



CARDIOLOGY

Children's National Heart Institute

The team of internationally respected pediatric cardiologists at Children's National Heart Institute provides care for common to complex heart conditions and is one of the largest, most experienced programs in the region. Children's National Heart Institute brings together cardiologists, cardiac intensivists, cardiac surgeons and cardiac anesthesiologists to provide multidisciplinary subspecialty care, with access to all of the nationally-recognized subspecialties that patients may need. We use the most sophisticated diagnostic and treatment technology to provide the best possible care for each individual patient and their family.



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FEATURES



Advanced Cardiac Technologies

– Using the most sophisticated diagnostic and treatment technology, Children’s National provides the most up-to-date care. Whether it is cardiac MRI to obtain detailed images of the heart, advanced monitoring devices in the cardiac intensive care unit (CICU) or catheters and devices specifically designed for children, care teams use the equipment most suitable for providing the best possible care.



The **Telehealth team** supports families, community providers, subspecialists and partner organizations by providing more convenient, remote access to quality clinical care and education using technology.



Supportive Care and Family

Resources are an integral part of patient care at Children’s National. Child life specialists and social workers prepare families for medical procedures with psychological and emotional support before, during and after treatment.

CONSULTATIONS & REFERRALS

For more information or to
make an appointment, call

202-476-2020.

For more information, visit

[ChildrensNational.org/Cardiology](https://www.childrensnational.org/Cardiology).

SPECIALIZED CARDIOLOGY PROGRAMS

CARDIAC CATHETERIZATION

The cardiac catheterization team not only performs cardiac catheterization procedures, but also helps develop new techniques that lead to safer, more accurate treatments and better patient care. We perform hundreds of catheterization procedures each year, treating patients with complex heart, blood vessel and valve conditions, including pulmonary artery stenosis.

CARDIAC IMAGING

Cardiac Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) takes detailed pictures of a heart’s structures and function to diagnose congenital defects and provide non-invasive evaluation for complex conditions. The study is performed without radiation exposure and provides high-resolution images of the vascular structures and accurately measures hemodynamic parameters such as heart size and function, cardiac output, blood flow volumes and pressure gradients. Our unique Interventional Cardiac MRI program allows us to perform MRI procedures and cardiac catheterization procedures on the same day, reducing the need for sedation and multiple procedures. As a leader in the non-invasive imaging of congenital heart disease, the cardiology team pioneered the use of digital echocardiography, and remains at the forefront of the development of new technologies to optimize patient care.

CARDIAC INTENSIVE CARE UNIT (CICU)

Children’s National is home to the region’s first and only pediatric CICU, featuring private patient rooms and a new telehealth command center that uses cutting-edge technology to keep continuous watch over the most fragile children with critical heart disease. The unit is recognized as a Beacon unit for quality and safety by the American Association of Critical Care Nurses. CICU physicians are trained in multiple specialties, including critical care, cardiology and anesthesiology and are leaders in innovative care and clinical research in cardiac intensive care.

CARDIAC NEURODEVELOPMENTAL OUTCOME PROGRAM (CANDO)

This is the region's only program designed to monitor the neurodevelopmental growth in children born with congenital heart disease (CHD). The CANDO team provides regular assessment and treatment planning for specific developmental, behavioral and neurocognitive problems that children with CHD may face.

ELECTROPHYSIOLOGY PROGRAM

Children's National uses electrophysiology to manage heart rhythm abnormalities and unexplained fainting. In situations that require more delicate management, cryoablation is used. Three-dimensional computer mapping facilitates accurate arrhythmia localization and minimizes radiation exposure.

PRENATAL CARDIOLOGY PROGRAM

Comprehensive cardiac care begins in utero. Our fetal cardiologists partner with referring maternal fetal medicine specialists, obstetricians and subspecialists. Once a diagnosis is made, parents are counseled so they can prepare for what to expect for the duration of the pregnancy and after delivery, maximizing planning time and allowing for early treatment of a variety of heart abnormalities – often within moments of delivery.

PREVENTIVE CARDIOLOGY PROGRAM

Our team of experts focuses on improving the diets and lifestyles of pediatric patients to reduce cholesterol and decrease the risk of developing cardiovascular disease. These risk factors include abnormal cholesterol, hypertension, increased weight and other adverse lifestyle choices, such as lack of exercise and tobacco use.

WASHINGTON ADULT CONGENITAL HEART PROGRAM (WACH)

In partnership with MedStar Washington Hospital Center, WACH provides continuity of care for adults with congenital heart disease, including survivors of early surgery, ensuring care from birth through adulthood.



LOCATIONS

We have 15 locations throughout Washington, D.C., Maryland and Virginia.

To view our locations visit ChildrensNational.org/CardiologyLocations

OUTPATIENT SERVICES

Children's National provides outpatient cardiac care at multiple locations through Washington, D.C., Maryland and Virginia, to bring an extensive range of evaluation and clinical treatment services to patients with CHD closer to their homes.



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