

Pa. girl to leave hospital after lung transplants

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In this May 30, 2013 file photo provided by the Murnaghan family, Sarah Murnaghan, center, celebrates the 100th day of her stay in Children's Hospital of Philadelphia with her father, Fran, left, and mother, Janet. The 10-year-old suburban Philadelphia girl received a lung transplant there Wednesday, June 12, 2013, her family said. (AP Photo/Murnaghan Family, File)

The mother of the 10-year-old Pennsylvania girl whose plight for a new pair of lungs spurred a national debate over organ transplants says her daughter is going home.

In a posting on her Facebook page Monday afternoon, Janet Murnaghan wrote "WE ARE GOING HOME TOMORROW!!!!!!" about her daughter, Sarah.

The Newtown Square girl has end-stage cystic fibrosis. She received two lung transplants this summer at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia after a federal judge intervened in her parents' lawsuit challenging national transplant rules.

The case raised questions among some health specialists and medical ethicists about how organ donation rules are developed and under what circumstances they might be disregarded.

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