

STANDARD SELECTION CRITERIA

The following conditions must be met for a patient to be listed for transplant at this center.

- Body Mass Index (BMI) less than or equal to 40
- Clearance from a transplant cardiologist if requested
- Ejection Fraction (heart function) greater than 35%
- Adequate blood flow to support the transplanted organ
- Normal results of tests such as EKG, chest x-ray, and routine screenings
- Appropriate psychosocial support system
- Adequate financial coverage
- Documentation of compliance with current prescribed treatments

The following conditions may prevent someone from being a candidate for transplant at this center:

- Uncorrectable heart or vascular disease
- Liver cirrhosis
- HIV (AIDS) that is unresponsive to therapy
- Disseminated malignancy (cancer)
- Chronic infections that are not responsive to treatment
- Inadequate social support system
- Active substance abuse
- Uncontrolled psychosis
- Non-compliance with prescribed medical treatments
- Current incarceration
- Resident of long-term care facility
- On-going tobacco use in candidates who have known COPD, atherosclerotic disease, or tobacco-related malignancy in the past
- Pulmonary hypertension