

Hi Everyone

I like say that "medicine is a team sport" and this is remarkably exemplified in this week's Departmental Acknowledgement which goes to all those who provided care for Vincent L over the past year.

Weakened by a progressive cardiomyopathy, Vincent required the placement of a ventricular assist device last September to buy time while waiting for a heart transplant. In hospital he became a very human face, together with his steadfast family, for determination and courage and indeed Vincent went public with his illness to make the case for more widespread organ donation. Vincent finally did get a heart that pumps effectively and was successfully transplanted and left hospital after a protracted stay earlier this week.

A success story like Vincent relies on the work of people too numerous to mention coming together from a variety of disciplines to achieve a common goal. Indeed I am wary of listing services involved for fear of omitting one. Needless to say, primacy on the list would go to the PICU's medical and nursing staff where Vincent was living while in hospital. Kudos also has to be given explicitly to cardiology and CVT surgery.

Vincent's case is yet another example of what we as an institution do so well.

Have a great weekend everyone

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