

CardioVascular Institute

Service Line Updates

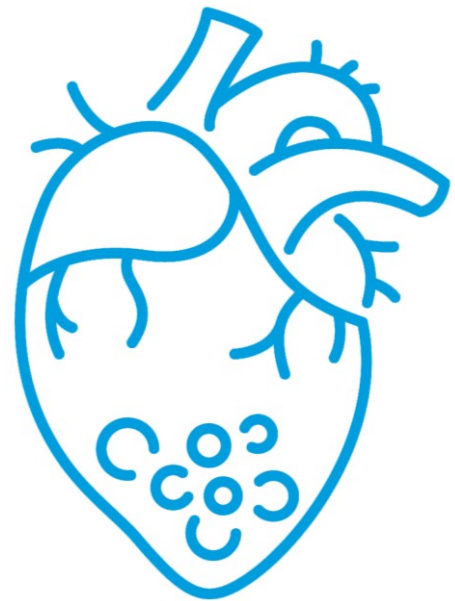
BIDMC Cardiac Sarcoid Center

The BIDMC Cardiac Sarcoid Center brings together experts in Cardiology, Pulmonary, and Rheumatology, to provide coordinated care for patients with sarcoidosis.

The Sarcoid Center provides comprehensive diagnostic and therapeutic services for patients with suspected and confirmed cardiac sarcoidosis.

Treatment often involves immunosuppression and careful medical management. In some patients, sarcoidosis can result in significant respiratory complications and cardiac symptoms. Surgical interventions may be necessary.

Email sarcoid.intake@bidmc.harvard.edu with any questions.



OUR VISION

To enhance quality of life and provide support for all patients with serious illness and those who care for them by modeling exceptional clinical palliative care, scholarship, and advocacy.

OUR GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Compassion

We act with kindness, offering comfort and relief of suffering.

Collaboration

We foster a transdisciplinary approach to providing holistic care.

Learning and Innovation

We embrace curiosity and creativity in delivering palliative care and educating our community

Dignity

We respect each individual's personhood and unique perspective.

Justice

We promote equitable care, opposing prejudice and celebrating our community's diversity.



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Contact Us

617-667-1320

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Additional Resources

www.getpalliativecare.org

www.honoringchoicesmass.com

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Palliative Care Services

WHAT IS PALLIATIVE CARE?

Palliative care is specialized medical care dedicated to promoting the best quality of life for people with serious illness. The goal is to improve symptoms and difficulties related to illness or its treatments, and to provide compassionate care for patients and their loved ones.

Palliative care can help at any point in a serious, life-limiting illness including but not limited to cancer, heart failure, severe lung disease, dementia, end stage renal disease, neurologic disease, and cirrhosis. It can be provided at the same time as curative and life-prolonging treatment. Palliative care is available both during hospitalization and via outpatient appointments.

WHAT IS HOSPICE CARE?

Hospice care is a specialized type of palliative care focused on helping you or your loved one live the rest of your life in the way that matters most. The focus of hospice care is on maintaining dignity during the time you have remaining and improving overall quality of life.



OUR PALLIATIVE CARE TEAM

Our BIDMC palliative care team includes members of various disciplines: physicians, nurse practitioners, nurses, social worker, pharmacist, and interfaith chaplain embedded within the Palliative Oncology inpatient consultation program.

We provide comprehensive and coordinated care, addressing physical, psychosocial, and spiritual needs for patients on an inpatient basis while hospitalized at BIDMC and on an outpatient basis in our clinic.

We work together with your BIDMC and community providers, helping them to meet your needs.

OUR CARE

We are proud to offer a full spectrum of palliative care services including:

- **Symptom management** related to serious illness or malignancy, including but not limited to pain, nausea, depression, delirium, and shortness of breath
- **Goals of Care assessment** and treatment planning
- **Complex Advance Care Planning** including identifying a health care proxy and documenting your wishes for future medical care.
- **Dedicated inpatient spiritual care** focused consultation and support for Palliative Oncology admitted patients.

HOW DO I REQUEST A CONSULTATION?

If you or a loved one may benefit from a palliative care consultation, you can speak further to your BIDMC provider. If you would like more information about our palliative care services, please call **617-667-1320**.

For providers interested in referring a patient for BIDMC palliative care services:

- **Outpatient Services:** Submit an “Ambulatory Referral to Palliative Care” order, selecting ‘Internal-Clinic’ at ‘Beth Israel Deaconess’ in EPIC.
- **Inpatient Services:** Submit an ‘Inpatient Palliative Care Consult’ Order in EPIC.



Department of Radiology

Service Line Updates

New Coronary CT Angiography Program Launches at BIDMC – Chestnut Hill

We are pleased to share the successful launch of the **Coronary CT Angiography (CTA) program at BIDMC–Chestnut Hill**, led by **Diana Litmanovich, MD, FNASCI**, Chief of Cardiothoracic Imaging and Vice Chair for Practitioner and Population Health.

Launched during the **week of April 6**, early cases proceeded smoothly, with **excellent image quality** and **high patient satisfaction**. This milestone reflects strong **multidisciplinary collaboration** between Radiology and **BIDMC Cardiology**.

Looking ahead, our focus remains on expanding and increasing community access to meet the growing clinical needs of our cardiology partners. We appreciate the teams involved and look forward to the continued growth of this program in support of high-quality, patient-centered care.

To learn more about the CTA program, email **Dr. Litmanovich** (dlitmano@bidmc.harvard.edu) or **Emily Larkin** (elarkin@bidmc.harvard.edu).



Department of Surgery

Service Line Updates

Robotic Surgery at BID Plymouth

Debut of New Surgical Robot at BID Plymouth First Robotic Completed March 2026



Robotic procedures currently being offered at Plymouth include:

- Inguinal Hernia Repair
- Abdominal Hernia Repair
- Complex Abdominal Wall Reconstruction
- Gallbladder Removal (Cholecystectomy)
- Hiatal and Paraesophageal Hernia Repair
- Reflux Surgery

Scheduling: 508-746-6385