

# Texas Children's Heart Center

For nearly 70 years, Texas Children's Heart Center has cared for patients with complex heart conditions. The Heart Center treats more than 30,000 patients and performs 1,000 surgeries annually, with outcomes among the best in the nation. The Heart Center physicians are world-renowned leaders in pediatric cardiology, congenital heart surgery, cardiovascular anesthesiology, cardiac intensive care and adult congenital heart disease.

The Heart Center established many procedures and therapies, which are now considered standard of care in the diagnosis and treatment of children and adults with heart conditions.

The breadth of expertise across the Heart Center ensures every patient has access to the expert diagnosis and treatment they need.



## **BY THE NUMBERS**

MORE THAN **30,000** Patients annually

1,500 Cardiac catheterizations annually

1,000 Surgeries annually

**2,200** Fetal echocardiograms annually MORE THAN

**770** Fontan operations

MORE THAN **500** Heart transplants

Our risk-adjusted mortality rates are among the lowest in the nation

**1st** Pediatric Heart Failure Institute in Texas, a distinction provided by The Healthcare Accreditation Colloquium

## Our approach

Texas Children's Heart Center's multidisciplinary specialists collaborate to create individualized care plans for each fetal, neonatal, pediatric and adult patient.

For complex patients and those who may require surgical or catheter interventions, representatives from every clinical discipline meet regularly to discuss all patient care in detail.

Additionally, we have physicians on call to discuss diagnoses or care plans with referring physicians.

For urgent or emergent needs, we have teams ready to assess and receive patients requiring inpatient admission or transfer, as well as those needing surgical or medical intervention.



### Texas Children's Heart Center programs of distinction

## Heart Failure, Transplant and Mechanical Support Programs

We offer comprehensive treatment options for patients ranging from complex medical management to heart transplantation. While many patients are successfully managed with medication, a small percentage will go on to require a heart transplant or mechanical circulatory support with a ventricular assist device (VAD) as a bridge to transplantation. Our program allows for all possible care options to match the needs of each patient. Due to the transplant team's unique expertise, Texas Children's Heart Transplant Program continues to lead the way in positive outcomes.

#### Adult Congenital Heart Program

We help children born with congenital heart disease (CHD) live longer, healthier lives by revolutionizing the way these conditions are diagnosed and treated. Today, there are more adults living with CHD than children and they need the same level of specialized care that they received during childhood. It's why we've designed a program just for adults, backed by the nation's #1 pediatric heart center. Trained in both pediatric and adult CHD, we have the most advanced expertise and resources available.

#### **Coronary Anomalies Program**

Our Coronary Artery Anomalies Program (CAAP) is staffed by a multidisciplinary team of cardiologists, congenital heart surgeons, advance practice providers, nurses, radiologists, researchers and others. These experts work together to provide the best treatment to patients with congenital coronary anomalies, study their outcomes and provide education support about this condition.

#### **Cardiovascular Genetics**

Every Texas Children's Heart Center patient potentially has heart disease related to an underlying genetic disorder. Our Cardiovascular Genetics team provides evaluations, genetic counseling and offers treatment to patients and families with hereditary heart conditions. An understanding of genetic etiology has the potential to help our physicians identify associated anomalies or risks, influence management and improve recurrence risk counseling.

#### Pulmonary Vein Stenosis Program

Our Pulmonary Vein Stenosis team brings experts together to treat a potentially deadly problem associated with obstructed pulmonary veins. The team has advanced medical, catheter-based and surgical therapies that are all brought together to insure that each patient has the best possible therapy.

#### **Cardiovascular Anesthesia**

Patients who undergo surgical or interventional heart procedures are supported by a cardiovascular anesthesiology team specializing in congenital heart disease. Their primary role is to administer anesthetics — and with specific expertise in anesthetic effects on patients with CHD — they monitor more than 20 different functions of the patient during their procedure to ensure they are asleep and are able to recover safely after their procedure.



### How to Refer a Patient

To refer a patient, please visit texaschildrens.org, select Refer a Patient, then select Heart Center from the dropdown menu and submit an online referral.

#### **Referring Provider Resources**

If you are a referring provider's office needing referral assistance or a provider needing to speak to an on-call specialist, please contact the **Provider Connect** team at 832-TCH-CARE (832-824-2273) or toll-free at 877-855-4857, M-F 8a-5p, excluding holidays. After hours, follow the prompts to be directed to a resource that can quickly connect you with the appropriate provider. For non-urgent questions, feel free to email us at **providerconnect@texaschildrens.org**.

If you are calling regarding an inpatient, please contact our Transfer Center directly at **832-824-5550**, or toll free at **877-770-5550**.



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**Ranked #1** in pediatric cardiology and heart surgery for the past five years by *U.S. News & World Report.*