



Pediatric Congenital
Heart Association

Congenital Heart Disease Common, Costly, Serious

Congenital Heart Disease is Common:

- Congenital Heart Disease (CHD) consists of problems with the heart's structure that are present at birth with potential lifelong implications
- CHD is the most common birth defect impacting approximately 1 in 100 live births in the U.S.
- Nearly 40,000 infants in the U.S. are born with CHD each year
- Estimates suggest there are 2-3 million individuals living with CHD

Congenital Heart Disease is Costly:

- Hospital costs for pediatric patients with CHD exceeded \$5.6 billion in 2009, 15% of the total cost for all hospitalizations for children and adolescents aged 0-20 years
- The most expensive average neonatal hospital charges were for 2 congenital heart defect lesions: Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome at \$199,597 and Truncus Arteriosus at \$192,781
- One in three children with CHD is on Medicaid

Congenital Heart Disease is Serious:

- There is no cure for CHD
- CHD is the leading cause of birth defect related deaths
- Approximately 25% of children born with CHD will need life-saving intervention in the first weeks and months of life
- Survival rate to age 18 is still only 85%
- In 2007, 189,000 life years were lost before 55 years of age attributable to CHD
- Those who do survive face a lifetime of complex specialized medical care

The Pediatric Congenital Heart Association's mission is to **Conquer CHD**.
But we cannot do it alone. Together, we will make a difference.

