



Dear Heart Center Leadership,

Conquering CHD, formerly Pediatric Congenital Heart Association, was founded in 2013 and quickly became the voice of the congenital heart patient and their family. Through our programs and advocacy efforts, we are changing both the national landscape and empowering patients and families in their local communities. To review our programs, please visit conqueringchd.org.

The patients and families that comprise our community have been clear that access to data is essential in supporting shared decision making. Our transparency and public reporting efforts include our [Guided Questions Tools](#) and related multi-center QI project, as well as our [Summit Series](#), of which we held the seventh in the Fall of 2020 virtually. The 8th Summit will be held virtually on October 8, 2021 with registration coming soon.

One output from our Summit on Transparency and Public Reporting of Pediatric and Congenital Heart Disease Outcomes is the development of the Hospital Navigator. This website is designed to create a centralized interface of program-specific congenital cardiology data, to educate and support patients and families in shared decision making, thus improving the patient and family experience, quality of care, and outcomes.

ABOUT HOSPITAL NAVIGATOR

The Hospital Navigator was developed to promote patient preference in learning about congenital heart centers. An interactive map allows patients to select a center based on geography, and additional filters can help a patient or family narrow the choices based on programmatic characteristics.

All centers contributing data to the Society of Thoracic Surgeons Congenital Heart Surgery Database will have a locator icon on our map with basic contact information. This is based on overwhelming feedback from the patients and families who helped design the Hospital Navigator. This group advised they would prefer to see all congenital heart surgical centers listed, not just those publicly reporting their data.

Sharing your center's outcome and programmatic metrics is voluntary, there is no fee to participate and the time to complete our simple submission form is less than 30 minutes.

While Conquering CHD is responsible for the Hospital Navigator website, these data are being collected, housed, and displayed by [ArborMetrix](#) and its data center. All data are aggregate and de-identified when provided to ArborMetrix. In an effort to minimize any data reporting burden, data definitions were drawn from readily available sources, including STS reports and the U.S. News and World Report survey.



Additional metrics have been carefully selected and collaboratively vetted by multiple stakeholders, including patients and families, surgeons, cardiologists and administrators, as part of our Summit Series. These same stakeholders have contributed to the development of supporting context to maximize patient and family understanding and interpretation of the data. The Hospital Navigator construct is designed to be dynamic and will grow as additional context is developed, with new metrics added as they become available.

Please click the logo to visit the Hospital Navigator.
or copy/paste: conqueringchd.org/learn/hospital-navigator



The landing page includes educational components for patients and families. Scroll to page bottom and click "Go to Hospital Navigator" to open the program website. Once on the Navigator website, you should select one of the following centers to view the outcomes and program data presentation. Thank you to our partners at these centers for your participation!

Each center is asked to complete the attached form and submit to ArborMetrix via email at CHDdata@arbormetrix.com. Please complete Steps 1-2 so that, at minimum, your center's information is properly displayed on the Hospital Navigator's map. You are specifically being asked to participate with your Spring 2019 STS harvest data and Spring 2019 U.S. News Survey responses. As data programs at STS are undergoing updates, Conquering CHD will continue to recruit centers to participate with 2019 data. Once STS data harvests resume, we will request an annual update from participating centers.

Conquering CHD strongly encourages your participation in the Hospital Navigator program. Your participation demonstrates significant commitment to your patients and families. All stakeholders may also sign-up for our [Transparency and Public Reporting mailing list](#), to stay up-to-date on future submission details, additional contextual features, updates to metrics, and opportunities to participate in our Summit Series.

Sincerely, thank you for all you do to Conquer CHD!

Be well,

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