The Cardiomyopathy/Transplant (CM/Tx) Service is available as a specialized inpatient cardiology service to specifically care for hospitalized patients with advanced or end-stage cardiomyopathy and for hospitalized heart transplant recipients. Beginning June 25, 2004, there will be one dedicated medicine resident working with the cardiology fellow and attending on the CM/Tx Service.

The CM/Tx service admits patients daily to the existing beds under cardiology, either through the Emergency Department, directly from the Admissions Office, or via hospital-to-hospital transfer. Because of the subspecialty nature of this cardiac care to be provided by only one housestaff on the team, the admission must be approved by the CM/Tx fellow or attending. We therefore ask admitting physicians in the ED or the on-call housestaff on the general cardiology service to call the CM/Tx fellow before officially admitting these patients.

In general, eligible patients for this service will include:

1. established patients of the heart failure/transplant cardiologists (Drs. Kirkwood Adams, Carla Sueta, and Patricia Chang) who present primarily with heart failure or active cardiac issue.

2. all heart transplant recipients followed at UNC with any medical problem, except when patient would clearly benefit from another medical service (e.g., combined heart-kidney transplant patient with acute renal failure should probably be admitted elsewhere).

3. new patients with advanced or severe cardiomyopathy who are referred for heart transplant evaluation or who are refractory to standard medical therapy.

This CM/Tx service also provides inpatient consultation for patients who need subspecialty care with regard to refractory heart failure or heart transplantation evaluation or management. Consultation referrals can be called to the Cardiology Consult pager (# 216-3764) or directly to the CM/Tx fellow on call.

Please call with questions (843-5214). Thank you for your help in advance.