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Arreola is now heart number 14717 at Texas Heart Institute’s intensive care unit for two weeks waiting for a transplant. His blood wasn’t reaching all of his organs. Dr. Arvind Bhimaraj, medical director for heart transplant, said that means the body is dying slowly.

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