

Cardiac Conversations



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We are pleased to share the first issue of *Cardiac Conversations*, a quarterly newsletter from the Children's Healthcare of Atlanta Sibley Heart Center.

This newsletter will provide you with updates related to our comprehensive clinical care, including the new Cardiac Genetics and Pulmonary Hypertension Programs. We will also provide the latest information about our research efforts and continuing medical education opportunities.

I welcome your feedback. [Email me](#) or call 404-785-1445.

Sincerely,
Robert M. Campbell, M.D.



Announcements

Program spotlight: [Cardiac Genetics Program](#)

At the Children's Sibley Heart Center, patients and families have access to a certified genetic counselor to help families better understand the child's diagnosis, as well as any potential risks to other family members.

[Melody Transcatheter Pulmonary Valve](#)

Children's is the only pediatric facility in Georgia to offer this procedure, which restores proper pulmonary valve function allowing blood to pass from the heart to the lungs without leaking back into the heart.

Research updates

The Sibley Heart Center strategic vision for clinical research is focused on four programs: neurodevelopment in cardiac patients, outcomes research, quality and benchmarking and cardiac imaging. Find out more about [research at Sibley Heart Center](#).

[Ablation of supraventricular tachycardia in children](#)

Ablation has become the first-line therapy for managing many pediatric patients with atrioventricular accessory pathway or atrioventricular nodal-mediated supraventricular tachycardia (SVT). The study's objective was to evaluate whether a successful catheter ablation improved quality of life scores for pediatric patients.

Continuing education

Children's has made it easier for you to earn continuing medical education (CME) credit. Read three issues of [Cardio Update](#) and complete the questionnaire at the end of each issue to earn one CME credit for each passed module. Current modules include:

- Common Cardiac Issues in Newborn Infants
- Dyslipidemias in Children
- Functional Murmurs
- Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy
- PVCs: Benign or Not?
- Screening for the Risk of Sudden Cardiac Death

In the news

- Watch the [story](#) of Phillip Reiter, a patient who received one of the first Melody Transcatheter Pulmonary Valves performed in Georgia.
- In [Atlanta Regional Caregivers](#) magazine, Shannon Chapman and Cyrus Samai, M.D., discuss congenital heart disease diagnosis and treatment, as well as the many patient and family support programs offered at Children's.
- Read a [blog](#) about cardiac genetic testing by Erin Demo, a certified genetics counselor at Sibley Heart Center.

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