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pediatric cardiology & cardiothoracic surgery

THE HEART CENTER

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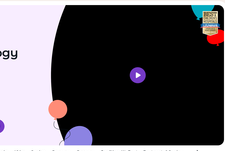


Why Children's Health? We are ranked by U.S. News & World Report as among the top children's hospitals for pediatric cardiology and cardiothoracic surgery. We have helped thousands of children with heart conditions lead happier, healthier lives.

HIGHLIGHTS & OUTCOMES

our patient outcomes are among the best in the nation

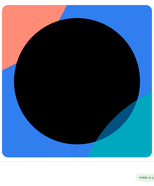
SURVIVAL RATES

Nearly 100% of the newborns undergoing the Norwood Procedure at Children's Health in 2020 and 2021 survived

The national average for this complex surgery is about 85%

TRANSPLANT VOLUME

Our total volume of heart transplants in 2024 was 66 with a 3.5% waitlist mortality

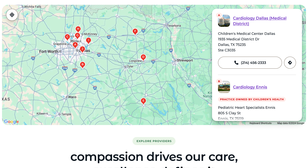


PATIENT TESTIMONIAL

"The holistic care provided by Children's Health has left a lasting impression on our lives for the better"

FIND A LOCATION

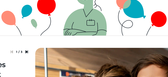
nationally ranked care, close to home



EXPLORE PROVIDERS

compassion drives our care, excellence defines it

Meet the Care Team



PATIENT STORIES

A new heart restores Carlos' playful spirit

In the summer of 2020, Carlos received the gift of a lifetime - a new heart. Karla and her husband Johnny are still in awe of what happened that day, just three months after Christmas when their 3-year-old son Carlos to Children's Health.

SERVICES

How our Cardiology team can help you

Cardiology care services range from preventive care, such as well-child visits, immunizations and screenings, to sick visits and treatment of injuries, chronic (long-term) diseases and developmental disorders.

- Well visits / preventive care
- Sick visits / minor injuries
- Chronic disease management
- Testing and evaluations

VIDEO

Leaders in research

Our legacy of excellence in pediatric cardiac care permeates all aspects of our heart program - with a shared commitment to making life better for children and a focus on family involvement. Our patient outcomes rank among the top rated programs in the world. Find out more in our annual report.

RESOURCES

Keep up with the latest

Here you'll find a helpful collection of resources related to the department concerning your child's care, ongoing patient education, and much more.

- Patient education
- Events and classes
- Accepted Insurance
- Sign Up for Our Email Newsletter
- Download the Children's Health Mobile App

OUR PROGRAMS

- Adult Congenital Heart Disease Program
- Cardiothoracic Surgery
- Pediatric Electrophysiology Program
- Fetal Heart Program
- Heart Failure Program

See All (11)

CONDITIONS WE TREAT

- Pediatric aortic stenosis
- Pediatric arrhythmias
- Atrial septal defect (ASD)
- Coarctation of the aorta (CoA)
- Congenital coronary artery anomaly (CAA)

See All (66)

TREATMENTS & SERVICES

- Pediatric extracorporeal membrane oxygenation (ECMO)
- Pediatric heart transplant
- Pediatric ventricular assist device (VAD)
- Pediatric cardiac anesthesia
- Pediatric electrocardiogram (EKG/ECG)

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MORE DETAILS

Superior outcomes in newborns and infants

We carefully track our outcomes and compare them to national benchmarks. These numbers consistently place us among the nation's top programs. More important, they mean that our patients experience the best possible outcomes and have the best opportunity for a long, fulfilling life.

For example, our outcomes are better than the national average for very complex procedures, including:

- Nearly 100% of the newborns undergoing the Norwood procedure at Children's Health™ in 2020 and 2021 survived. The national average for this complex surgery is about 85%.
- 100% of the newborns undergoing complex procedures, including arterial switch operations, repairs of truncus arteriosus, tetralogy of Fallot and atrioventricular septal defects survived - exceeding national benchmarks.

A nationally recognized heart transplant program

We are among the largest pediatric heart transplant programs in the U.S., and we typically perform 25-30 transplants each year. Our one-year and three-year survival rates for these children are among the highest in the country. In addition, we're able to successfully perform transplants on children who might otherwise be turned down in centers with less experience with the most complex patients.

We're proud to be home to one of the nation's most comprehensive ventricular assist device (VAD) programs. These devices can support a child's heart when it is too weak to pump enough blood to the body. The heart pumps are usually used to support children waiting for a heart transplant or although it is not yet approved, they can also serve as a permanent therapy for children who are not candidates for a heart transplant.

Read More

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