

# The Child with Cardiovascular Dysfunction

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## Cardiovascular Dysfunction

Cardiovascular disorders in children are divided into two major groups, congenital heart disease and acquired heart disorders. **Congenital heart disease (CHD)** includes primarily anatomic abnormalities present at birth that result in abnormal cardiac function. The clinical consequences of congenital heart defects fall into two broad categories, heart failure (HF) and hypoxemia.