

HEART TRANSPLANT & CARDIAC CARE UNITS

Sharing Knowledge & Promoting Excellence

Loyola University Health System is nationally recognized for their pioneering research and advances in medicine. Their technology and success in area of cardiovascular services has earned Loyola numerous honors, including a recent acclaim as the Top Heart Hospital in Chicago and Illinois.

Loyola University Health System's 70-acre campus includes a 523-bed teaching hospital, a Level 1 Trauma Center, a regionally recognized Burn Center, the Cardinal Bernardin Cancer Center, the Ronald McDonald* Children's Hospital, the Stritch School of Medicine and the Loyola Outpatient Center.

HEART TRANSPLANT UNIT (HTU)

Loyola's Heart Transplant Program is one of the most active programs in the United States. This life saving treatment is provided by the most experienced and successful heart transplant team in Illinois. This closed unit consists of 10 private rooms, all equipped for ICU monitoring. RNs care for both pre- and post-operative patients. Patients with Heart failure and complications after transplant are also cared for in this unit.

Treatments include assist devices such as Intra-Aortic Balloon Pump Therapy (IABP), Ventricular-Assist Device (VAD) and Total Artificial Heart (TAH). Nurses will perform Swan Ganz monitoring, dialysis, diabetes management, administration of blood products, care of patients post-heart biopsy, as well as providing patients with education on medications and lifestyle changes.

CARDIAC CARE UNIT (CCU)

The Cardiac Care Unit has a very high patient acuity. Many are flown to Loyola via Lifestar helicopter to benefit from the expertise in nursing and physician care. This unit consists of 8 private rooms, all equipped for ICU monitoring. Patients' heart rhythms can be monitored in their room and from the central nursing station using cardiac monitors.

Patient populations in the Cardiac Care Unit include Rule-out Myocardium Infarction (R/O MI), CABG, Angioplasty, Angiogram, Myocardium Infarction, Septal Ablation for Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy, Advance/Decompensated Heart Failure, Unstable Angina, Pacemaker Implantation, AICDs and Cardioversion.

OUR TEAM

It takes a team of professionals to achieve positive patient outcomes. This team includes Physicians, a Nurse Manager, Staff RNs, Patient Care Techs, a Unit Secretary and Service Associates.

NURSE ORIENTATION

Loyola provides an extensive one-week orientation covering a variety of nursing and computer skills. Additional training is provided for Critical Care and EKG. A separate education class is provided to RNs in the Heart Transplant Unit, training them on all aspects of care specific to that patient population. Unit orientation varies from 8-14 weeks depending on experience.

NURSING SCHEDULES

Loyola offers three 12-hr. shifts, 7 am - 7 pm, a full 40-hr. week, working a 12-hr shift every 3rd weekend, (part-time schedules are also available).

BENEFITS

Loyola University Health System offers RNs a competitive salary and benefits package. These benefits include medical, dental, vision & life insurance, vacation accrual, 10 paid holidays, paid personal, sick and bonus days, a pension plan, a matched retirement savings plan, a Nursing Clinical Ladder Program, an on-site Fitness Center, tuition assistance at Loyola University Chicago and much more. Loyola also extends many of the same benefits to part-time RNs hired for a minimum of 20 hrs./wk. on a pro-rated basis.

For additional information on Cardiovascular Services provided by Loyola University Health System, please visit our website at: <http://www.luhs.org/svcline/cv>

For information on career opportunities in the Heart Transplant or Cardiac Care Units, please contact:

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Loyola's Cardiovascular Services combine the most advanced technologies, an established tradition of excellence and the talents of dedicated health care professionals to offer comprehensive care in every cardiology and cardiovascular surgery subspecialty.



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