Cleveland Clinic’s cardiac transplant program is one of the largest in the United States and is the leading center in Ohio.

**Heart Transplant Volume**

July 2007 – June 2013

Cleveland Clinic surgeons performed 44 heart transplant procedures in 2013.

**Heart Transplant Patient Survival**

Survival rates among patients who had a heart transplant at Cleveland Clinic were statistically as expected for both 1-year and 3-year rates.

*Expected based on risk adjustment*

Source: Scientific Registry of Transplant Recipients. Center and OPO-Specific Reports, March 2014. Ohio, Heart Centers, Cleveland Clinic. Table 11. srtr.org
Mechanical Circulatory Support Device Volume

2009 – 2013
Mechanical circulatory support (MCS) devices can be used to help preserve heart function while patients are waiting for a heart transplant (bridge-to-transplant) or as a final treatment option (destination therapy). Cleveland Clinic has more than 25 years of experience with MCS. In 2013, a total of 34 patients received MCS devices as a bridge-to-transplant, and 32 began destination therapy.

Left Ventricular Assist Device In-Hospital Mortality

2009 – 2013
A total of 66 Cleveland Clinic patients received left ventricular assist devices in 2013. The inhospital mortality rate was 7.5%. Cleveland Clinic continuously works to reduce these rates.

Ventricular Assist Device Mortality

2013
The expected in-hospital mortality rate for patients with ventricular assist devices was 18% in 2013. The rate at Cleveland Clinic was much lower (7.5%).

Source: These data are prepared using the University HealthSystem Consortium (UHC) Clinical Database. uhc.edu
The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) calculates the two heart failure outcomes measures above based on Medicare claims and enrollment information. The most recent risk-adjusted data available from CMS are shown. Although Cleveland Clinic's heart failure mortality rate is lower than the US national rate, and Cleveland Clinic's heart failure readmissions rate is slightly higher than the national rate, CMS ranks Cleveland Clinic's performance on both as “no different than” the US national rate. To further reduce avoidable readmissions, Cleveland Clinic is focused on improving transitions from hospital to home or postacute facility. Specific initiatives have been implemented in each of these areas: communication, education, and follow-up.