

Announcing New Medical Director for Lung and Heart-Lung Transplant Program



Don Hayes, MD, MS, MEd

Medical Director, Lung and Heart-Lung Transplant Program at Nationwide Children's Hospital and Associate Professor of Clinical Pediatrics, Department of Pediatrics, The Ohio State University College of Medicine.

Dr. Hayes comes to Nationwide Children's from the University of Kentucky Medical Center where he served as the medical director of various programs including Advanced Lung Disease and Lung and Heart-Lung Transplant programs as well as the Pediatric Sleep Disorders and Asthma programs.

He brings to Nationwide Children's an interest and experience in supporting or "bridging" patients with severely advanced lung disease to lung transplant with artificial technology such as extracorporeal membrane oxygenation or ECMO. He will lead research efforts to further advance treatment of patients with severe lung disease.

Dr. Hayes is a nationally recognized physician, named a 2011 Top Physician and recent recipient of the American Medical Association Doctor William Beaumont Award in Medicine. He has been published in more than 60 peer-reviewed journals and has served as both an international and national speaker at symposia. He has been actively involved in teaching and community service while receiving numerous grants to fund research.

He completed his medical training at the University of Kentucky College of Medicine graduating with honors. He pursued his combined internal medicine and pediatrics residency at East Carolina University Brody School of Medicine. He then completed three fellowships at the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health with a concentration in advanced lung disease and lung transplantation during his adult pulmonary training. Dr. Hayes also has two master's degrees – one in clinical and translational science and another in medical education.

The Transplant Program at Nationwide Children's Hospital is comprised of Heart Transplant, Lung Transplant, Heart-Lung Transplant, Kidney Transplant and Blood and Marrow Transplant.

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Heart transplants are available for end-stage cardiac failure refractory to medical therapy. Lung transplants are available for pulmonary disease that can no longer be treated adequately by traditional means. Heart-lung transplant is available in situations where long standing unreparable heart disease has damaged the lungs leading to cardiopulmonary failure to the point that a heart transplant alone would not succeed. Heart-lung transplant may also be performed in patients with advanced pulmonary vascular disease resulting in irreversible heart failure.

To Make a Referral

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For more information about the Lung and Heart-Lung Transplant Program at Nationwide Children's, visit NationwideChildrens.org/Lung-Heart-Transplant, or email Dr. Hayes directly at Don.Hayes@NationwideChildrens.org.

