

Chicago

LEADING EDGE PEDIATRIC CARDIOVASCULAR CARE

OFFERING HOPE FOR BABIES WITH HEART DEFECTS AND DISORDERS

The size of a walnut... that's about how tiny your newborn's heart is. It's incredible to think about, especially when you consider the possibility of operating on such a small organ. And, yet, that's precisely what the pediatric cardiovascular experts at Advocate Hope Children's Hospital do every day — with excellent results that far exceed the national averages.

One of the busiest pediatric cardiology programs in Illinois, Hope Children's Hospital's cardiovascular program provides diagnosis and treatment for thousands of patients with congenital heart defects and childhood-acquired heart diseases each year. Hope Children's Hospital's physician team is affiliated with The Heart Institute For Children, and they are among some of the most respected heart experts in the country. From diagnosis to medical intervention and surgical options, they use state of the art technology to address a broad range of conditions, including the most complex heart cases, and perform over 600 hundred surgeries annually. Hope Children's Hospital has over 140 pediatricians on staff, representing over 30 sub specialties.



“Some of the things we do here, for example, are not performed by others in the country.” says pediatric cardiologist Alexander Javois, M.D. In fact, Hope Children's Hospital offers a groundbreaking surgical treatment for children born with a unique form of hypoplastic left heart syndrome (HLHS), which is a condition associated



The staff of Advocate Hope Children's Hospital are experts in diagnosing and treating children's cardiovascular conditions. The program not only attracts patients from the Midwest, but from all over the world.

with the underdevelopment of the left side of the heart,” explains Dr. Javois, who is also the director of interventional cardiology.



Image of 64 slice scan of 3-year old child with complex congenital heart defect. Our physicians use new technology to diagnosis and treat complex heart conditions.

Hope Children's Hospital's heart program pioneers new advances in pediatric cardiology. The group is highly involved in ongoing FDA-sponsored clinical research to evaluate new technologies and devices to prevent the need for pediatric heart surgery.

“In many cases, a baby's heart defect is diagnosed during pregnancy and a plan of action is developed to ensure the best outcomes and prognosis using the latest technologies,” says Dr. Bettina Cuneo, director of perinatal cardiology at Hope Children's Hospital.

The pediatric cardiovascular program at Hope Children's Hospital handles the entire spectrum of cardiac abnormalities found in children with congenital heart defects and acquired cardiovascular diseases.

“Our top priority is to give each patient the best care possible, whether that's through medical or surgical intervention,” says Dr. Michel Ilbawi, director of pediatric cardiac surgery. “As a testament to the quality of care we provide, patients will travel from around the world to come to us for care. Physicians, too, come from all four corners of the globe to study with our team of specialists at Hope Children's Hospital. .

“The mission is to save babies lives — and that mission is taken to heart,” says Dr. Ilbawi.

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To learn more about the pediatric cardiovascular program at Hope Children's Hospital, please call **1-800-3-ADVOCATE.**

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