



Kathleen Tong, M.D.

Philosophy of Care

I believe in a multidisciplinary approach to managing chronic diseases and empowering patients through education about their condition.

My primary goals are to ensure that my patients have the best possible quality of life and survival by providing access to all appropriate therapies for their heart failure and to help them understand their condition so that they become members of the care team.

Clinical Interests

Dr. Tong's clinical interests rest in the management of heart failure patients, an expanding population in the United States.

Research over the last two decades has brought the medical community many effective pharmaceutical and surgical treatments for heart failure, and patients currently have a better chance at having a meaningful quality of life than ever before.

Research/Academic Interests

I am currently involved in a research project that evaluates the effectiveness of a multidisciplinary strategy in the transition of care of heart failure patients from the inpatient to the outpatient setting. I have additional training in advanced heart failure therapies such as heart transplantation and mechanical assist devices so that I can help patients who are at the end stages of their disease navigate all possible treatment options.

Title

Associate Professor
Director of Heart Failure Program
Director of the Preventative Cardiology and Cardiac Rehabilitation Program
Medical Director of the Ventricular Assist Device Program

Specialty

[Cardiovascular Medicine](#), Internal Medicine, Advanced Heart Failure and Heart Transplantation, Preventive Cardiology and Cardiac Rehabilitation

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Internships Internal Medicine, Feinberg School of Medicine, Chicago IL 2002-2003

Residency Internal Medicine, UC Davis Medical Center, Sacramento CA 2003-2006

Fellowships Cardiovascular Medicine, UC Davis Medical Center, Sacramento CA 2006-2009
Advanced Heart Failure and Heart Transplantation, UC San Francisco Medical Center, San Francisco CA 2009-2010

Board Certifications American Board of Internal Medicine
American Board of Internal Medicine, Advanced Heart Failure and Heart Transplantation
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Professional Memberships International Society for Heart and Lung Transplantation

Honors and Awards Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Residency, UC Davis Medical Center, 2006

Select Recent Publications Wettersten N, Wilson M, Tong K, Lopez J. Enhanced Prediction of Heart Failure 30-Day Readmission Risk With Four Readily-Available Clinical Variables. *Circulation*. 2014;130: A17063 .

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