



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 2.4 million Americans living with CHD. However, because systems to track CHD beyond early childhood are limited, more precise estimates are not available.
- Approximately every 15 minutes a family learns their child has CHD.
- CHD is now the most common form of heart disease during pregnancy in the U.S.

Congenital Heart Disease is Costly:

- Costs for hospitalizations related to congenital heart disease were more than \$6 billion in 2013.
- One in three children with CHD is insured by Medicaid.
- In comparison to the general population, adults with CHD have 3-4 times higher rate of emergency visits, hospitalizations and Intensive Care Unit stays.

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. Many individuals with CHD require additional procedures, operations and medications as children, adolescents and adults.
- Survival rate to age 18 is still only 85% for complex CHD.
- Those who do survive face a lifetime of complex specialized medical care, face a lifelong risk of additional health problems and risk of premature death, yet fewer than 10% of adults with CHD in the U.S. who need care from specialty adult CHD centers are getting this recommended care.

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

