

Dear

On behalf of the executive committee for the Pediatric Heart and Lung Transplant Study Group I would like to invite you to participate in our next meeting which will occur during the AHA convention in New Orleans. We will meet in the Explorer Room of the Fairmont Hotel on Monday, November 16, 1992 from 11 AM until 2 PM, and lunch will be provided.

An exciting agenda is planned including a guest speaker, Dr. Peter Libby from The Brigham in Boston, who will discuss the immunopathogenesis of transplant coronary disease on a basic level. We will then hear briefly about the pediatric coronary disease experience of 6 centers, followed by a round table discussion in which I hope everyone will participate. A working lunch will follow where people may bring up clinical questions they have been struggling with or present interesting cases they feel the group should know about. Our group is small and we hope to be able to keep the atmosphere spontaneous and informal to spark lively discussions. Next on the agenda will be the presentation to the group of two protocols for collaboration, one from Debra Dodd and Robert Boucek on immunizations, and one on coronary disease from Vincent Zales and Elfi Pahl. We will end the meeting with the discussion of the database, administrative matters and plans for our next encounter.

This group was begun in order to bring together individuals representing institutions with a significant commitment to pediatric transplantation both as a forum for sharing experiences and for collaboration. We welcome you to bring a guest such as your coordinator, or someone who could contribute to the group, but we have only a small room with lunch for no more than 50 people. Please return the enclosed RSVP sheet by October 20 so we can make plans for all who will attend. On behalf of the Executive Committee members Jay Fricker, Debra Dodd and myself, I hope that you will be able to attend this upcoming meeting. With warmest personal regards,

Sincerely,

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