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Heart Transplant For Track Official

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Larry Ellis, president of USA Track & Field and the 1984 United States men's Olympic coach, underwent a heart transplant yesterday and was listed in critical condition at Mount Sinai Medical Center in Manhattan.

The surgery lasted about four hours and was performed by Dr. Steven Lansman, a cardiothoracic surgeon. Ellis, 66, had been waiting for the transplant for about 12 weeks. He entered Princeton (N.J.) Medical Center in early March, before being transferred to Mount Sinai on May 10.

Ellis, who coached for 22 years at Princeton after coaching at Jamaica High School in Queens, was a middle-distance runner at New York University from 1947 to 1951.

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