns?

Emergency

If you are experiencing an emergent alarm or emergency situation, call the VAD emergency number at **(734) 477-6722**. A member of the VAD team is on-call 24 hours a day/7 days a week.

Non-Emergency

If you have a non-emergency question (i.e. verifying clinic appointment, medication refills or general questions), please call **(734) 615-3068** Monday through Friday from 8:00am-5:00pm.

Reason for Call	Number to Call
Routine care and questions	(734) 615-3068
Appointment scheduling/rescheduling	(734) 615-3068
Emergency during office hours	(734) 477-6722
Emergency after hours	(734) 477-6722

What support and resources are available?

We strongly recommend joining the VAD Patient and Family Support Group. Call the Adult Heart Transplant and Center for Circulatory Support Social Work office **(734)763-9788** for more information. Our website is an excellent resource to learn more: <https://medicine.umich.edu/dept/cardiac-surgery/patient-information/adult-cardiac-surgery/vad-program>

We look forward to working with you and your family! We want you to be involved in your care. We encourage you to speak up if you have questions or concerns or if something does not seem quite right.

Sincerely,

The Center for Circulatory Support Program Staff