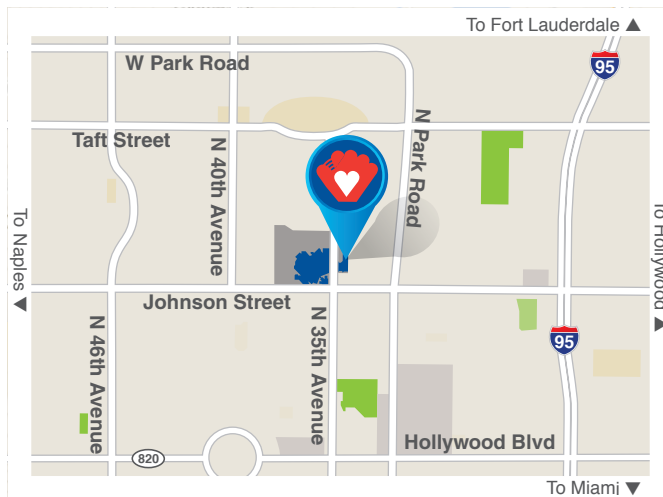




**Sofia**, who has kidney failure, and **Lourdes "Lulu" Figueroa**, Art Therapist

# Nephrology and Kidney Transplant



## Meet the Team

Our transplant team consists of specialized and experienced providers working together to provide you with care before, during and after transplant.

- Surgeons
- Nephrologists
- Infectious Diseases Specialists
- Pathologists
- Nurse Practitioners
- Nurse Coordinators
- Pharmacists
- Social Workers
- Dieticians
- Finance Coordinators
- Intensive Care Team
- Anesthesiologists
- Specialists with expertise outside of transplant
- Independent Living Donor Advocates



## Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital®

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**Jermaine**, who had a kidney transplant, and **Alexandru Constantinescu, MD**

## Why Choose Us?

Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital provides personalized, comprehensive pediatric kidney care for infants, children and adolescents with acute and chronic kidney disorders. Our highly experienced pediatric nephrologists and kidney transplant experts include board-certified physicians and pediatric nurse practitioners with specialized training in pediatric kidney disorders and kidney transplantation.

We are one of just a few transplant programs in Florida — and the first in Broward County — that performs kidney transplants for children and adults, and one of only four National Kidney Registry designated centers in the state. Our medical and surgical expertise and integrated approach mean that patients and their families can concentrate on what matters most: living their lives to the fullest.

### WHAT WE OFFER

**Total kidney care:** Our team includes board-certified physicians and pediatric nurse practitioners who have received special training in pediatric kidney care, including dialysis and transplantation. We offer the area's only pediatric dialysis on-site with pediatric kidney transplantation.

**Top-notch specialists:** Our team has years of experience in pediatric kidney disorders, pediatric dialysis, pediatric kidney transplant, hypertension and bone disease. We coordinate treatment plans that include the child's pediatrician, as well as pediatric endocrinologists, pediatric urologists, medical geneticists and other specialists.

#### **Expertise in transplants for children:**

Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital provides specialized transplant care for children. Our doctors, surgeons and other care providers treat every child as they would their own.

#### **Clinical expertise for complex cases:**

Our transplant team offers comprehensive and innovative options that can reduce the wait time for a successful transplant. These options, many not available at other centers, are a result of the team's vast experience.



Anthony, who had a kidney transplant, and his family

**Family-centered approach:** We realize the vital role that family plays in a child's health and well-being. Every member of our team strongly believes that involving families and giving them a voice best serves the needs of children.

**Child-friendly environment:** Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital is designed with the needs of children in mind. Our interactive play area has toys and other activities to help entertain young patients.

**24/7 support:** We understand that prompt and friendly communication matters most, especially for families of pediatric patients. Family members can call us at 954-265-0199 anytime to speak with the care team.

**Pediatric support services:** Pediatric social workers and child life specialists use play, trained therapy dogs and music to help minimize the psychological impact of a serious medical condition, painful procedures and hospital stay. A teacher from Broward County Public Schools is available to help children work through extended school absences.

**To refer a patient or to self-refer, please call 954-265-0199.**

## Pediatric Kidney Transplant

A kidney transplant replaces one of a child's failing kidneys with a new, healthy kidney. This healthy kidney could come from a living kidney donor or a deceased donor.

**Living donor kidney transplant:** Living donors such as family members or friends may choose to donate a kidney to a child in need. A living donor transplant often lasts longer and works better than a kidney from a deceased donor. Our specialists help families consider all available living kidney donation possibilities.

**Deceased donor kidney transplant:** All children in need of a kidney transplant go on a national waiting list managed by the United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS). This list prioritizes based on the severity of their condition.

After receiving a pediatric kidney transplant, patients, with the help of their families and our teams of specialists, need to take special care of themselves for the rest of their lives. This care includes taking anti-rejection medications every day and getting regular lab testing and follow-up care to monitor overall health.

**To learn more about our pediatric kidney transplant program, call 954-265-0199.**

## Pediatric Dialysis

Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital has Broward County's only on-site dialysis center designed just for children.

At our pediatric dialysis center, we offer hemodialysis (which filters and cleans blood using a dialysis machine) and peritoneal dialysis (which filters and cleans blood through the abdomen with the help of a catheter). We provide training for home peritoneal dialysis along with monitoring the efficiency of this form of treatment.

**To learn more about our pediatric dialysis program, call 954-265-9344.**