

Welcome to the John C. McDonald Monthly Newsletter!

Our goal with this newsletter is to cultivate relationships with our referring providers and patients. Each month we will briefly discuss different topics that you, the providers and patients, have submitted for areas of interest. Please let me or Emily DeMoss, outreach coordinator, know if there are subjects you want us to address in this newsletter.

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KIDNEY



PANCREAS



LIVER

OUTREACH AND CORONAVIRUS

We are Here on Teams!

While coronavirus has limited her ability to visit our providers and patients, our outreach coordinator, Emily DeMoss, has been hard at work within the transplant center, filling multiple roles. Although in-person outreach is still not permitted at all locations, Emily can offer virtual visits via Microsoft Teams.



You can participate with the Teams app, which is free to download to your PC or handheld device. Go to microsoft.com/en-us/microsoft-teams/download-app to download.

If you have a different preferred method of virtual meetings let us know. We are flexible.

Emily is currently scheduling meetings with providers and patients via Teams on the following days and times:

TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY, 8 A.M. TO NOON

FRIDAY, NOON TO 3:30 P.M.

If none of these times work for you, send Emily an email, and she will work with you to schedule a time that is beneficial to you or your patients.



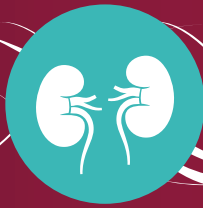
TRANSPLANT TIDBITS: *Pharmacy*

We have achieved many victories in our fight against the challenging COVID-19 virus. As a country we have faced numerous things, including uncertainty, loss of jobs, friends, family members, and more.

The death toll worldwide has surpassed 1 million deaths, but there is finally hope in new vaccines that have come to our aid. A nationwide authorization has been approved for pharmacists to conduct COVID-19 testing and the administration of immunizations very soon.

Many medical advancements should take place during 2021, which will bring us closer to victory over this virus. This will allow us to return to a safer, and more normal daily routine that we remember in the years preceding this pandemic.

FROM **Glenn Bernatowicz**, *transplant pharmacist*



OUTSTANDING *Quarterly Employee:*

This quarter, the transplant center nominates **Lori Roy** for her outstanding work within the center. Lori is our transplant dietitian and went above and beyond this last

quarter filling in while another employee was out on leave. We appreciate Lori and her passion for transplant patients. She is driven and inspiring. *Thank you, Lori, for motivating our patients to reach their weight loss goals.*

IMPORTANT DATES and *Upcoming Events:*

Recurring:

- Kidney Education Dates: Every Tuesday and Wednesday
- Liver Education Dates: Every Thursday

REMINDERS:

Remember to draw your transplant patient's lab and have that sent to our HLA lab at Willis-Knighton Medical Center.



Remember to contact the transplant center each time:

- Patient has changes to dialysis
- Patient transfers to or from your center
- Patient has expired
- Abnormal changes to patient's weight

CONTACT INFORMATION:



- Main Line (318) 212-4275
- Kidney Intake Coordinator: (318) 212-8140
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- Liver Intake Coordinator: (318) 212-4213
o Fax Number: (318) 212-4957
- Main Fax Line: (318) 212-4555
- Outreach Coordinator: (318) 212-4593

TRANSPLANTS

within the month and year to date:

December 2020 Transplants:

- Liver - 1
- Liver/Kidney - 0
- Kidney - 3
- Kidney/Pancreas - 1
- Pancreas - 0

YTD 2020 Transplants:

- Liver - 6
- Liver/Kidney - 4
- Kidney - 49
- Kidney/ Pancreas - 14
- Pancreas - 1



December Total Transplants: 5

December Total Organs Transplanted: 6

YTD Total Transplants: 74

YTD Total Organs Transplanted: 92



QUESTIONS or *Comments?*

If you would like to submit a question to our physicians, nurses, or financial staff, please email them to **Makenzie Smith**, our business manager, at msmith20@wkhs.com

To add emails to our newsletter, send request to edemoss@wkhs.com