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Service Line Updates

Outpatient Parenteral Antimicrobial Therapy (OPAT) Program

The Outpatient Parenteral Antimicrobial Therapy (OPAT) Program provides a critical service to oversee the transition from inpatient to outpatient for patients receiving either intravenous or “high risk” oral antibiotics which allows patients to be discharged while still receiving safe and effective antimicrobial therapy. Most patients start on these antibiotics while in the hospital and the OPAT service allows them to continue to receive treatment at home or in a skilled nursing facility. This helps to allow patients to live their lives with as minimal disruption as possible and begin the next stage of their healing journeys out of the medical center.

All patients enrolled in OPAT will be seen as outpatients by physicians across the [Division of Infectious Diseases](#). The dedicated, multidisciplinary OPAT team at BIDMC includes:

- **Jeffrey Lanard, MD**, Director of the OPAT Program and Attending Physician in the Division of Infectious Diseases
- Nursing team comprised of **Kaitlin Morse, RN**, **Barbara Turk, RN**, and **Margaret Nelson, RN**
- **Karla Franklin**, who serves as the OPAT Service Coordinator
- Advanced Practice Providers **Kyleen Swords, DNP, FNP-BC**, and **Joe McNamara, FNP**
- **Monica Mahoney, PharmD, BCPS, BCIDP, FCCP, FIDSA, FIDP**, Clinical Pharmacy Specialist in Infectious Diseases

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Our OPAT service oversees between 70-90 patients on any given day. The team collaborates closely with our colleagues in Hospital Medicine, Cardiology, and the Department of Surgery, including Orthopedic, Cardiac, Plastic, Colorectal, and Neurosurgical patients. By ensuring patients continue to receive high-quality care at home, OPAT ensures our inpatient care services in the hospital can continue to thrive.

Inpatients are assessed for OPAT needs prior to discharge and providers can request a consultation from the Infectious Diseases service by placing a request in POE. If you have an outpatient with OPAT service needs, you can contact the Infectious Diseases clinic by placing an order in OMR. With urgent needs or questions, please contact Dr. Lanard via email at jclarnar@bidmc.harvard.edu.

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BILH Heart Transplant Program

We are delighted to announce the **official launch of the [BILH Heart Transplant Program](#)**, the first new program of its kind launched in New England in decades. Based at BIDMC, the program is led by a team of advanced heart failure physicians in our **Division of Cardiovascular Medicine** working together with experienced surgeons, cardiac anesthesiologists, nurses, pharmacists, social workers, and support staff from across the BILH system with tremendous expertise in all aspects of heart transplantation. The program is led by **A. Reshad Garan, MD**, Director of Advanced Heart Failure and Transplantation, and Masashi Kai, MD, Surgical Director of the Heart Transplant Program.

To date, the team has completed several heart transplants and all are recovering well from surgery. Our team offers a comprehensive evaluation to determine the best plan of care. Patients work with a transplant coordinator to schedule tests and specialist visits as a part of this process. To request a heart transplant evaluation, please call **617-632-8628**.

[Click here to view a video on the heart transplant program](#) and [here to visit their website to learn more](#).

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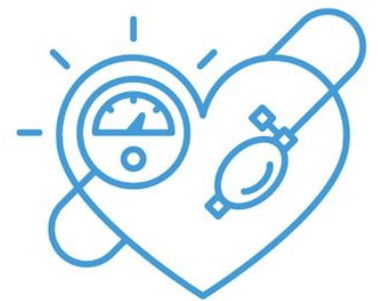
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Complex Hypertension Clinic

The [Complex Hypertension Clinic](#) is designed to comprehensively evaluate and treat patients with elevated blood pressure despite the use of multiple medications.

Services

- Manage resistant hypertension
- Titrate medications
- Assess secondary causes of hypertension
- Evaluate and manage renal artery stenosis
- Provide 24-hour ambulatory blood pressure monitoring (ABPM)



The Complex Hypertension Clinic also offers access to clinical trials for appropriate patients. The multidisciplinary team includes physicians from Cardiology, Endocrinology, Diabetes & Metabolism, General Medicine, Interventional Cardiology, and Nephrology.

Questions & Referrals: complexHTN@bidmc.harvard.edu

Appointments: [617-667-8800](tel:617-667-8800)

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