



Cook Children's Statement on Patient Tinslee Lewis

Fort Worth, Texas (December 4, 2019) - Cook Children's has been dedicated to providing the very best care for Tinslee upon her arrival in February. Today's hearing is out of care and concern for Tinslee. We believe she deserves to have a judge with the appropriate judicial oversight and experience to review and assess her case fairly.

We all share the same sense of compassion and concern for Tinslee and her family as they face a very difficult situation. Our doctors and nurses have done everything humanely possible to save Tinslee's life.

As of today, we have reached out to more than 20, well-respected healthcare facilities and pediatric cardiac specialists who have the specialized training to continue Tinslee's care – and have gone back to two of these organization for a secondary review. Upon their review, each medical team declined to accept her as a patient and agreed that Tinslee's condition, sadly, shows no signs of improvement and there are no treatment options available to help her get better.

We would ask that outside groups, even those who disagree with Cook Children's approach, consider what is best for Tinslee now and give the family space to consider what truly is best for this baby, and allow our medical professionals space to care for her.

Tinslee's Current Condition

Cook Children's physicians and nursing CICU staff demonstrate the highest level of compassionate care to each of their patients and caregivers every day. Tinslee and her family are no exception.

For over 300 days, Tinslee has endured surgeries, invasive procedures and countless injections and blood draws. In addition to the pain and suffering we believe Tinslee is experiencing, she requires significant sedation to help prevent a pulmonary hypertensive crisis, which can be brought on by even minor agitation.

We are deeply committed to supporting the family through what we can all agree is a very difficult situation. In Tinslee's time at Cook Children's, our care team has done everything they can to keep her alive. We have been by her side from the beginning, and will continue to ensure she remains comfortable, and cared for deeply.

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About Cook Children's

Cook Children's Health Care System embraces an inspiring Promise – to improve the health of every child in our region through the prevention and treatment of illness, disease and injury. Based in Fort Worth, Texas, we're proud of our long and rich tradition of serving our community.

Our not-for-profit organization encompasses nine companies – a medical center, two surgery centers, a physician network, home health services and a health plan. It also includes Child Study Center at Cook Children's, Cook Children's Health Services Inc., and Cook Children's Health Foundation. With more than 60 primary, specialty and urgent care locations throughout Texas, families can access our top-ranked specialty programs and network of services to meet their unique needs.

We've worked to improve the health of children from across our primary service area of Denton, Hood, Johnson, Parker, Tarrant and Wise counties for more than 100 years. Based on the exceptional care we provide, patients travel to Cook Children's from around the country and the globe to receive life-saving pediatric care built on leading technology, extraordinary collaboration and the art of caring.

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